

Eldridge

THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

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To: Evergreen Council
From: Dean E. Clabaugh *EC*
Subject: Task force on access to facilities

Over the years, various faculty and staff members have had a number of discussions regarding one of the many dichotomies which face us, namely, that Evergreen wants to provide maximum access to facilities and equipment for its students, but the policy for easy access has in turn led to an exceptionally and untenably high level of theft of college-owned equipment.

The report from Security, attached, demonstrates not only the very high level of losses, but also shows how Evergreen compares with other institutions: we look relatively very bad. We can, of course, drastically cut losses by a strict policy of lock-ups, but that in turn restricts student access and perhaps decreases learning opportunities.

I plan, in consultation with The Evergreen Council (WAC 174-108-041 (9)(a)), to name a disappearing task force, heavily weighted with faculty members and students, to advise me and others on the issue, particularly in light of the pilferage statistics and a funding pattern which virtually eliminates our ability to replace lost equipment and supplies: where best do we place the fulcrum on the balance bar between open access and property protection?

I'll appreciate any assistance you can provide in formulating the charge and establishing the membership of the DTF.

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