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Peace Corps

For the first time ever, Evergreen has earned a spot on the Peace Corps' list of "Top Producing Colleges and Universities," a ranked list based on the number of alumni currently serving as volunteers. Evergreen ranks 21st amongst small colleges and universities whose alumni are currently serving. In a letter sent by Gaddi H. Vaquez, the Director of the Peace Corps, she wrote, "throughout the years, your school has made a tremendous contribution to this agency's global legacy of public service. This ranking clearly reflects the high caliber of the students who attend your institution." Eighteen Evergreen alumni are currently serving. The Peace Corps is currently operating in 71 countries around the world.

Russell Foundation Grant to the Washington Center

Emily Lardner and Gillies Malnarich, co-directors of the Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education, are pleased to announce a new grant from The Russell Family Foundation. It will lay the groundwork for a multi-year Washington Center initiative related to environmental learning and sustainability at Evergreen and its consortium campuses in Washington State. Jean MacGregor, longtime Washington Center staff member and MES adjunct faculty will direct this initiative, entitled "Curriculum for the Bioregion." Evergreen faculty Heather Heying and Tyrus Smith will serve on the inter-institutional steering committee for this project. The $65,000 Russell grant will support 15 months of planning and network-building with selected two- and four-year colleges and universities in the Puget Sound region. For further information, be in touch with Jean MacGregor at macgjean@evergreen.edu. For more information about the "Curriculum for the Bioregion" project, please see the attached preliminary planning phase document.

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

The following faculty members have been awarded mini-grants through the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning initiative. Stephen Beck will study "Faculty Support of Student Self-Evaluations;" Dharshi Bopegedera will conduct a "Career Week" for chemistry students in the *Atoms, Molecules, and Research* Program; Susan Preciso & Sarah Ryan will do an evaluation of their 2003-04 program, *The Age of Irony*, and prospects for its next incarnation in 2006/07 curriculum, and Joli Sandoz will explore "Learning from the Personal in a Collaborative Academic Environment."

Additional proposals are welcome, and funding is still available. If you are interested in submitting an application, the following link will take you to the form. If you have any questions, please direct them to Laura Coghlan at ext. 6676 or coghlanl@evergreen.edu.

http://www.evergreen.edu/institutionalresearch/minigrants.htm