An Open Letter to Our Alums

The Evergreen State College
August, 1982

Dear Alum:

Your alma mater really needs you now. We all know that Evergreen's first decade was full of growth, recognition, experimentation and excellence. We also know that there have been skeptics and detractors who have questioned Evergreen's difference and have challenged our way of doing things.

Nevertheless, together we've managed to earn a national reputation for academic leadership for this place. However, we feel caught in a real bind. We're mandated to grow and to be Washington's "alternative" college and yet, each time we move forward, we also lose some ground due to budget reductions, uninformed opinions, and the perception that we need to be more traditional for today's student.

We need your help! We need you -- the "product" of an Evergreen education -- to spread the word about the value of your Evergreen experience. You know best what we do best. Help us share that information with prospective students and their families and with others who could influence Evergreen's future.

If you're asking "How can I help?", please read the article on the back page and send back the form.

Thanks for joining with us in our efforts to keep Evergreen alive and growing.

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Max Whipps, '81, and Mary Potegal are joined in matrimony during the festivities at Super Saturday last June 5. The Rev. Howard Caesar is conducting the ceremony, while faculty member Earle McNeil at left (behind Caesar) and Mr. Potegal's daughter, Hilde, at right are standing up for the bride and groom.

Maxwell and Mary United in Super Wedding

Just a few strangers stopped by. Someone tried to peddle free kittens. And, the bride's eight-year-old son thought he was waiting for a helicopter ride, rather than attending a significant ceremony.

Other than those few distractions, the wedding of Evergreen graduate Maxwell Whipps and Mary Potegal was without interruption—despite the fact it was conducted in the midst of Evergreen's Super Saturday celebration attended by more than 30,000 persons on June 5.

"It was wonderful fun," the bridegroom reports. "Many of our guests had never been to a Super Saturday celebration before—and they loved it. Their children had lots to do and we staged the reception all over campus, with a few stops at the Beer Garden. We all enjoyed the festivities and were delighted we had chosen that day and setting in which to be married."

The decision to do so got started, as you might suspect, as a joke. Maxwell was determined to have his former faculty member and close friend Earle McNeil serve as his best man. After the date was set for June 5, the wedding participants realized their date conflicted with Evergreen's annual spring celebration for which McNeil was cochair of the arts and crafts activities. Someone with tongue firmly stuck in cheek suggested having the wedding as part of the festivities.

"The more we thought about it, the better it sounded," reports Maxwell. "As a former military man who spent three years attending Evergreen, I'd come to view it as part of my extended family anyway. To my surprise, Mary really liked the idea too, so we went for it."

Seventy friends—and a few strangers—gathered outside the Seminar Building that afternoon. The helicopter rides stopped for an hour while the Reverend Howard Caesar of Olympia's Unity Church led the ceremony uniting Maxwell and Mary.

"Mary's son was puzzled about it all," laughs Maxwell. "He thought we were quietly waiting for a helicopter ride—and didn't realize until we told him that we had just gotten married."

Now settled just outside of Olympia, Maxwell, who graduated in 1981 with studies in counseling psychology, is working as a volunteer at the Army Community Service Center in Fort Lewis, while Mary, a graduate of Ripon College in Wisconsin, works as a substitute teacher and a part-time bookkeeper.

"Both have received what he calls "lots of feedback" on their unusual wedding. "It was a perfect setting," he concludes. "We felt beautifully matched the spirit in which we viewed our marriage."

Oct. 9 Reunion Focuses on "Zen and the Art of Geoduck Maintenance"

If the end of summer symbolizes the birth of the blues for you, your Alumni Association has just the cure—the 1982 Alumni Reunion scheduled for Saturday, October 9, at Evergreen. Irreverently called "Zen and the Art of Geoduck Maintenance" or alternately "Self Help in the '80s," this multi-faceted, day-long festivity promises something for everyone—from speeches to movies, workshops to elections, soccer games to dancing.

Former President Charles McCann will welcome alumni to campus with a timely greeting Saturday morning, followed by a stimulating address by an as yet unselected keynote speaker and the Alumni Association business meeting at which bylaw changes may be considered, new board members elected, and membership news and views shared.

Afternoon activities will offer alumni a chance to gain practical advice on everything from home energy systems to career planning, stress management to health care. Or, the more athletically inclined can enjoy Geoduck soccer competition while they munch a lunch prepared by the intercollegiate athletics program.

The now infamous Geoduck Sludge will enrich (or endanger) later afternoon happy hours, complemented with "top of the campus" dining on the fourth floor of the library and a budget-fitting film festival which carries an admission fee of mere 25c.

Festivities conclude Saturday night with dancing to music by a top-name Seattle band.

More, up-to-the-minute details and registration forms for the Reunion will be in your mailbox soon. An overnight housing referral service will be available for out-of-towners and car pools from Seattle will also be arranged.

For complete information, call or write the Alumni Office.

Board Nominations Open

Would you like to get more involved in the Alumni Association? Why not run for a position on the Board of Directors?

The Nominations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for 12 positions, most of which run for two years, though some one-year terms are available to fill vacancies caused by resignations.

Board members attend four quarterly business meetings, participate in a fall retreat to plan the year's activities, and are expected to be active members on at least one of the following committees: Programs, Communications, Admissions, Membership, Legislative Relations, or Financial Affairs.

Nominations may only be made by Alumni Association members, and should be submitted in writing by September 15 to the Nominations Committee, c/o Alumni Office, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA 98505. Elections will take place on October 9, during the annual business meeting at the reunion.

If you don't have time to serve on the Board, please consider joining one of the committees. No election is necessary; just volunteer for the intercollegiate barbecue, lobby a legislator, write an article for the Alumnus News, etc.

Call the Alumni office, and Elsie will connect you with the appropriate committee chair.
backpacked, built a log house and naturalist in Alaska. He's kayaked, processing salmon in Petersburg, AK, worked as a YCC crew leader and 'license and was married on June 19, to She has just received her life insurance on a 380-mile canoe trip across Florida 'psychology.

employed in Evergreen's Registrar's '81, Olympia, is employed by The Boeing Company as a technical substitute teacher for local elementary schools. is employed as an interviewer. Her duties include REVitalize downtown Olympia. is involved in technical assistance to international authority.

Joan Cromwell '80, Olympia, is a substitute teacher for local elementary schools. applied to graduate school to pursue and conservation.

Marya Fuller, M.A. in nonformal education at Michigan State University in 1974, Seattle, completed her masters in nonformal education by The Boeing Company as a technical staff newsletter. She was married there last Thanksgiving in the Deschutes River out of Bend. She is applying to Yale to receive her M.S. Nurse Practitioner degree in Nursing/ Midwifery. She is married to TEG-alum Simon Andrell, who is also a nurse and environmental recreationist. They have a son born last September.

Jonathan Aragon '81, Olympia, is a food hand for the YCC summer camp at Whidbey Island. He is applying to graduate school to receive his M.A. degree in psychology. He is also involved in church youth teaching and doing missionary work in addition to studying for the priesthood.

Harriet Arnold '81, Redmond, WA, is a substitute teacher in the Lake Washington Schools. Susan Bell '77, Lassenovale, WA, has just completed one year of graduate study in wildlife biology at Washington State University and is working this summer as a wildlife technician on a mountain goat research project with the Washington Department of Game at Lake Chelan. Susan has received a full scholarship plus tuition waiver from Robert Red- 

for three years and intends to do so again.

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Vicki Caperson '80, Olympia, is project coordinator for Olympia RAINBOW. Her duties for this nonprofit organization include coordinating planning and administration for efforts to reform the juvenile justice system.

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on his boat on the top of a hill at the end of the town road.

Barbara Brading '81, a medical technologist for Olympic Laboratories. She has been a substitute teacher for the Rainier Beach High School Department at Olympia High School

Eric Backus '90, Cemden, ME, is employed by USMills & Williams Yacht Management Services as a relief skipper. He's also due to charge of a yacht for the summer and will serve as mate through the season. He has worked for Hurricane Island Outward Bound School for three years and intends to do so again.

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Announcements

Evergreen's Alumni Association is briefly explained in a new brochure produced by the Alumni Committee. Included is an application for membership. If you are interested in the association, or get to know more about it, call or write to the Alumni Office.

Are you an alumni business for up to 150 student visitors during the 1985-86 academic year? Of the interested students have to do is make advance arrangements for lunch through the Admissions Office. Alumni are encouraged to refer potential students to the Admissions Office for complete details.

Alums to Host Student Lunches

More Book Seminars Planned

Many alumni remember book seminars as the best times of their lives. Both book and social activities. For those who miss knocking heads as well as a free lunch, a good book, the Alumni Association will continue to sponsor monthly book seminars.

Alumna Margo Hertlein and Governor, the seminars last winter, and held three seminars at the college. Along with other interested alums, they sem-...
National Campaign Launched

College members are reaching out to alumni all over the country to establish a strong national network of Evergreeners. Why? Because the college needs your involvement in order to survive and thrive.

Evergreen is experiencing the same decline in enrollment as are colleges and universities all over the nation. However, the Washington state legislature has said that Evergreen must grow in order to remain essential in a time when legislators are exploring hundreds of expense-cutting and revenue-producing options. In fact, a few legislators even proposed that Evergreen be closed!

Your help is needed in the following areas:
- Participating in high school college nights and academic fairs
- Organizing receptions for prospective students and their parents
- Contacting state legislators and federal officials
- Organizing alumni gatherings in your area
- Raising funds for scholarships, library and art acquisitions, student and faculty research, and other areas which are being cut back or eliminated due to budget reductions.
- Sponsoring and/or supervising new internships.
- Sharing job information with new graduates.

If you can help in any of these areas, please fill out the form below and mail it to: Ellie Dornan, Alumni Coordinator, TESC, Olympia, Washington 98505 or call (206) 866-6566.

You bet I'll help! Let me know where you need me in the following areas:

☐ Admissions assistance  ☐ Internships
☐ Legislative relations  ☐ Job networking
☐ Fund raising  ☐ Alumni receptions

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Home Address

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