March 21, 1967: Governor Evans signs the bill that enables the creation of a new four-year college in Olympia.

The Evans Chair

Remember your first Core Program? Maybe it was "Paradox of Progress," "Great Books," or "Society and the Computer." Whatever its name, it was totally different for almost all first-year Greeners than any previous classroom experience. Instead of signing up for a slate of isolated, individual classes, you entered a single program, a learning community that tackled issues from many disciplines and perspectives.

"Core Programs are typically our most 'Evergreen' offerings," says Academic Dean Carolyn Dobbs. Programs such as "Reflections of Nature" do more than provide an opportunity for a student to examine a subject from biological, literary, mathematical and artistic viewpoints. Taught by some of the college's most experienced faculty, Core Programs introduce students to learning, Evergreen-style: seminarizing, collaboration, student-focused learning, research, project work and integration of knowledge.

It makes sense that Evergreen's first-ever endowed chair will be dedicated to Core Studies. And it's especially fitting that the Chair in Core Studies will honor a man who's supported Evergreen since its first day of existence — Senator Daniel J. Evans.

As governor, Evans signed the bill in 1967 that created Washington's newest four-year public college. As Evergreen's president from 1977 through 1983, he guided the college during the years that it built its national reputation. Throughout his term as U.S. senator and now as a member of the Board of Governors of The Evergreen State College Foundation, he has continued to be a strong and active supporter.

Now he's lending his personal support to creating an Endowed Chair that will benefit thousands of Evergreen students for generations to come.

Here's how it will work. The money raised will be placed in an endowment fund, whose principal will never be touched. The yearly interest will be used to fund the Endowed Chair. Unlike other colleges, Evergreen's Chair will not be held by one faculty for many years, but will circulate yearly among faculty members in Core Programs or could be held by a visiting faculty member who would bring his or her expertise to the college.

"Our first-year programs are perhaps the most demanding part of our curriculum," says Academic Dean Chuck Pailthorp. "An Endowed Chair offers a chance to add some real strength and innovation."

"Such a Chair," says Faculty Member Rudy Martin, "will give us the option of bringing some truly outstanding people to campus."

The campaign's goal is to endow $750,000 to support the Chair. Organizers plan to raise $500,000. The state of Washington will provide the remaining $250,000 through its Distinguished Professorship Program.

The creation of the Evans Chair is a significant mark of maturity in Evergreen's development. As Senator Evans said at the Campaign Kickoff on March 29 at Evergreen, "Let this Chair be the first of many!"

Complete details on the Evans Chair are available from Vice President Les Purce at Evergreen's Development Office, c/o TESC, Olympia, WA 98505; or by calling the college at (206) 866-6000, ext. 6565.

President Evans team teaches with Faculty Member Virginia Ingersoll, left, in the "Management In The Public Interest" program, 1978.

Resolutes' New Life: In 1978, when Evans was president, Evergreen bought the Resolute, a 44-foot sailboat, out of Navy Surplus for $1. After thousands of volunteer hours of restoration, the Resolute is shipshape. Evans returned to Olympia last month to take part in a Recommissioning Ceremony, setting the boat's course on a new educational mission as part of Evergreen's two-boat fleet. President Joe Olander, center, and Faculty Member Byron Youtz, right, also celebrated the occasion.
Trust. Both men evoke, invite and honor it. “When I really want to know the exact correct, no b.s. way to do something, I call Winkley,” says one Evergreen director after another, “the man is a rock.”

“The trust that students—male and female, white and those of color—have in Stone approaches the mystical,” says Rita Cooper, director of Employee Relations.

Each man is regarded as something of a legend. “Almost single-handedly...” and “If it hadn’t been for...” are phrases one hears about each. One man is credited with being the difference for many students between earning the first degree in their family or dropping out. The other seemingly pulls buildings and systems out of thin air. One is credited with being the conscience of social justice at the college, the other with keeping swarms of bureaucrats off our back.

Between them, they’ve given 36 years of sweat, tears, savvy and strength to the college. When they leave this summer—Finance and Administrative Vice President Ken Winkley to semi-retirement, and Dean of Student Development Stone Stenberg, to a new position with the Brookhaven Community College near Dallas—they’ll take away a special part of Evergreen’s history.

After handshakes and introductions, the first thing Ken Winkley did for Evergreen was to review every document in its history. “That took about two hours,” he says.

The date was July 16, 1968. The place was Senate Room Five, the temporary offices for Washington’s newest four-year college. Six miles away, 22 years, 10,700 graduates and several million documents later, Winkley sits in his office and looks out over the campus that he helped build.

“My next task,” he recalls, “was to help plan the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting. It was an important one. The main agenda items were selecting the president and naming the college. ‘Evergreen’ was the class favorite. Hal Hultvosen (founder’s trustee) added the ‘a.’”

Winkley, however, did not join the three-person staff to think up names. He was hired by Vice President Dean Clabaugh to tackle a much tougher task. In nuts-and-bolts terms, his job as controller was to set up the new college’s financial systems.

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It’s tough to get a man as modest as Winkley to talk about his accomplishments. Bring up new financial systems, reorganiza-
tions, accountability, pulling the college through half-a-dozen budget cuts, and he’ll brush aside the compliments, and praise, instead, the teamwork of his staff and colleagues.

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The situation in 1985-86 was this: increasing enrollment, 100% occupancy rates, aging housing, inadequate social space, tight housing off-campus, a swollen waiting list and zilch dollars to build new dorms. Evergreen submitted a request to the Department of Education for a low-interest loan. Turned down.

“New housing seemed financially impossible,” says Facilities Director Ken Jacob, shaking his head, “but Winkley would not give up. He went over and over all the options.”

Stone was famous at Evergreen for opening doors. For people of all colors. And sizes. Student Activities Director Kathy Ybarra ’79 recalls her student days when she worked at Driftwood Daycare Center: “I’d take the kids on field trips up to campuses. I’d always take them to Stone’s office because he’d always let us all in. He’d speak to each of the kids. He’d remember all their names. He’d let them wreak havoc with his type-

writer. We felt welcomed and celebrated.”

Another group of kids, several sizes larger than the Drift-
wood bunch, also benefited from Stone’s hospitality. He wrote the initial grant that established the upward Bound Program in 1976, taught in the program and hired Program Director Tomas Ybarra. Upward Bound brings low-income high school students from Tacoma to Evergreen for a summer of study and skill-
building.

First Peoples Recruitment Counselor Tony Greeneidge ’88, an Upward Bound grad as well as an Evergreen alum, recalls Stone’s involvement with the Upward Bound students: “He was someone to look up to, especially if you were a student athlete. Stone made the term synonymous with excellence.”

“Whether it be the need for a man to lead, or a man to pull, he would not give up. He went over and over all the options.”

To Stone, his thoughts turned to how to proceed. “I was one of many that he challenged to go beyond what I thought I could do,” adds Greeneidge. “I remember telling him that I was thinking of going into sports medicine. He looked at

me and said, ‘Why don’t you become a doctor?’ The idea blew my mind.”

Blowing minds was nothing new for Stone Thomas. Vice President Martin, an old friend, recalls Stone’s college days as chairman of the Black Student Union at Washington State University in the ’60s. He was a controversial figure, an activist against institutional racism, a supporter of the UFW’s lettuce and grape boycotts, and leader of a strike that resulted in the participation of 4,000 students.

“I was scared,” says Martin, “there were some pretty reactionary folks around Pullman. A poster went up making threats against Stone’s life. A vigilante group, called Endicott Raiders, drove into Pullman with guns.” She pauses, thinking back to those tense days, then says with emphasis, “Stone did not back down. Not an inch.”

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During those tense days (circa 1973):

1979, left, and Winkley.
Finally, a "design-build" project, financed by a $4.1 million sale of local revenue was formulated and approved by the trustees in March 1987. A Vancouver firm was awarded the bid and ground was broken on March 13. Six months later, 200 students were able to wake up in new housing only minutes from their classes.

It takes only a deceptively few seconds to read the previous sentences, but bear in mind that the process was a considerably complex financial operation requiring months of efforts (often late at night and on weekends) to craft a waterfront proposal. Also bear in mind, that according to those who worked on new housing, "It wouldn't have happened without Winkley."

It's important to note that the man's accomplishments are not limited to bricks and mortar. "I don't think it's clear to most people what an effective feminist Ken is," says Rita Cooper, "He's hired very strong, competent women and helped them increase their expertise and competence, resulting in significant advancement."

Former Vice President Sue Washburn (now with St. Lawrence University) recalls when she and Winkley worked as VP and associate VP, respectively, from 1985 to 1988, "I dreaded the situation at first. He was older and so much more experienced. But he was just wonderful, incredible to work with. I learned patience from him, and the real meaning of the word "thorough."

"Don't forget the cuts," says Stenberg. "During those bad times when the college's budgets were cut, Winkley worked so hard: saving as many jobs as he could, and easing the suffering caused to those who lost their positions, and those who had to work harder to make up for those who left."

Perhaps Jim Duncan '79, director of General Services, sums it up best. "He's saved our... many a time," he says, "many a time."

A thorough list of official tasks as Dean of Student Development is many (including supervising Student Advising Services, Student Activities, Counseling and Health Services and more), Stone is most valued at Evergreen for his visible, locatable and approachable presence, also fills a room. He wears a suit every weekday of his life. His devotion to exactness and detail is legendary. But take a good look at those deep-set eyes. Here's what others have seen.

Ken Jacob: "A lot of people think of accountants and controllers as rigid and unimaginative. Ken, however, approaches his profession with flexibility, sensitivity and compassion."

Kathy Wurzel: "Stone's bilingual. He can speak street talk and administrate."

Gail Martin: (Laughs.) "I worked with Ken for ten years before I learned he could talk. One of my favorite things to do is to make him blush and laugh because he does it so wholeheartedly. He lights up like a Christmas tree."

Rita Cooper: "When Stone comes into the office to do a piece of business, he always makes me laugh. He's always filled with humanity and joy. We've had plenty of fights about issues, but they never last."

Jim Duncan: "He's a great fisherman. One great thing—you go fishing with Ken, you never hear him talk business."

Margarita Mendoza de Sugiyama (special assistant to the president for Affirmative Action): "I'll never forget this very large, very serious-looking man on the WSU campus. Stone was an incredible contrast. He scared hell out of a lot of people, but tiny babies sensed who he was. They'd gurgle and coo when he was near. They knew who he was."

Duncan: "No one's irreplaceable. But when a person leaves with such a vast amount of knowledge, it's going to affect us all."

Mendoza de Sugiyama: "Ah, that deep, quiet voice, that warmth and resonances! Stone has been a keeper of the fire at Evergreen. I refuse to think of him going. His move to Texas is just an extension of Evergreen's network, and my own."

Stone in the late 60's.
East Coast Greeners Arie! Mark Fish, Boston, and Payne Banker, Vermont, are planning a summer bush for a select group of East Coast Greeners. They'd like to hear from you if you are interested in attending or know of anyone who might be interested in serving on the board or helping out with the planning. Feel free to contact them at (802) 695-2266 or Payne at (802) 824-6709 or via email at eastcoastgreeners@vermont.net.

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Who's ready to meet this year's Ultimate Frisbee tournament? The evergreen state college alumni association is hosting another outdoor extravaganza. The full details can be found at eastcoastgreeners@vermont.net.

AlumNotes

Class of 1973
Kathleen Vermeere, Seattle, WA, is now the mayor of Normandy Park, within the greater Seattle area. She lives with her husband Jerry Vermeere '74.

Janet Yoder, Seattle, WA and Robert Coopman, Bellingham, WA, from the Department of Film and Video Studies at the Evergreen State College.

Class of 1974
Jeffrey Howard Mahan, El Portal, CA, is an associate professor of Fine Arts at Columbia College of Chicago, and the author of "Re planning the Commons: That One: The Psychosocial and Ethical Implications of Rose Macaulay's "Lever Archer Tales." During his publication in May 1990 by University Press of America, a Long Way is a text for studying detective fiction as an example of popular culture through social, functional and Freudian analysis.

Keesom Majladi, Melbourne, Australia, earned a PhD in political Science Ph.D. program at Melbourne University after receiving a master's from the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem. New Zealand is titled "Israel: Not Negotiable: The Holy City from 1948-1975." He is currently working as a pastor for the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alphington, Melbourne.

Clayton Cruger, Chapel Hill, NC, was appointed professor for a five-year term in the School of Water Quality. He married Martha McCay '71, a physician's assistant for a family practice/medical clinic. They have two children, a son and a daughter.

Ellen Thompson-Green, first-year graduate student at the Evergreen State College, is working with her advisor, Robert Coopman, on "The Psychosocial and Ethical Implications of Rose Macaulay's "Lever Archer Tales." During his publication in May 1990 by University Press of America, a Long Way is a text for studying detective fiction as an example of popular culture through social, functional and Freudian analysis.

Class of 1976
Karen Goldman, San Francisco, CA, survived the 7.1 Bay Area quake. She lives directly on the Hayward fault which experienced its last major shake in 1989. Karen also announces her engagement to San Francisco Cragg Smith.

Lawrence Jensen, Seattle, WA, has moved from piano tuning to orthopedic surgery and is setting up a practice in the Seattle area.

Stephen Green, Chicago, IL, is the official photographer for the Chicago Cubs.

Robert McCloskey, Madison, WI, is an assistant professor in the Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He would love to get the latest reports from old friends.

Class of 1977
Scott Calberty, Olympia, WA, received his master's degree in social work from the University of Washington in 1981. He married Annie Okiskobly '81 in 1988, and baby Isabella arrived in 1989. Scott works at Community Youth Services, and was the mayor of Washington in social work.

Blair Fisher, El Portal, CA, interned with the Madras Daily Record, and has a four-year-old child.

Barbara Meeksjohn, Madison, WI, is a graduate assistant for the International Relations Council as a part-time graduate assistant in the refugee community.

Larid (Keith) Coleman, Bisbee, AZ, is currently employed as a professional probation officer. He also plays in several bands around the area and enjoys hiking. Larid would love to get in touch with old friends.

Robert Schmidt, Minneapolis, MN, was appointed assistant professor in the Operations and Management Dept. at the University of Minnesota. He received his Ph.D. in '99 in operations management from the University of Virginia, as MPA from the University of Chicago in '89, and an M.S. in operations management from M.I.T. in '93.

The Evergreen State College Alumni Association
Nomination Ballot For 1990-1992

Name (please print) ____________________________ City ____________________________ State ___________ Zip ____________

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I nominate __________________________________________________________ for the state college alumni association board of directors.

Nominations will be considered for the Evergreen state college alumni association board of directors.

Deadline for nominations is June 1, 1996.

It's Rally Time!

Get ready for a swim party on Super Saturday. Mark June 20 on your calendar, cancel all previous plans, lock up the lawn mower, pack a swim suit, grab a friend and head for Everett. Don't miss this annual opportunity to mix with other alumni, exchange tall tales from your days at your alma mater, and most of all, have a good time. Here's the schedule:

Saturday, June 2, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, NONALumni BURB BACk to SCHOOL, including TEE SHirts, a mini-bash, classic car show, school supply drive, and baseball/softball game. For all for $3.00 (Place: Civic Field).

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Class of 1983
Shaun Tara Rogers, Seattle, WA, recently earned her master's in psychology from Antioch Seattle. She is currently employed as a health coordinator for Head Start in Portland, Oregon. Shaun lives with her husband, Richard Rogers, and two children, Mike and Devon, and plans to establish her own private counseling practice.

Evett Tallman, Flagstaff, AZ, is a librarian at Northern Arizona University and a full-time student in the teaching program. She announces her engagement to James Erdman, a Flagstaff politician. They are planning their own private counseling practice.

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Faculty, Trustees: Initiate Dialogue

By Keith Eisner ‘80

At a February work session, the Board of Trustees agreed to initiate a “sustained, face-to-face conversation” with members of Evergreen’s faculty. The action followed a resolution from the faculty on dialogue in order to provide the board an understanding of the history, past accomplishments, current issues and future possibilities of the academic business of the college.

The resolution, citing a “growing loss of trust” between the faculty and the board, followed several months of controversy that began with President Joe Olander’s June decision not to renew the contract of Provost Patrick Hill. Responding to the faculty’s complaint that consultation was not taken in his decision, Olander announced he would reconsider his decision and requested Hill’s portfolio and campus comments on Hill’s performance. On December 14, Olander reaffirmed his earlier decision.

Also in December, Faculty members Davie Hitchens and Craig Carlson charged that Olander had misrepresented academic credentials in his resume. Several days later, after holding a closed-door, four-hour examination of the charges, the trustees dismissed them as inconsequential errors and found no pattern of deliberate misrepresentation. The board also applauded Olander for his many accomplishments on behalf of the college.

A year ago, the students of Evergreen spoke in the pages of The New York Times solicitings applications for provost. Faculty members complained that although they had an agreement with the administration to be fully involved in the search for a new provost, they had not been consulted on the ad. Olander withdrew the ad and reconfirmed his agreement to work closely with the faculty in the provost search process.

A meeting took place between a representative group of 12 faculty members and individual trustees on Wednesday, April 18. Faculty members Susan Auran, Carolyn Lobbs, Fred Dube and others reported that the meeting was an important first step in restablishing communication and trust between the faculty and Evergreen’s trustees, and will be the first of many ongoing meetings.

Reform: Geoducks to Master in Teaching

Evergreen is taking the lead in educational reform by offering a program that prepares elementary and secondary teachers with a master’s degree before they enter the job market.

“We are convinced that the demands of public school teachers for the same kind of preparation as do our sister professions of law, medicine and clergy,” says John Parker, director of Teacher Education at Evergreen.

The supplemental budget which includes funds that make a Master in Teaching (MIT) Program possible at Evergreen was signed in April by Governor Booth Gardner. Classes begin in September.

The MIT degree was created in response to state and national calls for reform in elementary and secondary teacher preparation. In the mid-1980s, the Carnegie and Holmes reports said beginning teachers should hold master’s degrees before starting their professional careers. In 1987, Washington’s Legislature required agencies overseeing teacher education to implement rules that would help the state move toward creating master’s level teacher preparation programs. Evergreen’s first public college or university to respond to these rules.

The program design has been applauded by two external accreditation agencies.

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In Memory

Janet Powell Tourtellotte Holmes, a founding trustee of the college, passed away in Seattle on July 7 at the age of 90. The long-time community activist served as a trustee from 1967 to 1978. Her energetic and spirited role of the college was deeply appreciated by those who helped her build Evergreen during its first decade.

Holmes is survived by her daughter and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Contributions to her memory may be made to the Janet Tourtellotte Political Science Collection, care of The Evergreen State College Foundation.
He's out there. In the woods. Hiding behind a building or lurking in the shadows of a dorm room. Or maybe on a rooftop somewhere, looking over my shoulder as I type this report.

When my editor told me to find Bob the Orb, the assignment was about as appealing to me as wet socks. Three-thousand-year-old mummies, Olympic academies, alumni events—that's the kind of stuff I write, not stories about big, round pieces of metal.

But after questioning several dozen students, alumni, staffers and other Greens, I stumbled onto a pattern so distinct, and so bizarre, I knew there was something here. What follows are excerpts from the Log of the Search for Bob the Orb...

March 8, 1990

Already, I detect a strange pattern. Conversations go something like this:

"You know about Bob the Orb?"
"Huh?" they respond.
"Uh, Bob," I say, "Bob the Orb."

Inevitably, there's a pause while they roll their eyes and purse their lips until a response kind of oozes up as if it was submerged in some marshy corner of the mind.

"Oh..." they say, "Bob...Bob the Orb. Yeah, sure, I've seen Bob."

At this point, they're looking right at me with a nervous little smirk and that glint in the eye that people get when they know something you don't.

"Ever seen him?" I ask.
"They nod.
"Where?" I ask, trying to keep my excitement down, "Where did you see him? When?"

"Well...actually...I'm not sure I did see him. I mean, I'm not really sure it was Bob. My roommate saw him once, though. That's for sure. Just last year. They rolled him to a new hiding place, then told me about it."

"Where'd they move him?"
"I'm not sure. I don't think they told me."
"Who were they?"
"Oh, just some guys I knew."
"You remember their names?"
"Well, I think it was...No, whatchasname wasn't here then, was he?"

This malady has a name: the "Bob Syndrome." It's maddening. Why do so many people say they've seen the Orb, then, upon further questioning, say they're not sure? How come so many people know someone who's seen Bob the Orb, but can't tell you what or where he is? Is the Orb emanating some kind of mind control? Or maybe Bob is the hub of a huge underground conspiracy of interdisciplinary knowledge that's casually shared with the initiated, yet carefully guarded from outsiders.

What, I have to ask myself, happens to an outsider who pierces the veils of secrecy and arrives at the inner Orb?

Some conclusions: People who call it "Bob" also call it a "he." (Safe to say, that we can rule out the Orb being Roberta or Bobbi.) Eyewitness reports are limited to Evergreen's 1,000 acres of wooded campus. (Definitely a Greener Orb.) Few can testify to having actually seen Bob the Orb with their own eyes. Most Orb sightings occur at night, often during social functions that wind up in treks through the woods. The Orb, it seems, most often reveals himself to those who aren't looking for him. (Maybe I should act like I'm on a different assignment.) Most agree he's metal, with a round or cylindrical shape. He's big enough so you can crawl inside through a round opening on his side. Most say he's not easy to find.

These people describe hikes through tangled underbrush on misty nights, pushing back cable-thick spider webs and drooping tree limbs, searching for a thing that may never be found again. "He's somewhere out there," they'll say. "And if you find him, it's your duty to move him, to roll him to a new location, and hide him again."

March 9, 1990

An Evergreen Legend
March 15, 1990

"Why are you asking me all these questions," asked Donna (maybe her real name.) The sophomore knew something.

Cagily, I told her I was putting together a DTF on Evergreen legends. You know, The Midnight Spoon, The Steam Plant, Monkeys, The Man Who Made Hats for Credit, and...of course, Bob the Orb. Maybe I'd just write a little something on it for the Arvada.

Her dark green eyes darted back and forth, checking the traffic on Red Square. Nobody was within earshot. She studied me with wide-eyed seriousness.

"Bob the Orb is something you're not really supposed to talk about," she said pensively. She glanced quickly to the right. It was just a large, beige dog carrying a Frisbee. "When people who've been on campus awhile mention his name, and people new to campus ask who he is, ahah," she paused, imitating the pregnant silence such inquiries provoke, "they don't respond. It's kind of like a mystery, and sooner or later people will let you in on it."

I assured Donna I wouldn't give too much away. I told her my boss and the rest of the administration would treat Bob the Orb with reverence and discreteness. He might be the subject of an independent contract, but never a whole program.

She shrugged. "Well, I've heard some people brought him on campus a few years ago so everybody could look at him, and that kind of ruined it," she said. That seemed to make writing and talking about the legend more acceptable to her.

Donna, however, has not seen Bob the Orb with her own eyes. At least, she's not sure that she has.

"I have some friends who say they found Bob 15 years ago in a ditch off campus somewhere, so they put it in the back of their pickup and brought it here. They eventually rolled it off into the woods," she said. "They came back a couple years later and were blown away that it had become the legend of Bob the Orb."

"But I'm not really sure if you can believe their story," she confessed.

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March 15, 1990

Today I got a great lead: Bob the Orb is an icon in our collective unconscious. This revelation occurred in an interview with Jane (probably her real name). The interview began as usual.

"I thought I saw it but now I can't remember," Jane said. "I have some friends who found it and rolled it around when I was here, and..." She didn't know that they were supposed to roll it around. They just did it late at night. Later they learned it was Bob the Orb. I thought it had been sitting on top of the knob in Red Square for a few days sometime in September.

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Converted from the blackened walls of a former gas station, Reko Muse (112 East State) houses music, theater, cabaret and exhibitions by Evergreen and community artists. Created in February of 1989 as "a place where we could show our own artwork" by a group of seven Evergreen photographers, Reko Muse gallery has evolved into Olympia's premier spot for art, music and culture. Check out their summer attractions.

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