The Story of Sotie

Sotie Kenman '90 lived through 10 years of terror in the Killing Fields of Cambodia, until a green pen and a chance encounter reunited her with her only surviving family member, sister Polly. Now, this 27-year-old alumna helps refugees from her homeland and other countries learn their way in the U.S.

Family Values

Evergreen faculty member and historian, Stephanie Coontz, is in demand throughout the country as her insightful, brilliant and provocative book unravels myths about American families. Here, she shares the experience of suddenly coming under the media spotlight as she teaches the nation about family history.

Eagle Lake

For Scott and Christina Baker ('79 and '80), it's a childhood dream that's become reality, as they team up with several alums as developers creating a "Green" community on beautiful Orcas Island.

Greener News

New President Jane Jervis sets fast pace...New Vice President Art Costantino brings wealth of student affairs experience...Remembering Faculty Member Paul Mott...The Evergreen Fund and Alumni Giving...KAOS celebrates 20th and brings satellite to South Sound—New programs will learn from old with Pew grant...Top Scholars choosing Evergreen...Budget future looks grim...Longhouse: Drawing on a Dream.

Alum Notes

Greener from '73 to '92 tell about their lives and families, their work, their play and their many successes. Catch up with them here.

Alumni Association News

Greener Gatherings...Greener night at the Seattle Aquarium...Cheers to you...Vermont reunion...A recap of the Association’s past year...and a chance to order an alumni T-Shirt or subscription to the CP.

Geoduck Salute

Recognition to individuals and organizations contributing gifts in support of TESC between July 1, 1991 and June 30, 1992.

Longhouse:

Drawing on a Dream.

As Evergreen is maturing, its alumni, faculty, students and staff are gaining more and more recognition for their life’s accomplishments. It has become increasingly common to find past and future Greeners on the pages of one newspaper or another...or in magazines, on TV and radio talk shows or news broadcasts. They’re virtually everywhere.

The college itself continues to be the subject of acclaim for its daring, interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning. From its early days of experimentation, Evergreen has become a model throughout the country for colleges that seek effective ways to engage students, to help them look at life in realistic, meaningful ways and to create an environment that instills learning as a way of life.

Evergreen and Ever Greeners are an enthralling success story made up of many chapters. ReView exists to help those chapters unfold...to tell the stories of these amazing people and this amazing place. In this issue, you’ll read of Sotie, a 1990 alumna whose compassionate advocacy for refugees draws every day from her early experiences as a child living with the terror of war and revolution. You’ll share a few moments of the spotlight shining so brightly on Stephanie Coontz, Evergreen faculty member, historian, author and now celebrity who’s gained well-deserved fame for her timely, insightful analysis of the American family. And you’ll meet Greeners at work...together...as land developers who have preservation, stewardship, architectural integrity and the environment at the top of their priority list.

Future issues will focus on Greeners making it big in the entertainment industry...carving niches in ecological preservation...fashioning designs that can take your breath away...and finding new ways of helping people cope with addictions, abuse and other dangers of life. The list is long.

We are, indeed, “a part of all that we have met.” The ReView staff invites you, in this and future issues, to take a few moments from your busy life to meet some very special Evergreen people who are making a difference...making it right...making it big.
The Story of Sotie:

"I will survive"

As a child, alone and fearful in a war-torn country, the only goal she could imagine was to be alive at the end of each day. Today, Sotie Kenmano has channelled her painful memories and connection with the past into her work for the future.

Sotie's life began in Cambodia. Her early childhood is filled with happy memories of a large family, a comfortable home, loving parents. When she was just 10 years old, her life fell apart and she began an existence filled with constant danger and unrelenting terror in the midst of war, hunger, death and uncertainty. She survived. Arriving in the U.S. in 1985 under the sponsorship of an uncle, Sotie was a shy, quiet girl who knew very little English. A year later, she became an Evergreen student.

Evergreen is where Sotie Kenmano learned to speak up. Now, a consumer outreach specialist with San Francisco Consumer Action, she's still speaking up on behalf of Southeast Asian and Pacific Isle refugees who have yet to learn American ways. She works closely with them, understanding the barriers that stand in their way. She knows well the difficulties faced by refugees, many of whom find it hard to adapt and are not accustomed to complaining and asking for rights. She is their advocate.

"They are concerned that, if they complain, they'll get in trouble with the government," she says, explaining that most want to stay out of the spotlight. "We are all vulnerable in some way or another," she says. "These are people who are especially vulnerable because of what they don't know yet about the U.S. and American culture. I help them by sharing what I know."

Compassion and assertiveness are just two facets of Sotie Kenmano's character. Greeners might better remember this 1990 alumna by her original name, Manosothy (Sothy) Ken. She is a small person, tiny actually, with a big story and huge strength. "Evergreen has heard my story so many times," she says, hesitating to tell it once again.

Sotie was just 10 years old when Cambodia fell to the Communists in 1975. The youngest of four children, she was about to finish elementary school in Kroko, a Cambodian city in the province of Pursat. With the Khmer Rouge
invasion in April of 1975, the country essentially shut down. Sotie and her family were obvious, but innocent, targets. To the Communists, their comfortable home in the center of town, their car, motorcycle and other valuables added up to wealth, and wealth was suspect. All their material belongings were quickly seized.

Her father was ordered to attend a meeting. He returned with instructions to pack and leave immediately for three months of political study. It was the last they saw or heard of him. Her mother and the four children were evacuated, but the rest of the residents when the Khmer Rouge wanted to “clean up” the town. They were told they’d be away for only three days and everything would be intact when they returned.

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Terror was a constant companion, even when the Vietnamese invaded from the east. A “screening” process was put in place, and once again Sotie’s family, smaller now and without the trappings of a comfortable city life, came under scrutiny. This time, her mother was taken away, again, never to return. Just Sotie and her oldest sister Polly remained. In the camp where they were briefly held, escape seemed to be a realistic but still dangerous possibility. They both ran in the melee that occurred the night Cambodia’s capital was taken by the Vietnamese and were held hostage by the Khmer Rouge bombing raid, but lost each other in the confusion.

Polly was captured and held hostage by the Khmer Rouge. Suspected of being a spy, she was imprisoned in a detention center for several months. When she was finally released, Polly found her “way home” to the city of Krokot. Sotie, more fortunate this time, was able to escape and seek refuge with the Vietnamese. She was cared for on a U.S. Naval ship along with her family and reunion with her sister. When her family settled in West Seattle, she was 14 years old.

Sotie was told of a shooting in the Tenderloin. "I wanted to be there and help out her story, but because of the terror-filled days and nights of her youth, to keep a door shut, never allowing people to really know her. Little by little her experience at Evergreen filled her with the self-confidence and trust she needed to test the world with fear and all the different kinds of thinking she had to force myself to say it was really hard for me," she says. "I loved it," she says. "I was able to be there and never wanted to leave it."

Still, it was difficult at first to fit in with the Vietnamese. She was embarrassed about herself, her cultural differences and her Englishness. Even at Evergreen, it took Sotie some time. Her first year at the college was only her second in English. "I dreaded seminars and asked myself why on earth I was there. I was not until the middle of her second year that she began to open up.

Sotie meets weekly with Cambodian refugees living in the Tenderloin district of Seattle. Here, they discuss the problems of their new environment as well as other matters. Coping with gang is one, among many, of the difficulties they face.

Sotie visits with a Cambodian family living in the Tenderloin. Nine refugees share this tidy, one-bedroom apartment. Sotie most recently helped them bring an immense telephone bill down to a manageable level, and checks regularly to see how they’re doing. "I'm a Cambodian movie on the screen in the background," Sotie is told of a shooting that began the night before outside their apartment window.

Sotie is no stranger to achievement and recognition. While at Evergreen, she was one of only five college students in the U.S. to receive the National Humanitarian Award for her volunteer work at the Olympic Refugee Center as a social worker and interpreter. She was the first Cambodian Refugee Processing Center and regularly organized presentations at local high schools. She donated her $1500 prize money to the Refugee Center. One of the funds included the College Woman Achievement Award for Outstanding Contribution to Community Service (sponsored by In View magazine), the First Peoples’ Award of Merit for outstanding service to the Evergreen community, and KEY Student Support Services Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for first-generation college students.

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Sotie doesn’t minimize her experiences. “Some days I’m down,” she says. “I was a very long time, I was sitting, thinking about the family she lost, the fact that her country was torn apart, that Cambodia was used “to try to win the war. But Sotie is happy here, happy with the life she has created from a youth that survived the wreckage of a country and family lost to war. "In Cambodia, there is only one way," she says. “It helps me in my work now. I know when to stand my ground. If I can’t express myself well, I can’t get things done," she says. “People know I’m serious around with me.”

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Sotie’s sister still works long, hard hours. In addition to managing a Chinese/Cambodian restaurant, Polly works regularly at the weekly clinic that is part of the San Francisco General Hospital. On Saturdays, she works with Super Saturday Plus, a program of the Vietnamese American Women Association.

Last year Sotie and Polly became U.S. citizens. “I just know I’ll exercise my rights,” she says. “I refuse to waste a moment of the life she knows is precious, knowing that if I have to, "You have to make the system work for you.”

Kemiano does, her goal is to always stay close to the community. "I like to go home at night feeling I’ve done something for someone."
When Dan Quayle ripped into TV sit-com character, Murphy Brown, saying her decision to become a single mom illustrated a national decline in "traditional family values," the life of Evergreen Faculty Member Stephanie Coontz took a dramatic turn.

Reporters, talk show hosts and columnists across the country all scrambled for an expert who could lend a balanced, reasoned perspective to the discussion of "family values." Coontz was perfect: a college history professor from The Evergreen State College who was about to publish a book designed to expose myths and misconceptions about the American family. The publishing date for The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap" was pushed up, and with a little help from the publisher, Basic Books, calls for interviews were soon cascading into Coontz’s daily routine. The pace has seldom let up since.

"My favorite part has been the talk shows, especially the call-in shows, because you get to really talk with ordinary people who are grappling with these issues and are hungry to hear something other than campaign or news soundbites," says Coontz.

After giving a flurry of interviews in the wake of Quayle’s remarks, Coontz was asked by congresswoman Pat Schroeder, D-Colorado, who wrote a commentary for the dust cover of the book, to speak to the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families in a hearing on "Investing in Families: A Historical Perspective." That led to another flurry of interviews. But the continual storm of attention didn’t arrive until mid-September, when Coontz appeared on a late-night talk show with Jane Whitney. Since then, Coontz has been interviewed on "CBS This Morning," National Public Radio’s "Morning Edition" and "Fresh Air"; for cover articles in the Chicago Tribune Magazine and New Age Journal; and for articles in the L.A. Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Elle magazine, Emerge and many other publications across the country. She’s been featured in more than a dozen radio interviews throughout the nation and has placed editorials in dozens of publications, including the Chronicle of Higher Education. By October, she was booked through January on talk shows across the country.

Ask this highly respected teacher and author, who’s dedicated much of her career to American family history, how it feels to be thrust into a media spotlight and she answers quickly: "The experience is humbling."

"It’s very gratifying because it allows one to do what I think Evergreen is all about, and that is to reach across the narrow, specialized scholarly disciplines and try to communicate with people beyond your academic area of training and expertise. That’s been very exciting," she says.

The heat of the media spotlight can also be educational, and for Coontz, this spotlight has a deep Evergreen-colored filter. Coontz says writing her book would have been impossible without years of working with colleagues and students constantly challenging her to cross the boundary of academic disciplines while instilling caution about generalizations to ensure they’re grounded. Every colleague she’s taught with in 17 years of academic programs has taught her something that’s found between the covers of her new book, especially the small group of faculty who regularly met to critique each chapter.

In turn, her experience with the media will benefit her teaching—she’s learned a lot about communication and has gained a better sense of the real concerns and anxieties of the general public. "I’m learning a lot about how people hear things, what they hear, what sorts of explanations work for people and what distracts them from the main issues. So I find it’s a tremendous benefit not only for my work on the family but for my work as a teacher."

She’s found people don’t want to hear knee jerk, "Everything’s OK,” responses to questions about the family. They want to hear "OK," responses to concerns and anxieties people believe there’s a moral crisis, they don’t want to hear doomscaped scenarios, either.

"The fact that people believe there’s a moral crisis does not necessarily lead them to believe in a moralistic approach to the family," says Coontz.

What they want to hear is a balanced approach with a historical perspective that includes trade-offs—how society and all kinds of families have gained in some areas and lost ground in others. People are hungry for a chance to get beyond the usual simplistic approach to these issues.

"The American people are light years ahead of the politicians on the issues surrounding family values. Most people can simultaneously worry about parents relying too much on childcare while supporting its expansion and improvement. They can believe both those things at the same time. This complexity seems beyond the capability of politicians," says Coontz.

Luck favored The Way We Never Were because the publishing date landed in the center of a political season where "traditional family values" dominated the landscape.
"People repeatedly quote this idea, this correlation, that single parents are six times more likely to be poor, implying that single parenthood is a cause. This is false. It’s far more complicated than that."

However, luck had nothing to do with Coontz’s interest in American family history or the decision to focus her research on facts that defy political rhetoric by exposing myths.

“It was clear in 1988 that certain conservatives and liberals had found a new, convenient excuse for the failure of American society and the economy to meet its promises, and that was the so-called collapse of the family,” says Coontz.

After publishing her first book, a historical treatise on the family up through the 1800s called The Social Origins of Private Life: A History of American Families, 1600-1900, written mainly for an academic audience, Coontz says she began to accept speaking engagements. She listened carefully to people’s concerns while gauging the tide of political rhetoric. What she heard was people, especially politicians, blaming the existence of poverty on divorce and single parenthood. Crime, educational failure and a collapse in moral values was being traced to failures in marriages and parenting.

“When I started my intervention into public life with an article I wrote for the Wall Street Journal, arguing that the main causes of poverty remained race and class and job structure, not family structure. So I knew that scapegoating families was going to be an important part of the political dialogue in the late ‘80s and the ‘90s,” she says. “I didn’t anticipate that so much of the discussion would be around the issue of values.”

Coontz began to feel a responsibility to communicate beyond narrow scholarly channels and focus on a broader audience.

9 FACTS THAT DISPEL THE MYTHS

COLONISTS IN THE SOUTHERN U.S. WOULD MORE PROBABLY RECOGNIZE BLENDED FAMILIES THAN THE TWO-PARENT, "NUCLEAR FAMILY" MODEL.

TEENAGE BIRTHRATES WERE MUCH HIGHER IN THE ‘50s THAN TODAY, AND DURING COLONIAL TIMES, UP TO A THIRD OF ALL BRIDES WERE PREGNANT BEFORE MARRIAGE.

THE TYPICAL 1950S SUBURBAN FAMILY RECEIVED FAR MORE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES THAN DOES THE TYPICAL Y2K FAMILY OF 1992, DEMONSTRATING THAT TODAY’S WELFARE SYSTEM IS NOT THE ONLY MODEL WE HAVE FOR “GOVERNMENT HANDOUTS,” AND PREVIOUS MODELS HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL.

CARING FOR THE ELDERLY WAS NEVER A TRADITIONAL FAMILY FUNCTION. TODAY’S ELDER-CARE CRISIS REFLECTS A BREAKTHROUGH IN DEMOGRAPHICS, NOT A BREAK-DOWN IN FAMILY.

THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD THE HIGHEST DIVORCE RATE IN THE WORLD SINCE 1889, WELL BEFORE THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT.

RATES OF UNMARRIED CHILDBEARING AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN HAVE FALLEN BY 13 PERCENT SINCE 1970, WHILE WHITE RATES HAVE INCREASED BY 27 PERCENT.


IT IS NOT TRADITIONAL FOR WOMEN TO WITHDRAW FROM MARKET PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO RAISE CHILDREN. THIS MODEL PREVAILED FOR ONLY ABOUT 70 YEARS, AND DURING MUCH OF THIS PERIOD, MOST FAMILIES SENT THEIR CHILDREN TO WORK IN PLACE OF WIVES.

THE IDEA THAT WOMEN ARE NATURALLY AND UNIQUELY SUITED TO NURITURING WAS NOT INVENTED UNTIL THE 19TH CENTURY.
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Embracing a New President

As autumn's color and chill settled in this November, more than 60 of Seattle's leading citizens gathered at the offices of Tim Gavrin, '75, owner of a leading graphic design firm, to give a warm welcome to Evergreen President Jane L. Jervis.

Introduction by Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, Washington's newest college president gave a brief speech, then spent the evening meeting people and learning more about the region. The night was a highlight in a whirlwind process, she's shared her observations about Evergreen and demonstrated an ability to clearly articulate issues surrounding higher education.

On campus, Jervis's first major address was the highlight of the September 23 Convocation, where she laid out a series of goals and invited the community to provide feedback on them. The final draft of her goals was adopted by the Board of Trustees on November 6, more than a year as associate and interim vice president for student affairs. From 1971 to 1990, Costantino worked for the Pennsylvania State University system in a variety of student affairs positions, including directing one of the largest residence hall systems in the country and creating cultural and student development programs for 19 campuses. In 1986, he founded Human Relations Associates, a private company that provides training to public and private organizations in race relations, sexual harassment issues, cross-cultural communication and minority recruitment and retention. He also served a year as acting dean of students at The Behrend College, a small, comprehensive liberal arts college in the Penn State system. Costantino's past accomplishments include initiating programs to enhance cultural pluralism, increasing student volunteerism and providing leadership skills to academically gifted students. He holds a doctorate in sociology from Penn State, and a master's in sociology and bachelor's in social sciences from Michigan State University.

President Jane Jervis has named a task force to define the role of a new provost and set guidelines for the search process. Their work has been under way for the past month.

Vice President News

Art Costantino became vice president for student affairs in July and the first steps are being taken to select a permanent provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Costantino came to Olympia from the University of Toledo, which serves 25,000 students on two campuses, where he served more than a year as associate and interim vice president for student affairs. From 1971 to 1990, Costantino worked for the Pennsylvania State University system in a variety of student affairs positions, including directing one of the largest residence hall systems in the country and creating cultural and student development programs for 19 campuses. In 1986, he founded Human Relations Associates, a private company that provides training to public and private organizations in race relations, sexual harassment issues, cross-cultural communication and minority recruitment and retention. He also served a year as acting dean of students at The Behrend College, a small, comprehensive liberal arts college in the Penn State system. Costantino's past accomplishments include initiating programs to enhance cultural pluralism, increasing student volunteerism and providing leadership skills to academically gifted students. He holds a doctorate in sociology from Penn State, and a master's in sociology and bachelor's in social sciences from Michigan State University.

President Jane Jervis has named a task force to define the role of a new provost and set guidelines for the search process. Their work has been under way for the past month.

Evergreen Recognized With Major Grant

Evergreen is among 17 higher education institutions in the nation selected to build a model program to improve educational services for students in their first two years of college. “Strengthening Teaching and Learning in the First Two Years” is a $1.8 million program sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts and administered by Brown University to focus on improving classroom teaching practices, developing new courses, strengthening links between academic and student activities on campuses, and teaching across disciplinary boundaries. Evergreen’s three-year program will enroll more than 70 faculty members, deans and student service staff in summer institutes led by Evergreen faculty and based on successful Core Programs of the past. The first of five, eight-day institutes, held the summer of 1993, will be based on the “Reflections of Nature” program and led by faculty members Rob Knapp, Thad Curz and Jean Mandeberg. Subsequent summer institutes include sessions based on the “Problems without Solutions”?—Israel, Palestine and South Africa” program, led by Chuk Nsiet, Duke Kuehn and Fred Dube; “Mediaworks,” led by Sally Cloninger and Rita Pougiale; “Drawing from the Landscape,” led by Mark Fraker and Jo Fedderson; and “Sustaining Culture and Natural Environment: Latin America,” led by Tom Wommeldorff, Betsy Walker and Paul Butler.

Five faculty each from Commencity College and Seattle Central Community College will also participate because these colleges are establishing coordinated studies components in their curricula and have longstanding faculty exchanges with Evergreen that include team teaching.

One hundred, medium-sized public and private liberal arts institutions were invited to submit proposals for grants ranging in size from $50,000 to $95,000. Evergreen’s proposal was funded with a $90,000 grant. The grant program’s objectives include improving student retention, fostering new curricular ideas and teaching teams based on past successes in coordinated study programs, improving understandings among faculty about student characteristics and needs, building relationships between new and senior faculty, and developing close working relationships between faculty, deans and student support staff. The institutes will also give participants the opportunity to explore collaborative learning, along with cross-curricular approaches to writing, quantitative reasoning, foreign language study, media and use of the library.

The Pew Charitable Trusts is a national and international philanthropy that supports nonprofit activities in the areas of conservation and environment, culture, education, health and human services, public policy and religion. Through their grantsmanship, the Trusts seek to encourage individual development and personal achievement, cross-disciplinary problem solving and innovative practical approaches to meet the changing needs of society.

Paul Mott, a member of Evergreen’s faculty since 1985, died November 13 in his home following a long battle with cancer.

Mott’s enthusiasm for Evergreen’s mode of teaching and learning shined through his work, especially in 1991 when he designed and helped direct a landmark study that showed that a broad cross-section of employers rate Evergreen alumni as “very well prepared” for work in comparison with counterparts from other colleges. Mott designed and taught many programs, principally in the areas of social and organizational change. His hospitality, humor and inclusiveness for all members of the Evergreen community will be missed.

Paul’s wife, long-time staff member Kris Johannson, and family recommend memorial donations be made to the Evergreen Film Fund or the Evergreen Longhouse Project.
One of the Six Best - It's "Evergroovy!"

Edward Fiske, long-standing editor of the highly regarded Fiske Guide to Colleges, ranks Evergreen this year as one of the six best small public liberal arts colleges in the nation. His 1993 edition includes a new chapter, "Quality liberal arts at a public school price," in which he identifies 10 public liberal arts colleges/universities and the six smaller schools he says "make anyone's list of the best public colleges in the nation."

A strong advocate of the enduring qualities of a liberal arts education, Fiske says public liberal arts colleges have made great strides in the quality of arts and science programs and offer small classes and outstanding faculties in desirable settings.

High Times for KAOS

"I can't believe we are finally ordering the satellite system," says Michael Huntsberger, general manager of KAOS Olympia Public Radio. "It's been a very intense year. Our station has raised $13,000 used on the recent studio renovation. Financing will allow KAOS to have the system on-line well before the 1994 fundraising cycle is completed and payment is due."

"Once we have the satellite system in place, we can do the kind of weekly features people follow. Other stations have programs like Garrison Keillor's "Minnesota Public Radio Company of the Year," and we'll have our own programs that are grassroots," says Huntsberger.

Many faculty, staff, students, community members and area businesses have generously supported the project, not to mention a nice donation from the national musical act "The Bitchin' Bubes." Haggen Top Foods has also given more than $1,200 through its grocery receipt rebate program.

"The Evergreen Fund Has Record-Setting Year!"

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In addition, the number of alumni participating rose 52 percent, parent participation rose 15 percent, and overall participation rose 33 percent. The total amount of giving has increased about $18,000 in two years - from $133,636 in 1989-90.

Parents continue to be the most generous in terms of amount contributed, although this year they were neck-and-neck with alumni.

Surpassing annual fundraising goals should continue as Evergreen alumni become more established in their careers and have more disposable income, says Val Thorsen, chairwoman of the Evergreen Foundation's Annual Fund Committee. This year, alumni generously pushed the fund drive over the top.

"To reach this goal we did it pretty amazing," Thorsen says. This year they were $150,000 by June 30 accomplished in great part because "Many alumni are feeling more connected to the College than they have in years," says Pat Belisle, director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Fund. Thorsen agrees and adds that, besides the dozens of alumni events and communications that re-engaged graduates, the campaign itself had more publicity this year and there was greater involvement by volunteers and college staff.

As a result of the success of The Evergreen Drive, the total amount given is $33,645.00 and as of June 20, this year they were $150,000.

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Evergreen and other state higher education institutions are preparing to face the grim realities of a projected $1.7 billion state revenue shortfall projected for the coming biennium, which begins July 1, 1993.”

Although projected shortfalls in the past have not always materialized, many feel the numbers are too overwhelming this time for a last-minute reversal to take place. The state Office of Financial Management calculates that overcoming the $1.7 billion shortfall would mean cutting the $7 billion state education budget by about that of 1988-89, when the state enjoyed exceptionally strong growth due largely to Boeing’s addition of thousands of high-wage jobs to the growing biennium. Boeing is expected to continue cutting employees, putting a further drag on an already sluggish economy.

Exactly how the shortfall will affect higher education won’t be known until the legislature produces a budget late in the spring. Across-the-board cuts in all state agencies (except K-12 education, which is protected by the state constitution) would mean a 14 percent reduction to make up for the shortfall if no additional taxes are levied. Governor-elect Mike Lowry has talked of economic recovery and the future of the state. Providing higher ed without additional taxes would result in “doing the same thing in the same way,” he has said.

At Evergreen this year, the Longhouse is also a prominent goal in the planning and budgeting process that will allow for higher education won’t be known until the legislature proposes at the campus level. In a recent letter to faculty, staff and students, Jervis outlined the plan, saying, “Given the recent and previous budget cuts and the many years of ‘fine-tuning’ the college’s budget, the faculty and I are truly living on borrowed time.” The faculty has proposed to cut the remaining unprotected state agencies. Yet another scenario would hold higher education’s budget reduction to 5 percent, or $21 million, to cut the remaining unprotected state agencies. The University of Washington, for example, has laid off employees, putting a further drag on an already sluggish economy.

The university is also facing the prospect of having to make deep cuts in its operations, putting a further drag on an already sluggish economy.

A key player in the planning consultant for the Master of Public Administration program and the State Capitol Museum.

Jean-Vi Lenthe, Petaluma, CA, received her master’s degree in art history from Tulane University in 1991. She is currently working as an administrative assistant for the Evergreen School of Art and Design.

Barbara and Mark Krieger, Friday Harbor, WA, are in their seventh year of living in Olympia. WA, is in his seventh year of teaching at the University of Michigan.

Some of her efforts included working with the Department of Family Medicine Education in the Parker’s Landing Park Committee. Roberta has her own counseling practice focusing on marital and relationship problems.

Larry Manishek, Seattle, WA, is in his seventh year of working as a health counseling scientist, health behavior consultant, Department of Family Medicine at the University of Washington’s School of Medicine. Larry and his wife, Christine, own and operate a small farm in the Snohomish Valley. Larry says that medical educators in the last four to eight years have seen a number of strategies which Evergreen has been using since its inception.

Randy Partridge, Baltimore, MD, was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship in psychology at the Kennedy Krieger Institute of Johns Hopkins University’s School of Medicine. He will perform clinical evaluations of learning disabilities and study the neurological basis of dyslexia.

Rich Baker, Minneapolis, MN, is a wildlife biologist for the state.

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Nancy Luonn, Olympia, WA, has a new book, Mother Earth: A Mother’s Day gift book illustrating how all of the elements exist as the boundless properties of a mother’slarger.

Sky Swanson, San Francisco, CA, is a registered nurse with a two-year-old daughter.

Fiona Buzzard, Olympia, WA, ran for the legislature on a platform of education reform, family concerns and fair treatment of state employees.

Robert Tifford, Cottonwood, AZ, is a correspondent for her local newspaper for community college work. She has her own counseling practice focusing on marital and relationship problems.

Kim Main, New York, NY, is enjoying being a full-time mother to two. In July, Kim was elected to The Evergreen State College Faculty Senate. She will be working on the Parker’s Landing Park Committee. Roberta has her own counseling practice focusing on marital and relationship problems.

Jeff Barton, Lebanon, NH, is a pastor at Dartmouth.

Michael Maloy, Longbranch, CA, passed away July 16 after an extended illness. Michael grew up in Eelp.
Class of 1979
Janet Gould-Notan, Oak Park, IL, is the executive assistant commissioner in Oak Park, wrote the household legislation for the State of Illinois.

Annie Orelie, Thetford, VT, is teaching math at Dartmouth.

Bob Demorest, Woodacre, CA, is a junior high school teacher.

Barbara Babson, Salt Lake City, UT, is a self-employed therapist.

Ellie Marshall, Thetford, VT, is an organization development consultant. She is married to Brian Marshall (Class of 1980). Their first son, Jack, was born in November.


Steve Schreurs, Golden Valley, MN, is a marketing manager and says, “Come visit us here in the Tundra.” Steve married Maria Schreurs, ’80.

Rich Phillips, Seattle, WA, feels privileged to be a board member for the Combined Federal Campaign in King County for the 1992 campaign.

Class of 1980
Carrie Wood, Belfair, WA, is working for Debbi Gipson, a third grade teacher.

Tamarah Johnson, Hopkinsville, KY, production coordinator for General Mills.

Conrad Driscoll, Oakdale, CA, is a landscape architect. He enjoys the Bay Area and would love to get together with other alumni from the later ’70s.

Sabin Ewings, Vershire, VT, a solar homesteader and mother of two children, raises angora goats.

Bruce Wedelle, South Bend, WA, is director of the Pacific County Museum.

Franklin Bjorseth, M.D., Spokane, WA, finished medical school and is specializing in computer graphics.

Carole Tucker, Ypsilanti, MI, was appointed health education coordinator of Eastern Michigan University Health Services, where she is responsible for assessing the health needs of the campus community. As a Peace Corps volunteer, she was a health educator in the Ministry of Health for the Republic of Seychelles on Praslin Island. She also did volunteer work for California radio station producing documentaries on AIDS education and public policy.

Class of 1982
Joanna Charnas, Brighton, MA, is a senior social worker at a nonprofit social service agency in Boston, specializing in crisis work and work with homeless. Joanne also earned her black belt in Tae Kwon Do! 

Hugh Bridgford, Guayaquil, Ecuador, is setting up a computer-based sculpture studio in Ecuador for an Israeli company. This job combines his studio art training with his expertise in dimensional computer graphics. Hugh also found time to explore the colonial city of Quito and travel by boat down a tributary of the Amazon.

Jeanne (Shappell) Commesso, Olympia, WA, owns her own business teaching individuals and small businesses how to use accounting software.

Tracy Marsales, Chelan, WA, is a newlywed, is returning to nursing school at Wenatchee Valley College.

Mark Duxbury, Seattle, WA, is a hematopoietic product specialist with Ortho Biotech.

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Mike Riley, Raymond, WA, hopes to be relocated to the 19th District and plans to concentrate on such issues as the wetlands, I-121 laws, jail overcrowding and the rights of small, private timber holders to harvest crops.

Carolyn Ryon, Seattle, WA, is a reporter for Second City newspaper. Carolyn interviewed the former mayor of Chicago about her former job as a reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

Kathleen (Kurlins) Dew, Issaquah, WA, is the new communications director for the Aluminum Association, a trade organization for the Seventh Fifth Legislative District. Dew promotes awareness of university education, incoming transportation systems and managed growth as her top priorities.

Mike DelBue, St. Paul, MN, is in charge of subscriptions for the Ordway Music Theatre.

Mary Moon, Carson City, NV, is working at Western Maridale Community College.

Mikael Ellingsen, Vancouver, WA, is working for Debbi Gipson, a third grade teacher.

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Teresa Jennings, Olympia, WA, ran for Thurston County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

Jacob Weinan, San Francisco, is a free-lance writer.

Michael Richard, Oakland, CA, passed away on September 29 of natural causes. Michael was a software computer engineer for Belco. A memorial service was held November 1 in Seattle, and his parents have established a memorial scholarship fund at Evergreen in his name. Our deepest sympathy to Michael’s family.

Russell Richardson, Olympia, WA, returned home after completing two years in the Peace Corps in Western Samoa.

Frank Gunderson, Bloomington, IN, is finishing coursework for his Ph.D. at Wesleyan University's Music Department, preparing to spend two years in Tanzania doing fieldwork on music and labor union activity. Frank is married to Michaela Pohl, '88.

Class of 1988

Jeff Gage, Purdy, WA, is Recycling Services coordinator for Land Recovery, Inc., and has fulfilled his dream of managing the largest compost pile in the country, utilizing his new program that will significantly contribute to allowing the country to reach its goal of a 50 percent reduction of the waste stream by 1995.

Carol Chatfield, Seattle, WA, is a technical writer for Microsoft.

Adam Herlein, Portland, OR, is employed as a studio portrait and wedding photographer.

Michaela Pohl, Bloomington, IN, married Frank Gunderson, '87, and is working on coursework for a Ph.D. in Russian History at Indiana University.

Class of 1989

Valentina Warner, Seattle, WA, a first-year medical student at the University of Washington, is participating in a program to give future physicians experience in rural areas. This program, the Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program, which involves communities across Eastern Washington, will give Valentina the "hands-on medical experience and a taste of the work of rural doctors" that she is seeking.

Lisa Holliday, Seattle, WA, quit her full-time Properties Analyst position with Alaska Airlines to pursue her own training and consulting business. Lisa is working from her home in the Sea-Tac area with the help of her husband, Abbo Peterson, ’83.

Meagan MacKenzie, Longview, WA, graduated cum laude from Notre Dame Law School where, at 22 years of age, she was the youngest in her class. Meagan has returned home to Longview to be a power lawyer, working to fight for people who are being treated unjustly.

Ricardo Swain, Tacoma, WA, is coordinator of the Intensive Outpatient Drug Dependency Treatment Program at Seattle Veterans' Medical Center.

Joe VanBuskirk, Olympia, WA, married Judy Best, ’90.

Bonita Evans, Olympia, WA, is a program assistant for The Evergreen State College's MESMPA graduate program.

Anita Lawrence, Olympia, WA, is the manager of Barduf & Bronson’s coffee house.

Michael McAllister, Tacoma, WA, earned his Juris Doctor degree at the University of Puget Sound School of Law. He graduated in the top five percent of his class and maintained Dean's List standing for two years.

Vickie Brennan, Olympia, WA, is employed at The Evergreen State College as an accountant.

Allison Radke, Seattle, WA, was promoted to the position of buyer with Moving Books, the Northwest's largest wholesaler of metaphysical books. She says she "has to do a lot of math!"

Class of 1990

Andy Vance Hill, Lacey, WA, married Lesley Anne Herder in March and is employed by the state Attorney General's office.

Shannon McAlachlan, Bloomington, MN, is a community program assistant.

Judy Best, Olympia, WA, is married to Joe VanBuskirk, ’89.

Tom Freeman, Olympia, WA, was appointed business manager for KAOS public radio station. Tom will also oversee KAOS's local fundraising activities.

Nancy Conner, Olympia, WA, who received a Master in Public Administration degree from Evergreen in 1992, was appointed as chief deputy assessor for Thurston County.

Paul Perry, Olympia, WA, owns and manages the Green Frog Wine Shop.

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Jennifer Nelson, Olympia, WA, is employed as a project associate for Alternatives to Fear's self-defense program for visually-impaired women.

Eric Hucheson, Martinez, CA, spent the last year traveling in Mexico and Canada before taking a job in business development for International Technology, Inc., an environmental consulting company.

Catherine Springer, Olympia, WA, married Eric Tedrick. Catherine is employed by the Association of Washington Cities.

Tedi Weber, Olympia, WA, is Bishop of Pacific Northwest, a Federation of St. Thomas Christians.

Lindsey Bolger, Olympia, WA, is the head roaster for Barduf & Bronson’s coffee house.

Pablo Bellon, Vancouver, BC, is attending graduate school at the University of British Columbia.

Maia Bellon, Tempe, AZ, is attending graduate school at Arizona State University, College of Law, and is a member of the Alumni Board.

Mei-li Henman, Oakland, CA, is attending graduate school at San Francisco State University.

Bruce Haney, Randle, WA, is a member of the faculty at Centralia College.


Eric Knudson, Haywood, CA, says, "Remember me in your prayers to the patron deity of grad school."

Georgia Schoiber, Berkeley, CA, is a bookkeeper and a pregnancy/abortion counselor for Planned Parenthood.

Robert Olson, Madison, WI, is a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

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Toni Zeen, Olympia, WA, is working for Employment Security, Office of Treasury.

Christine Platt, Tumwater, WA, married Jeffrey Parsons in April. Christine is employed by C.B. Consulting.

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Catch up with old friends and meet new ones while touring the aquarium for half price. Join us for this dessert potluck and weeknight party! Kids are welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to Rachel Burke in Seattle at 253-8659 or Evergreen's Alumni Office at 866-6000, ext. 6551. See you January 20! If you are interested in helping to plan the next Seattle gathering-the Beaux Arts Ball, let Oregon or the office know. We’re looking for a few good volunteers!
Despite the Reunion weekend. Still, undaunted by the dreary weather, a group of Evergreenites got together and spent a weekend talking of such familiar Evergreen subjects as seminars, Willi Unsoeld, Outdoor Education, Red Square, the CPJ, the old days versus the new, how renowned beginnings, and the merits of the 4th Ave. continent from Evergreen in the small town of East Thetford from places like Boston, New Hampshire and Vermont. Linnet "Floyd '87, deserves a hearty mention, for she left behind the sun and warmth of Bermuda where she is spending the weekend.

As with the two previous Vermont Greener Gatherings, there was a dinner on Saturday night and brunch on Sunday. After brunch, those who wanted to hike tackled Lambert Hampshire, which several of the grads who reconnected during the two days had not seen each other in more than a decade.

Thanks to Ellie and Norm and the Alumni Office, the gathering was a real success. As one grad said, "I'm so glad things like this are happening on the East Coast." And, as in the two previous Vermont Reunions, new friendships were created and old ones re-established.

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The reunion was a perfect spot for an alumni retreat on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 & 22, 1993. In the past years this N.E. Gathering has been hosted by Payne Junker and Ellen Marshall. For 1993 we are looking for a coordinator to be responsible for the event. Others are willing to help. Piers will handle the booking for all room accommodations. The coordinator will keep track of who's coming, keep track of the expenses, and answer questions.

This is the ideal chance to support TESC while benefiting from a networking activity. If you are interested in being the 1993 N.E. Retreat Coordinator, call the Alumni Affairs Office at 206-886-6000, ext. 6531.

The Evergreen Alumni Association had a very busy year! The following is a sampling of the projects and events the Association sponsored.

A continuing scholarship was established to award $500 to an undergraduate student. Erin Gould was this year's recipient.

The reception held at the state capital, supported and celebrated Evergreen graduates working in the legislature. Alumni gave tours of downtown Olympia to new students and held a reception for parents during Fall Orientation week. Alumni volunteers welcomed the next generation of (and helped orient them to Evergreen's unique vocabulary).

Representatives from the Alumni Association participated in campus DTPs and presented position papers on Evergreen campus security and tutoring.

The Alumni Association sponsored a Super Saturday breakfast and seminar on the book You Just Don't Understand. Deborah Tannen, Ph.D., with faculty members Charles McCann, Rudy Martin and Rita Pougiales. Several alumni participated in a new mentoring program, designed to be a resource for both undergraduate and graduate students. Library staff and the alumni association prepared an exhibit of photographs and artifacts from the Evergreen archives. And previous faculty member, Willi Unsoeld, was honored in the 1991 play written by Jon Pielmeier, "Willi, An Evening of Spirit and Wilderness," which was performed at A Contemporary Theatre in Seattle and partially sponsored by the Alumni Association.

If you want to get involved, please call the Alumni Office at (206) 886-6000, ext. 6551.

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Cooper Point Journal

The Cooper Point Journal is published on Thursday during the fall, winter and spring quarters. For a modest fee, The Evergreen State College’s student operated, produced and funded newspaper provides daily coverage of the state campus and the community. The CPJ staff is a dedicated and lively crew which represents some of the diversity of creative Evergreen. Thus, receiving the CPJ at home, you can easily keep in touch with the issues and concerns that affect all Greeners.

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This architectural drawing of the Evergreen Longhouse by college architect Jon Collier brings a longstanding Evergreen dream another step closer to reality. Throughout much of Evergreen's history, many faculty, students, staff and alumni have added substance to the dream of building a Longhouse on campus as a place of multicultural learning, a home for the Native American Studies program and a catalyst to stronger ties between the region's native communities and the college. But steps taken have always fallen short of full funding.

Some solitary footnotes in Longhouse history include placing the project in the 1989-91 capital budget as an attachment to a "Public Service Building." Neither building made the final budget. Years before, when construction of other buildings forced the removal of cedar trees, community protests subsided with the decision to save the timber for the longhouse, whenever it's built. And several graduating classes have made considerable cash gifts to the project.

Today, President Jane Jervis has set in motion the most ambitious effort yet to make the Longhouse a reality. Having a full set of architectural drawings in hand is just one element. Turn to page 18 for details about the revitalized effort to create an Evergreen Longhouse.