

EVERGREEN'S HISTORY: A TIMELINE

- 1964 Report issued by Council of Presidents- "A Plan for Public Higher Education in Washington"; first recommendation to create new four-year state college.
- 1965 Legislature creates Temporary Advisory Council on Public Higher Education to study need for a new college.
- 1965-66 Study ends with decision to start a new four-year college
- 1967-March The Washington State Legislature passes the bill creating a new four-year state college in Olympia.
- Summer Governor Dan Evans appoints the new college's first board of trustees.
- August 30 Board of Trustees holds first meeting.
- August 30 State Senator Gordon Sandison, chairman of the Temporary Advisory Council on Public Higher Education tells the Board of Trustees that the planning for the new school will not be bound by any rigid structure of tradition.
- November 8 State legislative auditor Dean Clabaugh is appointed Executive Director and becomes the first permanent employee of the new college.
- December 1 The Board of Trustees chooses site for the college- a 1000-acre site deep in the woods on Cooper Point Peninsula, five miles from downtown Olympia.
- 1968-January 24 Board of Trustees choose "The Evergreen State College" as the new college's official name.
- February 7 Presidential Selection Committee appointed.
- March 19 Architects and site planner chosen- Durham, Anderson, & Freed to design library; also Quinton Engineers.
- March 19 Educational planning consultants chosen- Arthur D. Little, Inc.
- July 2 TESC approved as correspondent in Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools (Accreditation.)
- August 15 Charles McCann chosen as first president of TESC, to begin Nov.1, 1968.
- September 6 Master plan unveiled.
- September 22 Roger Camp, member of Board of Trustees, dies; Herb Hadley takes his place on October 21.
- 1969-May 1 Two vice presidents announced: David G. Barry, vice president and provost, and Dean Clabaugh, vice president for business.
- June 9 Governor Evans breaks ground with a bulldozer to begin the construction of the library building, the first permanent educational structure at Evergreen.

- 1969-October 18 TESC staff move to temporary site on TESC property--a former meat packing house and portable trailers.
- December 17 Evergreen adopts Equal Opportunity Policy.
- 1970-Winter Three academic deans hired--Donald G. Humphrey, Mervyn Cadwallader, and Charles Teske. All assist in academic planning and faculty recruitment.
- March Construction on library building begins.
- March First faculty member--Frederick H. Young--is hired; 20 more faculty members to be hired between this date and fall 1970.
- September ECCO--Evergreen College Community Organization--is formed.
- December Evergreen publishes student bulletin--two publications giving brief overview of the school and its philosophy.
- 1971-February First catalog published, for 1971-72 school year.
- February First group of students chosen to be admitted to Evergreen.
- March First female faculty member hired--Mary Ellen Hillaire.
- July 16 Enrollment for 1971-72 closes, with 1,189 students accepted out of 2,421 applicants; additional 150 students on waiting list.
- August 26 The new library building is named the Daniel J. Evans Library.
- October 4 The first day of the first academic year at The Evergreen State College. Because study and housing facilities are still weeks away from completion, the colleg's 59 faculty and 1,183 students meet off campus literally everywhere in the Evergreen State--from Seattle to Ephrata to Fort Canby State Park to the legislative chambers in Olympia.
- November Evergreen is granted candidacy for accreditation by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.
- November 18 Board of Trustees set policy of no tenure for faculty.
- November First student newspaper published at Evergreen, The Weekly Drag; after a few issues becomes The Paper. Eventually becomes The Cooper Point Journal.
- 1972-April 21 In a dual ceremony, amidst anti-war protests, President McCann is inaugurated and The Evergreen State College is dedicated to the citizens of Washington.
- June 2 The first graduates of Evergreen receive their diplomas. Nine others are to receive theirs before the end of winter quarter.
- 1973-January 1 Evergreen's community radio station KAOS-FM goes on the air, broadcasting at 10 watts (later boosted to 1500 watts.)

1973-January Evergreen decides to add modular courses to curriculum in addition to coordinated study programs, beginning 1973-74 school year.

September First Native American studies program launched at Evergreen.

1974-June 19 The Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools grants TESC full accreditation a year ahead of schedule, calling the school "a major asset to the education of young people in the state of Washington."

1975-April Board of Trustees approves design for new farmhouse; the farmhouse is built by students.

June 8 During graduation ceremonies, more than 400 graduates are joined by 118 pioneers who had spent their entire four years at Evergreen.

1976-September 8 The Citizens Evaluation Committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees to assess Evergreen's effectiveness, reports the college's educational philosophy as excellent, its curriculum as valuable and workable, and offers an "affirmation of the good qualities of Evergreen."

September 15 President McCann announces his plans to retire in June, 1977.

September Enrollment reaches a highwater mark when 2,636 students register for fall quarter.

September Evergreen begins an outreach program for upper-division students in Vancouver in cooperation with Clark College.

November Evergreen presents a proposal for a graduate program in public administration to the Council for Postsecondary Education.

December 22 The Presidential Search Committee recommends former Governor Dan Evans for president of Evergreen.

1977-June 15 Dan Evans officially becomes president of Evergreen.

1978-September To the concern of college officials and the Legislature, enrollment dips to 2,322, making the second successive year of decline.

October The Evergreen State College Alumni Association is formed.

November Eleanor Lee '73 becomes the first Evergreen graduate to be seated in the Washington State Legislature when she is elected from Burien.

1979-March 4 Evergreen faculty member Willi Unsoeld and student Janie Diepenbrock are killed in an avalanche while climbing on Mt. Rainier.

May Evergreen establishes a Bachelor of Science degree. Also, Evergreen joins University of Puget Sound in a Teachers Certification Program.

June 2 The first Super Saturday celebration is held. Co-sponsored by the Olympia and Lacey chambers of commerce, the event enhances the greater community's awareness of the college.

- 1979-December Master's program is approved.
- 1980-February 14 Dedication of new farmhouse at Organic Farm.
- September The Master of Public Administration program admits its first students, becoming Evergreen's first graduate offering.
- 1981-March 8 The 38-foot Seawulff is dedicated after nearly a decade of work by students and faculty. the vessel is to be used for marine research.
- October 8 In a talk before the Kent Chamber of Commerce, Governor Dixy Lee Ray calls for the closing of the Evergreen State College, as well as Central Washington University, as a cost savings measure.
- November 11 Representative Dick Bond, R-Spokane, introduces a bill which would close Evergreen. The bill dies in the Legislature.
- 1982-June 6 Among the 700 students eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies are 26 who receive the first master's degrees awarded by Evergreen.
- October 27 The Evergreen State College is listed in the November issue of Seventeen magazine as one of the 16 best, but lesser known, colleges in the nation. This is the first of many articles to appear nationally regarding the quality of education at Evergreen.
- 1983-September 7 President Evans is appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry Jackson. Richard Schwartz, vice president for business, is appointed acting president, while the search for a permanent president begins.
- September The Tacoma outreach program that began unofficially in 1972 with two students becomes an official part of Evergreen with an enrollment of 120 students.
- 1984-September 21 Evergreen is listed as one of "10 Best Kept Secrets Among American Colleges" in Sunday's Parade Magazine; all 10 colleges chosen by Lisa Birnbach in Lisa Birnbach's College Book.
- September 24 Evergreen is forced to close applications three weeks early and opens its doors with a 2,850 headcount, including its first class for the Master of Environmental and Energy Studies program (MES).
- November 26 Joseph D. Olander selected as the third president of Evergreen.
- 1985-July 1 Because of increased applications, Evergreen is forced to cut off admission applications for Fall 1986
- August 7 President Olander releases plan for reorganizing staff and faculty.
- 1986-January Strategic Planning begins; two subcommittees formed: Values and Aspirations Subcommittee and Environmental Subcommittee.
- June 9 Participating in graduation ceremonies at Evergreen are the first students to receive their MES degrees.
- August 15 Strategic Plan approved by Board of Trustees.

1986-Fall

Evergreen begins a new Teacher Education Program in conjunction with Western Washington University.

December 10

Kay Boyd '76, becomes the first Evergreen graduate to be appointed to the college's board of trustees.

1987-March

Evergreen celebrates first 20 years of existence.