



Founding Festival
TWENTY YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE
1967-1987

Two Decades of Evergreen Milestones

- March 1, 1967 The Washington State Legislature passes the bill creating a new four-year state college in Olympia.
- Summer, 1967 Governor Dan Evans appoints the new college's first board of trustees. Members are Vancouver banker Roger Camp (who dies unexpectedly in 1968), Seattle legislator Mary Ellen McCaffree, Tumwater businessman Trueman Schmidt, Spokane contractor Halvor Halvorson and Tacoma banker Al Saunders.
- August 30, 1967 The Board of Trustees meets for the first time and elects Trueman Schmidt to serve as the first chairman. Because she is a legislator, after this meeting McCaffree is ruled ineligible to serve on the board and is replaced by Janet Tourtellotte of Seattle, who had served on the board of temporary advisors.
- August 30, 1967 State Senator Gordon Sandison, chairman of the Temporary Advisory Council on Public Higher Education tells the Board of Trustees that it was not the intent of the Legislature that the new school be just another four-year college and that it is a unique opportunity to meet the needs of the students of today and the future because planning will not be bound by any rigid structure of tradition.
- November 8, 1967 State legislative auditor Dean Clabaugh is appointed Executive Director and becomes the first permanent employee of the new college.
- Fall, 1967 Headed by Clabaugh, a staff of five moves into the Senate Ways and Means Committee room and the work of building a new college from the ground up begins.
- November 8, 1967 Dean Clabaugh is appointed Executive Director of college
- December 1, 1968 The Board's top choice for the college's location is a 1000-acre site deep in the woods on Cooper Point Peninsula, five miles from downtown Olympia. Other alternatives are the Mottman property on Olympia's westside and a site on Hawks Prairie northeast of Lacey.
- January 24, 1968 The Evergreen State College is chosen as the new college's official name in a unanimous vote by the Board. Other names considered includes the Olympia State College. Washington



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State College at Olympia, Southwest Washington State College and Capitol City College.

- August 15, 1968 Charles McCann, dean of faculty at Central Washington State College, is selected by the trustees as Evergreen's first president from among 200 applicants.
- June 9, 1969 Governor Evans breaks ground with a bulldozer to begin the construction of the library building, the first permanent educational structure at Evergreen.
- September 1, 1970 By this date three academic deans--Charles Teske, Merv Cadwallader and Don Humphreys--are hired and begin developing curriculum and recruiting planning faculty.
- Fall and Winter 1970 Eighteen planning faculty members are hired; fleshing out strategies as the central tenants of their commitment to new ways of teaching.
- Winter, 1970 Site clearing on the campus site is complete and work begins on construction of the library building.
- August 26, 1971 The new library building is named the Daniel J. Evans Library
- October 4, 1971 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 college'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, 1971 Evergreen is granted candidacy for accreditation by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.
- December 6, 1971 Evergreen's student newspaper, The Paper, (later to become the Cooper Point Journal) publishes its first issue.
- April 21, 1972 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, 1972 The first 21 graduates of Evergreen receive their diplomas. Nine others are to receive theirs before the end of Winter Quarter.
- January 1, 1973 Evergreen's community radio station KAOS-FM goes on the air, broadcasting at 10 watts (later boosted to 1500 watts).
- June 19, 1974 According Evergreen a rare honor, the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools grants the college full accreditation a year ahead of schedule calling it "a major asset to the education of young people in the state of Washington."



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- June 8, 1975 During graduation ceremonies, more than 400 graduates are joined by 118 pioneers who had spent their entire four years at Evergreen.
- September 8, 1976 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, 1976 President McCann announces his plans to retire in June, 1977.
- September, 1976 Enrollment reaches a highwater mark when 2,636 students register for Fall Quarter.
- September, 1976 Evergreen begins an outreach program for upper-division students in Vancouver in cooperation with Clark College.
- November, 1976 Evergreen presents a proposal for a graduate program in public administration to the Council for Postsecondary Education.
- December 22, 1976 Following a campus meeting, the Presidential Search Committee recommends former Governor Dan Evans for president of Evergreen.
- June 15, 1977 Former governor Dan Evans officially assumes the presidency of Evergreen.
- September, 1978 To the concern of college officials and the Legislature, enrollment dips to 2,322, making the second successive year of decline.
- October, 1978 The Evergreen State College Alumni Association is formed.
- November, 1978 Eleanor Lee '73, becomes the first Evergreen graduate to be seated in the Washington State Legislature when she is elected from Burien.
- March 4, 1979 Evergreen Faculty Member Willi Unsoeld and student Janie Diepenbrock are killed in an avalanche while climbing on Mt. Rainier.
- June 2, 1979 The first Super Saturday celebration is held. Co-sponsored by the Olympia and Lacey chambers of commerce, the event enhances greater community awareness of the college.



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- September 1980 The Master of Public Administration program admits its first students, becoming Evergreen's first graduate offering.
- March 8, 1981 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, 1981 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, 1981 Representative Dick Bond, R-Spokane, introduces a bill which would close Evergreen. The bill dies in the Legislature.
- June 6, 1982 Among the 700 students eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies are 26 who receive the first master's degrees awarded by the college.
- October 27, 1982 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.
- April 18, 1983 The Senate Democratic Caucus approves an amendment by Senator Brad Owens, D-Shelton, which would eliminate funding for Evergreen. Thurston County residents rally to voice their support of the college and the money is soon restored to the budget.
- September 7, 1983 President Evans is appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy created 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, 1983 The Tacoma outreach program that began unofficially in 1972 with two students becomes an official part of Evergreen with an enrollment of 120 students.
- September 24, 1984 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, 1984 After a 14-month search, Evergreen's Trustees select Joseph Olander as the third president of Evergreen.
- July 1, 1985 Because of increased applications, the college is forced to cut off admission applications for Fall 1986.
- June 9, 1986, Participating in graduation ceremonies at Evergreen are the first students to receive their MES degrees.



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Fall, 1986

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

December 10, 1986

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