

# Swallow goldfish, kids

State Representative James Kuehnle of Spokane thinks The Evergreen State College is fouling the state's higher education nest.

He charges that the college, which was chartered to explore alternatives to the traditional programs of the state's other four-year institutions, is a den of iniquity dedicated to exploring alternatives to the traditional programs of the state's other four-year institutions.

Kuehnle's latest move in his campaign to chop off money for the college is a questionnaire he sent to 389 persons whose names he selected from the Olympia telephone directory.

"I'll eat crow if the results come back and indicate a strong support for the college," he said. "If it is what I expect, it will be a rather strong exception to the policies of the college."

A sample question: "6. Seminars and open meetings at FESC such as have been presented concerning male homosexuality, lesbianism, marijuana usage, world liberation and other such thought-provoking subjects should be: ( ) encouraged; ( ) discouraged; ( ) eliminated."

Kuehnle, obviously, hopes the preponderance of answers will favor "eliminated." Any responsible citizen should, for it is obvious that discussion of those subjects at Evergreen is a tax-supported duplication. Olympia already has a forum for discussing male homosexuality, lesbianism, marijuana usage and other such thought-provoking subjects.

It is the Washington State Legislature, which, in its infinite wisdom, spends hours exploring such topics when it is not busy with more important matters such as pay toilets, vanity license plates, pornography, smelt dealers' licenses, massage parlors and bicentennial medals.

The legislators have not discussed world liberation to any great extent because their contact with alien cultures has been confined to taxpayer-financed junkets to Hawaii and Puerto Rico rather than the jungles of Pasco.

The college should leave thought-provoking subjects to the legislators and pursue the matters that occupied Kuehnle and his contemporaries when they were in school; namely, football, dating, hazing, acne cures, rumbleseat copulation, beer drinking, bonfire rallies and goldfish swallowing.

As Herbert Hoover so aptly put it: "Why change a good thing when you've got it working for you?"

Kuehnle's conviction that 389 residents of Olympia should determine the course of government expenditures and programs is also a stroke of genius. It should be applied to other state operations. The legislature, for instance.

Evergreen students can be kept busy for a few weeks, at least, on preparation and processing of a questionnaire asking 389 Olympians to evaluate the legislature.

Herewith, a few sample questions:

1. When a lobbyist buys dinner for a legislator, he should order ( ) imported wine; ( ) domestic wine; ( ) other.
2. The practice of hiring relatives of legislators to work during a session should be ( ) encouraged; ( ) discouraged; ( ) eliminated.
3. When a slow-moving bill is speedily passed on the day following a party given by a lobbyist favoring the measure, it is: ( ) suspicious; ( ) coincidental; ( ) business as usual.