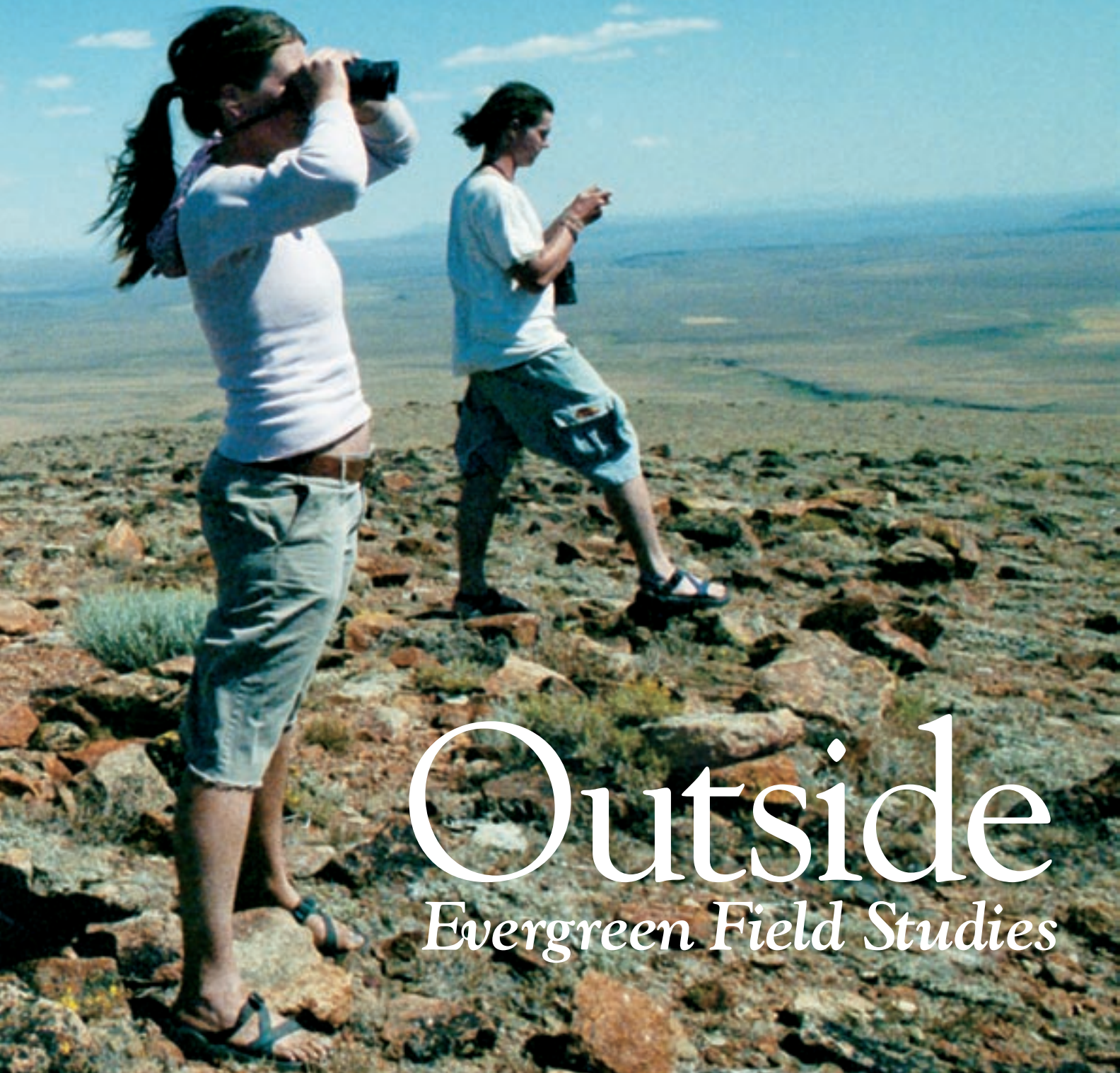


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My fondest memory of taking students into the field was a frosh core program in the Olympics in January. We had reserved a Forest Service camp but a falling tree knocked out the kitchen/community center just before we arrived, forcing us to improvise shelter and cooking arrangements.

The students rallied and found a way to get warm, dry, and fed. After we got settled, we hiked in the rain forest in some serious rain. I still chuckle whenever I see the picture of us on that hike soaking wet, yet happy. That trip bonded us as a true community for the remainder of the academic program and beyond.

When I “enter the field” as a social scientist, my venue is often a community or an organization. Historically, field study experiences have been an important part of Evergreen’s learning community experience and take many forms, like a few years ago when Paul Butler organized a faculty summer institute around backpacking in the Olympics.

The academic topics were geology and Washington history but the main goal was for faculty to experience first hand the joys and benefits of natural history field studies and to learn methods to incorporate it into their academic programs. I had the pleasure of attending that institute and it was soon thereafter that I took those frosh students into the Olympics.

Hope to see you in the field soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Bantz".

Don Bantz
Academic Vice President and Provost



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Hip-Hop Science Hits Evergreen

Written by Nalini M. Nadkarni, Peter Epperson, and Todd Denny, The Evergreen State College

Teachers use pop culture to make science fun.

How can scientists make science exciting to urban kids? Traditionally, researchers have tried textbooks and laboratory studies to engage urban and at-risk youth. Often the results are poor, since children who grow up in a landscape of concrete and cars are not usually interested in bugs and trees.

But, for a week in mid-July, a unique mixture of academic scientists, rap artists, and sound engineers inspired a group of 40 middle school students from the Evergreen State College's GEAR UP program — a project to promote lifelong learning funded by the US Department of Education — to open their eyes and spirits to the many hidden worlds that the natural world presents.

The concept of using popular culture — specifically, rap music — to engage and teach students was developed by Todd Denny, '85, a musician and youth counselor. Peter Epperson, '81 organized logistics and coordinated the many partners. Dr. Nalini Nadkarni, faculty member and founder of the Research Ambassador Program, funded by the National Science Foundation,



developed aspects of scientific inquiry.

Dr. Nadkarni, a researcher in forest canopies, recruited two other Evergreen faculty scientists to provide a solid scientific basis for the program. The first day, Dr. Nadkarni focused the students' energy and excitement on hidden worlds in the forest canopy, giving them a tree-climbing demonstration to a 70-foot-high canopy platform. She taught a professional rap artist named "Caution" to climb with ropes and harnesses. After he descended back to the forest floor, Caution created an energetic rap song about his treetop experience for the students. On Tuesday, the students, along with Research Ambassador Dr. Jack Longino, carried out experiments on the hidden worlds of thatch mound ants that dwell in the College parking lots. On Wednesday, Dr.

Gerardo Chin-Leo inspired the students to explore the hidden worlds exposed at low tide on the Evergreen beach. The yells of excitement at discovering squirting clams, elegant starfish, and translucent jellyfish assured the staff that the students were enthusiastically digging into places they had never seen.

Buses from the south side of Tacoma arrived each day with highly energized middle school students who had limited exposure to college learning or the natural sciences. At the end of each day of exploration, students were challenged to write and record original lyrics inspired by the scientific discoveries they made during their field experiences. The last two days were filled with writing, editing, rehearsing, recording and partnering with professional sound engineers. On the final day, twelve tracks were laid, mixed and compiled onto a custom music CD that the students, GEAR UP staff, and scientists can use to promote further learning and scientific inquiry.

As one of the kids said in the final talking circle, "I didn't know science could be fun — but it is!"



Organic Farm makes biodiesel

Written by John Dodge,
The Olympian, Monday, Nov. 29, 2004

Student-built plant changes kitchen waste oil into fuel.



Sam Stout (left) and Kolby Bray-Hoagland

Photo: Tony Overman

The Organic Farm at The Evergreen State College has its own biodiesel production plant, thanks to the creativity and hard work of three students. Beginning last spring, the waste oil generated in the campus cafeteria kitchen will end up as nonpetroleum-based fuel for the two tractors at the student-run farm.

Sam Stout, Kolby Bray-Hoagland and David Rack designed and built the biodiesel processing plant at the farm as a school project that began in last year's Practices of Sustainable Agriculture program and continued into this year's fall quarter. "The hours that went into this project are unbelievable," Stout, 24, said.

The students also developed training, safety and maintenance manuals so the system can be safely operated and maintained long after they graduate. "These guys were professionals from

the beginning," said college science operations manager Marty Beagle, who worked with the students on the project. "It's clearly one of the more successful student projects out of hundreds I've been involved with."

Sustainability

Farm manager Melissa Barker said the efforts of the three students fit in perfectly with the sustainability goals of the farm.

"We are already turning food waste into farm compost and supplying produce to the kitchen," she said. "By recycling the cooking oil, we're closing the loop."

The used vegetable oil is blended with lye and methanol in a biodiesel reactor the students custom-built on campus and assembled at the farm.

The 8 to 10 gallons of oil generated each week at the kitchen matches

up nicely with the fuel needs of the two diesel tractors, Stout said.

"Biodiesel is a niche that could be filled here," Bray-Hoagland, 24, said.

Biodiesel will replace the diesel burned in the tractors, reducing chemical emissions that are toxic to humans and curbing carbon dioxide releases that contribute to global warming.

The nontoxic fuel is in use in several other venues in South Sound. Intercity Transit, school buses and city of Olympia garbage trucks use a blend of diesel and biodiesel. And Acme Fuel Co. opened the first commercial biodiesel fuel pumps in South Sound about a year ago at the intersection of Lilly and Stoll roads in Olympia. "I see biodiesel starting to get a foothold as an alternative fuel," Stout said.

Oil, lye, methanol

Processing biodiesel at the Organic Farm is a fairly straightforward process. The waste oil is placed in collection barrels with screens to filter out food particles and other solids.

The oil is transferred at the farm into a 55-gallon insulated drum and heated to 140 degrees Fahrenheit, using an electric heating strip. Lye and methanol are mixed in another barrel and then introduced to the vegetable oil in a reactor vessel where the ingredients are mixed for an hour.

Glycerin — a by-product of the mixing — is allowed to settle out of the fuel for 24 hours, then the biodiesel is washed with water to eliminate any residue soaps.

Then the water is filtered out of the oil to achieve a neutral pH reading of 7.

While the project has been challenging and rewarding, none of the students wants to make diesel production into a career. "I don't want to be in the grease business," Bray-Hoagland said.

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from *The Olympian*.



John Dodge, a 1978 Evergreen alumnus and environmental reporter for *The Olympian*, recently received the 2004 Dolly Connelly award for excellence in environmental journalism. Dodge received the award for his series "Tracking Hazardous Waste," a two-part series on toxic waste sites in Thurston County. The first two-time winner of the award, Dodge was also praised for his depth of knowledge and research.

Evergreen Housing Design Project Garners National Award

The Evergreen Sustainable Home Project, a collaborative project of The Evergreen State College and South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity has won a national leadership award.

The Healthy Building Network Leadership Award is dedicated to one organization each year for efforts made to advance the use of building materials that protect human health and promote environmental integrity throughout their lifecycle. The Evergreen and Habitat for Humanity project designed an affordable and

efficient single-family home in West Olympia. Students in Evergreen's "Eco Design" program designed the house.

Evergreen student Luke Howard and local green building activist Tom St. Louis took key roles in the project. The home has received high praise from the Olympia Master Builders

Association, and was featured on their "Parade of Homes" during the summer of 2004. The house exceeds a "Three Star Built Green" rating by over 400 points, and the state Department of Natural Resources uses the home to show the public how to build houses in urban areas that are wildfire resistant.



Dr. Sophie Bilezikian with the first student recipient of the Sara Ann Bilezikian Fellowship, Laura Ritter.

1st Bilezikian Fellow

After the tragic loss of their daughter Sara, Drs. John and Sophie Bilezikian wanted to honor her memory by supporting causes that were important to her. This led to the creation of an endowed fellowship award that would enable a promising young person to study the integral relationships between the responsible preservation and conservation of the natural environment and the ultimate well-being of humanity. The generosity of the Bilezikians, their family and friends will ensure that the Sara Ann Bilezikian Fellowship for Masters in Environmental Studies will make a profound difference in a student's life for generations to come.

The first recipient of the Bilezikian Fellowship is Laura Ritter of Prairie Village, KS, a UW graduate and former Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana. "I feel honored to be this year's recipient of the Bilezikian Fellowship," said Laura, "and I look forward to beginning my two-year journey as an MES student at Evergreen."

New Book Chronicles History of Lynching

Evergreen faculty member Michael Pfeifer analyzes the relationship between lynching and criminal justice.

Rough Justice: Lynching and American Society, 1874-1947 is the first book by Michael Pfeifer, a member of the Evergreen faculty and, according to Pfeifer, the book is the first national analysis of lynching and criminal justice. Pfeifer argues that lynching was not eradicated, but instead institutionalized. As states banned lynching, they replaced it with a revitalized death penalty. In Washington state, execution by hanging is still an option.

Pfeifer uncovered a lost and dark history in a century-old heap of coroner's inquests, court reports, personal correspondence and news articles.

"It was an amazing sensation to unwind the folder clasp on a coroner's inquest that hadn't been looked at since it was filed. I posted Web pages of all the lynchings that I documented in the seven states — Washington, California, Iowa, Wyoming, Louisiana, Wisconsin and New York—that I studied. Descendants, including grandchildren, of victims and perpetrators began emailing me. Through their correspondence, I learned details about the mob killings that never were published before," Pfeifer said.



Rough Justice: Lynching and American Society, 1874-1947 was published by the University of Illinois Press.

Evergreen Counselor Named Best in Region

Jason Kilmer recognized for effectively connecting with students.

Jason Kilmer, an addictive behaviors specialist at The Evergreen State College, has been named the "mid-level student affairs professional of the year" at a regional conference, and represented Evergreen at a national student affairs conference as a nominee for the national award.

Kilmer was honored October 29 in Boise, ID, at the regional conference of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

The association cited Kilmer's unique ability to connect with students on a personal level and effectively provide them with information they need to make informed decisions. "It is Jason's incredible combination of research skills, presentation ability, personal traits, and commitment that make him such an effective educator and an outstanding mid-level professional," said Elizabeth McHugh, director of Evergreen's Health and Counseling Services, in a letter to the association.

Kilmer said receiving the award is a real honor. "I work with a great group of people, and appreciate all the support I have received from my colleagues," he said. Kilmer has been employed at The Evergreen State College since 1999, and graduated from the University of Washington with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. In addition to being a member of the counseling center staff, he also teaches in the part-time studies program as an adjunct member of the faculty at Evergreen.

Environmental Advocate Named Evans Chair

Betsy Damon's work in China has garnered international acclaim.

Environmental advocate Betsy Damon has been selected as Evergreen's 2005 Daniel J. Evans Chair.

Damon's 6.5-acre park in Chengdu, Peoples' Republic of China, cleans part of the water of the Fu-Nan River. It is also an art center, environmental education center, and recreation area that has won several international awards. She is currently working on other projects

in China and the United States.

Damon will be based in the Core program, "Interrogating American Cultures through the Arts," taught by Evergreen faculty Ratna Roy, Gail Tremblay and Marge Brown. Damon will also work with other programs during her five-week tenure.

Funded by a State grant and matching gifts from private donors, the Daniel J. Evans Chair in Liberal Arts was

created in 1991 to enrich academic programs and intensively support entry-level, or Core programs. The endowment honors former Evergreen president, U.S. Senator, and Washington State Governor Dan Evans.

Past Evans Chairs include writers Sherman Alexie and bell hooks; zoologist Louis Guillet, Jr.; and composers Rick Burkhardt, Andy Gricevich, and Gerhard Staebler.

National Science Foundation Awards Evergreen Faculty Project \$877,099

Faculty will collaborate to compare forest structures around the world.

The National Science Foundation [NSF] has awarded Evergreen faculty members Judy Cushing and Nalini Nadkarni \$877,099 to build a Web-based fleet of data and imaging software to compare the many types of forests that exist at different locations on our globe.

"Each researcher has measured one part of the forest, but no one has put



Judy Cushing

the whole thing together. That is what Judy and I are trying to do, to describe the whole from the parts by bringing in computer tools to help individual researchers synthesize what the forest structure really is," said Nadkarni, a forest ecologist.

"While the work on this grant focuses only on the forest canopy, the findings and tools will be applicable more broadly within the field of ecology," Cushing said. "This is the kind of project where interdisciplinary collaboration is required so Nalini and I are thankful to be at Evergreen, which so encourages that ideal."

"The grant process is very competitive, it speaks very highly of Judy and Nalini to come out on top. They're a very high-caliber team, a neat collaboration

between computer science and forest ecology," NSF official Gerald Guala said. "The broader impacts of their projects make this a very good proposal to fund. The educational aspects are strong and the use of undergraduates is unique."

The three-year grant is one of the largest research awards the College has ever received.



Nalini Nadkarni



Evergreen Appoints New Provost

A familiar face has been appointed as Evergreen's new academic vice president and provost.

Don Bantz moved into the top academic post full time last summer after having served for a year on an interim basis. He previously served for three years as an academic dean for budget and as a member of the faculty for 17 years.

Bantz was selected from three finalists in a competitive process that attracted applicants from across the country. Evergreen President Thomas L. "Les" Purce said Bantz "brings to the position a passion and deep understanding of all that makes teaching and learning at Evergreen extraordinary."

Bantz began his career at Evergreen in 1988 in the Master of Public

Administration program, where he taught political and economic context of public administration, research methods, understanding public organizations and a number of other offerings. An accomplished public administrator, Bantz's experience includes positions in Snohomish County, where he was the administrator of the Community Services Division, and Alaska, where he was executive director of several health-care programs. He has extensive experience working with diverse populations, including more than 50 Indian tribes throughout Washington, California and Alaska.

Bantz says Evergreen hasn't fundamentally changed since he arrived here in 1988, and he says one of his top priorities is safeguarding

Evergreen's unique and nationally-known teaching and learning style. "We can't lose our pedagogy," he said.

In an academic environment like Evergreen, Bantz says his new job isn't as much about managing as it is about working with faculty and students. "You can't manage it...you have to enable it," he says.

Bantz earned a bachelor's degree in management and marketing from Fullerton State University, and a master's and doctoral degree in public administration from the University of Southern California.

Sports

Geoduck Men's Soccer Goes to the Nationals

Written by Dave Weber,
Director of Athletics

Never.

That's when The Evergreen State College men's soccer team had a season as good as its 16-7 finish in 2004.

Never.

That's when an Evergreen team had advanced as far in a national championship tournament as men's soccer did when it reached the third round of the 2004 NAIA National Championship in Kansas during November.

There had been high hopes right from the season's start — the Geoducks had three offensive-minded seniors, Joe Gjertsen, Nate Ford and Jason Gjertsen, to go with a strong defense anchored by four-year starting goalkeeper Tom Kneeshaw. Early on, Evergreen defeated visiting Chico State 2-1. The Wildcats had finished as the #2 team in the NCAA Division II ranks in 2003.

The magic began in the Region I tournament. In the semi-final, Kneeshaw shut out Cascade Conference power Concordia University for 110 minutes, but Evergreen couldn't score a goal either, so the match was decided by a shootout from the penalty kick mark. With Kneeshaw stopping two Cavalier shots, Evergreen prevailed 4-2. In the next night's championship game, with Evergreen's new all-time scoring leader Joe Gjertsen finding the net twice, Warner Pacific went

James McDonnell using his head in the Geoducks' 2-1 overtime win over Ohio's University of Rio Grande.

Photo: ASI





Photo: Jessica Thorne

Senior Joe Gjertsen was named a 2004 NAIA All-American.

down 2-0 and the Geoducks booked their flight to the NAIA Nationals.

No one would have predicted what Evergreen, making its first appearance at the national level, would do next, or imagine the flair with which they would do it.

In the featured game of the tournament's opening day, the Geoducks rode two Kyle Andrews' goals to a 2-1 overtime victory over the host school, William Jewell University of Missouri. Andrews' second goal came on a set play just 38 seconds into overtime.

Neutral fans at the Activity Center in the Kansas City suburb of Olathe, KS, swayed by Evergreen's explosive style of play and a fascination with the Geoduck mascot, jumped on the bandwagon.

Evergreen suited up 17 players for the tournament. All were from the United States, making the Geoducks one of just three all-American teams in the

tourney. But unlike even the other two homegrown squads, the Geoducks featured 16 players, all but one, from their home state, Washington.

Standing in their way in the second round was the University of Rio Grande from Ohio. All but a handful of Rio's players were imports from the United Kingdom: tall, fit Englishmen, Scots and Welshmen who had put together a mind-boggling 66-game unbeaten string and came into the tournament as the defending NAIA champions.

When Jason Gjertsen pounded a free kick just under the crossbar in the final minute of the first half to give Evergreen a 1-0 lead, newfound fans joined 30 or so supporters who had made the trip from the Northwest in chants of "Geo-DUCKS! Geo-DUCKS!"

Twenty-five minutes into the second half, though, the glass slipper seemed to shatter when Rio's Mike McManus evened the score. Order had been restored, it seemed, and when the Redmen sent five fresh frontline players into the game in the final minutes against an injury-plagued and fatigued band of Geoducks most thought the streak was about to reach 67.

Didn't happen. Evergreen held on to force overtime, and seven minutes in Joe Gjertsen slid a pass to a wide-open Ford on the right side. Ford blasted home a crossing shot from 18 yards out to win it for the Geoducks.

Alas, two days later against Berry College, Evergreen was eliminated 4-2 despite goals by Joe Gjertsen and Jeff Wruck.

But, the accomplishments weren't over for the Geoducks. The honors began to roll in. Head coach Tom Boatright, a 1989 Evergreen grad, was named Region I Coach of the Year. Joe Gjertsen was selected a third-team All-America, one of just five of the NAIA's top 33 players from the United States.

Ford was given NAIA honorable mention honors. Both Gjertsen and Ford were named to both the All-Region I and All-Cascade Conference teams. Defensive wizards

...newfound fans joined ... in chants of "Geo-DUCKS! Geo-DUCKS!"

Greg Preciado, Zephyr Titus and Dan Jones received all-conference honors. Other members of the team were Sean Oliver, Alex Swanson, Nick Mancaruso, Tom Arndt, Lucas Arthur, Matt Welling, Cameron Bell, James McDonnell, redshirt Jeff Bader and assistant coaches Steve Zimmerman (another Evergreen alumnus) and Will Leiste.

All-American Alisha White led the women's soccer team with 14 goals.



Photo: Jessica Thorne

Evergreen Junior Runner Selected as All-American Scholar-Athlete, Goes to Nationals.

Written by Dave Weber,
Director of Athletics

For the first time since its return to Evergreen four years ago, the Geoducks' cross-country team qualified a runner for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Championships. In addition, the cross-country team boasted an NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete.

Both were the same man, junior Josh Klimek.

Klimek, who qualified for the NAIA Championships in Louisville, KY, with a fine individual performance at the Region I meet in Portland, was well back in the pack at nationals. However, his academic performance put him at the head of the class among NAIA runners.

The NAIA requires a 3.5 grade point average for consideration for Scholar-Athlete selection. Evergreen has had a number of athletes selected, but Evergreen's unique narrative evaluation process makes it more difficult for a Geoduck athlete to be recognized. Evergreen's Faculty Athletics

Representative, Paul Sparks, must read through each quarter's evaluation to be certain the student-athlete's performance is comparable to a 3.5 GPA. Then the NAIA's selection committee repeats the process. That challenge makes Klimek's double accomplishment of a national-caliber season on the course and academic recognition away from running all the more impressive.

Evergreen's head coach Craig Dickson has also done an impressive job in quietly, patiently turning the Geoducks into strong competitors. In his fourth season of reviving the sport once coached by Evergreen coaching and recreation legend Pete Steilberg, Dickson has created competitive men's and women's programs and brought other colleges to campus for an invitational meet named in honor of Steilberg.

In addition to Klimek, Sean Gaskill, Jason McConnell, James Hudson and Kyle Skaggs scored in the regional meet

while Megan Mower led a women's team that also included Liesl Plomski, Rachel Williams, Sara Aikin and Megan Longo.

Josh Klimek was named an NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete.



Photo: Jessica Thorne

Women's Soccer Catches Fire

Written by Dave Weber,
Director of Athletics

Although the Geoducks got off to a 0-8-1 start, the team's demeanor was positive and steady, reflecting the quiet confidence of new coach Erik Gibson-Snyder. Formerly the top assistant coach in the University of Montana's successful women's soccer program, Gibson-Snyder played soccer at Evergreen for Arno Zoske who, until current men's basketball coach John Barbee recently achieved his 100th victory, was Evergreen's all time winningest coach for all sports.

Gibson-Snyder and the team continued to follow his plan, though, and finally, Evergreen caught fire, winning seven of their final eight Cascade Conference regular season games and tying the eighth against Concordia, the nation's third-ranked team. Some bad breaks in the Cascade Conference tournament kept the Evergreen women from having a chance to go as deep into the post-season as the men's team, but they still had several positive accomplishments.

Junior transfer Alisha White was selected as Evergreen's second NAIA All-American. White, from Bremerton and Walla Walla Community College, was also selected as the Cascade Conference newcomer of the year after scoring a team-leading 14 goals. Sophomore Kimberley Force was named to the All-CCC second team.

Gibson-Snyder and the Geoducks should continue to see success, as they only lose one senior and 10 of 11 starters are expected to return in 2005.



A Sage Thrasher, newly outfitted with a uniquely numbered aluminum band, is released by an Evergreen natural history student.

For the past 25 years, Drs. Steve Herman and Al Wiedemann have worked together teaching natural history – the scientific study of plants and animals in their natural habitats. In a program unique in its scope, not only do students develop reading, writing, journaling and research skills, but they experience the subject firsthand through long, meaningful field trips across the Western Hemisphere. In the following essay, Dr. Herman offers his insights into what makes this uniquely Evergreen program so special.

Written by Steven G. Herman
Photos by Martin Kane

Evergreen in the Field

Natural History Studies Take Students Beyond the Classroom

In his brilliant introduction to *The Secret Forest* (1993), the distinguished naturalist and paleoecologist Paul S. Martin describes the wonders of spring field trips to parts of the tropical deciduous forest in Sonora, Mexico. His descriptions of these excursions are enthusiastic, and his text is full of rich description that praises the landscapes, the people, the organisms, and the value of extended natural history field trips to students and faculty alike. For all their value, however, these field trips were confined to spring semester breaks; they were limited in time and scope, and the students who participated were

not earning credit for their studies. And as is usual with field trips of this kind, the participants were “on their own time”; in short, they had to take vacation time to engage natural history at a serious, committed level.

At Evergreen we have done it differently. We have done it in ways that have been hugely beneficial to a huge number of students, students who have found themselves, careers, and lifelong passions in the process of being exposed to wild landscapes on extended, academically serious and otherwise meaningful natural history programs based in the field.

The unique curricular structure put together by Evergreen’s founders enabled faculty to spend protracted times in the field. Students, obligated to a single coordinated study program, group contract, or independent learning contract (these names

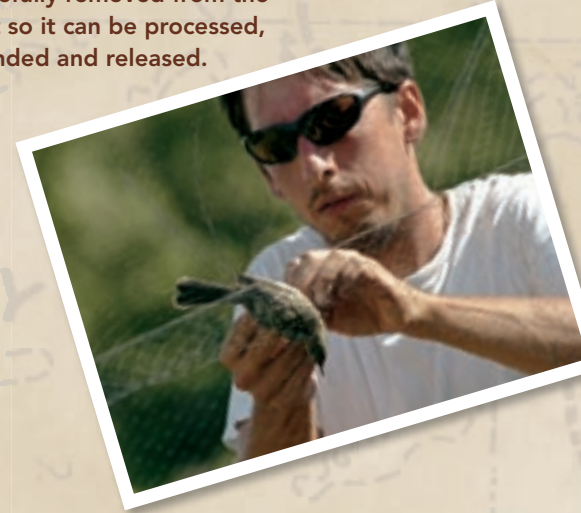


In many respects, Evergreen natural history programs harken back to the early days of exploration.



Dr. Steve Herman helps Melanie Pischalko '04 with a fine point of identification.

A newly caught bird is carefully removed from the net so it can be processed, banded and released.



A male MacGillivray's Warbler, wearing his new band, is ready to be released.

have evolved over the years) are free to spend long periods of time afield, because in part they are not obligated to be at "Psych 101, 2:00 P.M. MWF".

Al Wiedemann, a plant ecologist, and I, a zoologist, pioneered these natural history programs at Evergreen. The first one ran in 1972, the year after the college opened (we called it "Evergreen Environment," in the spirit of those early days), and there were programs of a similar sort until recent years. We tried all kinds of variations: two quarters, three quarters, two faculty, three faculty, but a consistent pattern of two quarters – winter and spring – emerged

about 1980, and served students well for nearly two decades.

It was common to spend 20-25 days in the field during the spring quarter, and the academic year regularly ended with a two-week field trip that always included southeast Oregon, where I (in the early eighties) purchased and developed an eighty acre parcel of shrubsteppe to accommodate students in a landscape of remarkable biodiversity and beauty.

A good number of alumni who spent time in the field from the early eighties until the early nineties will remember with considerable warmth the old

yellow school bus that took us so many places during those years. It went by many names, but mostly it was called "The Beagle" or "Beagle II," after the famous ship that took Darwin around the world on his famous voyage.

With the two rear seats removed to accommodate duffles, we could fit a regular sized group contract student body in that old bus and head down the road as a self-contained unit. When it rained some of us slept in the bus, while others slept under the tarp we set up at the side of the bus, and under which we cooked our meals, had our seminars, and prepared scientific study specimens. Those

were heady, rich, wonderful days, and those of us who were there remember them well.

In the more than three decades since the Evergreen Experiment was launched, field studies in natural history have taken many turns. My students have spent time in dozens of countries studying under individual learning contracts, but most, perhaps, have been participants in various group contracts with titles like "Natural History and Conservation in Latin America," "Ecology and Natural History of the Tropical Deciduous Forest," simply "Ornithology," or "Mammalogy," or "Ecuador Natural History."

Jeff Roelke and Jacob Patchen '05 set up one of the mist nets used to capture birds.



Photo: Courtesy of Steve Herman



The Beagle II, Steve Herman's school bus, carried students and faculty afield for a decade.



A Pacific-slope Flycatcher with its characteristic teardrop eyering.



The processing table is a busy place. Birds are usually only held for a few minutes while they are identified, sexed, measured and banded, then released as soon as possible.

A Brewer's Sparrow is checked against the detailed guide.



The hundreds of students who took these programs retain strong and positive memories of those times, those wild places, the birds, the mammals, the plants, the landscapes and, yes, the hard work they made part of their studies. All this was underlined when some 300 mostly ex-students showed up at my retirement party in September of 2001. What a great reunion it was for these students, and for myself and my old friend Al Wiedemann.

In many ways, though, the "Summer Ornithology: Birds in the Hand" group contract has been the consistent centerpiece of the field natural history teaching that I've done over the years. And there have been

plenty of years! 2004 (when Martin Kane's extraordinary photographs that accompany this article were taken) marked the twenty-third consecutive year this program has been taught on the wild and beautiful Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge.

About 250 students have participated in that program, and the recidivism rate is high. Every summer several students from previous years visit our elaborate camp in our private aspen-filled draw on the mountain. They come back to enjoy again the three gourmet meals that our cook (and Evergreen mail supervisor) Kort Jungel prepares daily, to mingle with and tell stories to

current students, to tend the nets and handle and band a few more birds, to share the warm ambiance of the camp, and to re-experience the incredible beauty of one of the largest pieces of public land in the American West and a part of our National Wildlife Refuge system.

Living in the field together for weeks at a time builds strong bonds and makes plenty of good stories, whether the class is on a tributary of the Amazon River in Ecuador or camped out in some old-growth sagebrush in eastern Washington. Everyone gets to know their fellow students and faculty pretty well — far better than they do in a classroom setting. The lessons learned

go well beyond the subject material, and often include lessons about getting along with other people, sharing the camp work load, doing dishes.

The legacy of Evergreen natural history programs of the sort described here has a life spanning a third of a century. In some ways it was nothing new — naturalists had lived and studied these ways for centuries — but in another it is new, because it has made these experiences — this kind of knowledge — available to generations of students for whom this kind of learning was previously inaccessible. It has been a great run. Let's hope this is only the beginning.

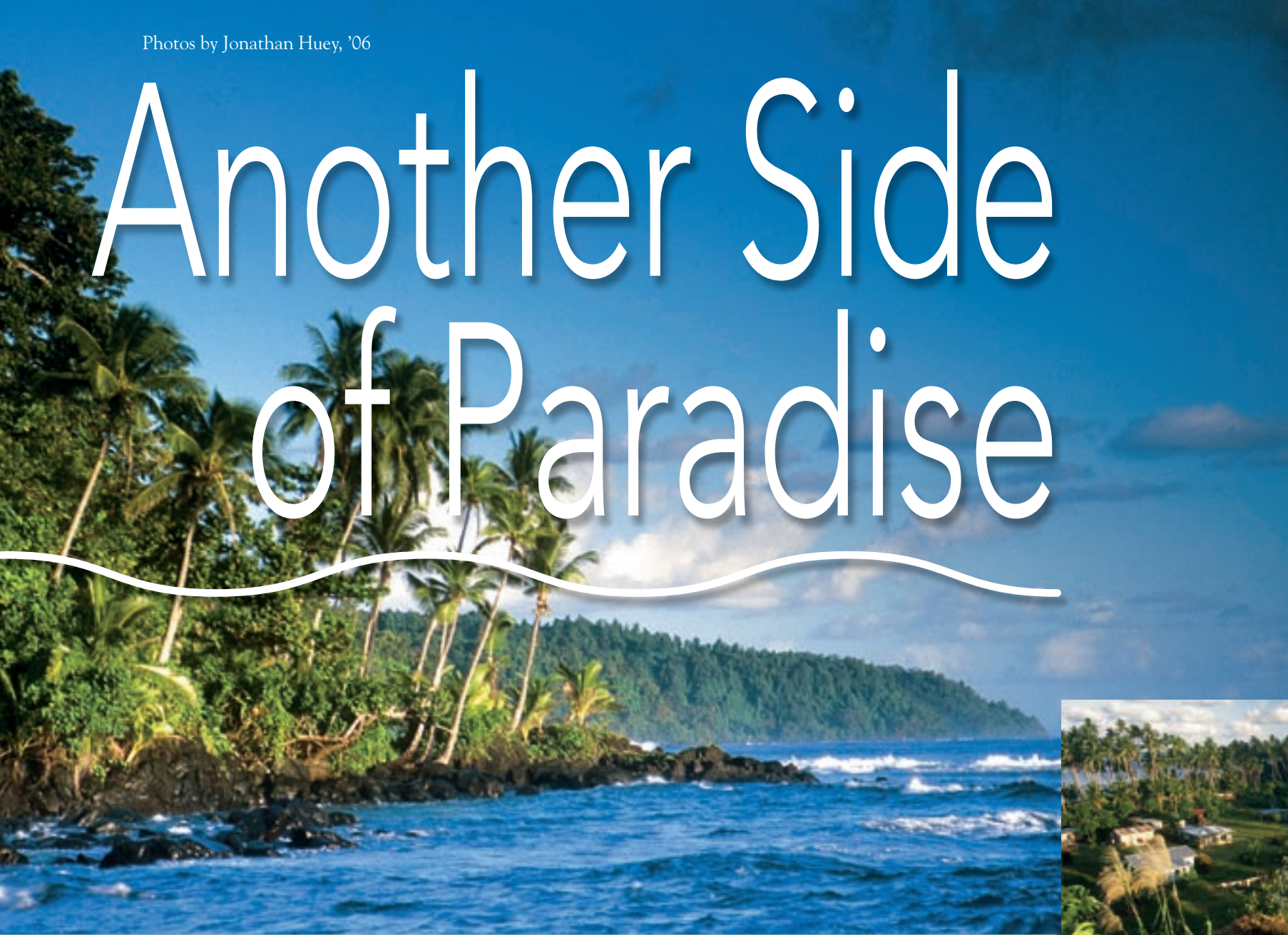


Kort Jungel, Evergreen's mail supervisor, has cooked for summer ornithology students since 1989.



But Kort doesn't do the dishes!

Another Side of Paradise



Island shot of Taveuni with the black volcanic rock beach.

Host mother Nana with Jon in the village of Welagi after a dinner.



One of the few sections of paved road on the island. Most roads are dirt or gravel.



Above
Overview of Lavena, one of the most isolated villages on the island. The village is in the Bouma National Heritage Park, which comprises eighty percent of the island.

Right
Jon's host mother Mary splits strands from coconut fronds to make a broom. No one in Taveuni purchases brooms, and it takes four to five hours to make one. **Inset:** The finished broom.



Jon Huey, '06, Experienced Fiji Culture through Evergreen's Island Studies Program.

When Jon Huey, '06, first planned his trip to Fiji, he thought he was heading to an island paradise where he would be greeted at the airport with a lei for his neck. But when he arrived in Taveuni, one of Fiji's smaller islands, his image was altered — forever.

Huey went to Taveuni by himself for eight weeks as part of the "Islands" program, led by faculty members Sally Cloninger and Virginia Darney. The program sent 36 students to different islands around the world — from the Aleutians to Sardinia, from New Zealand to the Canaries to Hawaii. Students examined the culture, history and ecology of islands through different media.

A native of Bismarck, N.D., Huey studies photography at Evergreen — a topic he was able to pursue during his study abroad. "I wanted to use the perfect opportunity to go to an exotic location and get photos no one else can get," he explains. He also studied the use of plants for food, fuel and shelter on the island.

For more information on the Islands Program and to see photos and blogs from Jon and other students' experiences, visit <http://blogs.evergreen.edu>

Artifacts Get Makeover

By Matthew P. Blanchard
Inquirer Staff Writer

Alarming but essential, the techniques include soaking priceless books in water and electrocuting colonial artifacts for months at a stretch.

In preparation for Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday on Jan. 17, 2006, a vast effort is underway around Philadelphia to preserve the physical evidence of Franklin's life. More than 200 books, papers, paintings and peculiar contraptions will eventually appear in a five-city exhibition titled "B. Franklin 300," set to open in Philadelphia in October 2005 and to visit Boston, Paris, Denver and Atlanta.

Before exhibition, however, comes restoration — a \$600,000 effort with methods both painstaking and arcane. The work has delivered items of awesome historic importance into the hands of such people as Shelly Smith, 35, a paper conservator who on a recent night lay awake into the wee hours, thinking through the critical moments of her next repair job.

The patient dates to 1733: the only surviving copy of the first printing of *Poor Richard's Almanack*, in which Americans first encountered Franklin's famous sayings — "Fish & visitors stink in three days" and "Men and melons

are hard to know" — and where, historians say, Franklin established the homespun witty style that would influence American humor from Mark Twain to Garrison Keillor.

The proposed procedure sounds like a recipe for disaster: Smith will dismember the Almanack and bathe its pages



Paper conservator Shelly Smith works on numerous historical books and papers for Philadelphia's Conservation Center for Art and Historical Artifacts.

in a tub of water — by reputation a wrecker of books and wrinkler of paper. Not for nothing is water called "the universal solvent."

And not for nothing did Smith sit up wide-eyed the night before, considering her approach. "It can be pretty shocking when you have to do something like this," she said.

But after 271 years, the Almanack's rag paper is laced with smoke, sulfur and other damaging acidic pollutants that, she says, a nice bath should draw out. Nibbled spots near the spine suggest to Smith "varmint damage," which she will address if the bath goes well.

Similar scenes are under way in Kory Berrett's Chester County workshop, where a large iron slab from a 1760 Franklin stove will spend 18 months in a tub of distilled water electrified by DC current in an antirust process called electrolytic reduction. The stove plate was unearthed not long ago at a Quaker homestead called Bartram's Garden, crumbling from a century of corrosion.

Other objects in the exhibit include the bifocals that Franklin invented, a chest of his Leyden jars (primitive electrical batteries), and his armonica, or glass harmonica, a musical instrument of variously sized glass bowls spun on an axle and played with a wet finger, as one does a wine glass. Repairs to its mahogany case are needed, as is a new pedal mechanism to spin the bowls.

All repairs are being directed by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, where Smith works, in an old ice cream factory on South 23d Street in Center City. The effort is financed by a grant from Pew Charitable Trusts and the federally funded Save America's Treasures program.

The Almanack itself is the size of a playbill, just 24 pages, and a curious read. Weather and astrological charts for each month make up half the booklet. The witty sayings are tucked into these charts simply as filler for days with uneventful weather. Many of these aphorisms are rarely mentioned today, such as "Love well, whip well," (an apparent reference to child rearing) and "Never mind it, she'll be sober after the Holidays."

Franklin was 27 in 1733 and already ruffling feathers. As told in Walter Isaacson's recent biography, Franklin faced competition from six other almanac publishers in Philadelphia, and so in his introduction he brazenly predicted the "inexorable death" of his most popular rival, Titan Leeds: "He dies, by my Calculation made at his Request, on Oct. 17. 1733. 3 ho. 29 m. P.M."

Leeds was irate, and lived until 1738. Franklin, under the pseudonym Poor Richard Saunders, went on writing the Almanack for 25 years. In 1753, it would carry the full report of his kite-and-key electricity experiments.

"The Almanack helped create Franklin's public persona as a sort of pithy sage, and shrewdly humorous," said Elizabeth E. Fuller, librarian of the Rosenbach Museum and Library,

where the Almanack usually resides in a humidity-controlled archives room. "It helped make him a celebrity, as opposed to a scientist and a public figure."

Scribbled in the margins are farming notes, such as "Carry 256 loads of Dung in Young Orchard," made by the fellow who first owned it, Isaac Norris, the 1724 mayor of Philadelphia, for whom Norristown is named.

So it was with reverence that Smith carried the Almanack toward two plastic basins filled with a pH-balanced mixture of water and calcium carbonate.

"If we're lucky, we'll get some stuff out of it and the water will turn nice and yellow," she said.

Lowering the Almanack into the basin, she gently stroked each page, sandwiched for protection by layers of soft mesh. With each hand stroke, clouds of tobacco-colored particles billowed into the water.

In her nightmares, ink might be streaking down the pages right now. But it is known that Franklin printed with iron-gall ink, a pigment made with the bulbous tumor-like galls of an oak tree, which is durable and waterproof. After a controlled drying, the paper is clean and supple, free of acids and, therefore, more likely to endure. Smith then spent hours filling in the rodent bites with Japanese paper.

Like a newspaper, the Almanack was printed to be used and tossed in the trash. Three centuries later, it is

ready to be used anew, reminding a much-changed Philadelphia that, as Franklin said, "a fine genius in his own country is like gold in the mine."



Shelly Smith, '94, focused on American Studies at Evergreen, and decided she wanted to be a conservator after an internship at the Washington State Archives her senior year. After graduation, she studied at the Graduate School for Library and Information Science at the University of Texas. "My Evergreen experience was fantastic," she says. "I learned more at Evergreen about the ways you inspire people to learn new things than anywhere else." Smith has worked at the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia for more than two years.

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Alumni Matters

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1973

Steven Pointer, Novato, CA, and his wife, Peg, have been married 17 years. He is the father of 12-year-old Andrea and director of technical sales for Avaya, Inc.

1974

Annette Klapstein, Bainbridge Island, a staff attorney at the Puyallup Tribe for 20 years, is thinking about retiring next year. She and her husband, Rich Gile, live at Winslow Cohousing on Bainbridge Island, but plan to sell their home and live on his sailboat when they're both retired.

Barry Rodrigue (Roderick), Bath, ME, is an assistant professor of arts and humanities at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College, a new school modeled, in part, after Evergreen. Barry also serves as the scholar attached to the university's Franco-American Collection, coordinates their French North American Studies program and is faculty advisor to the International Students of Lewiston-Auburn (ISOLA). He and his 13-year-old son, Kenai, often do field work and travel to conferences together. Their work may be seen at <http://francoaine.org> and www.usm.maine.edu/lac/francoamericanstudies.

1975

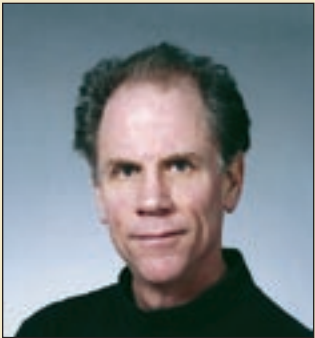
Adele Berg-Layton, Bainbridge Island, has been a self-employed musician for 25 years. Adele earned her teaching certificate in the spring of 2003 and now teaches in the public school system.

Tika Esler (Hernandez), Kenmore, is a dean at Bellevue Community College, where she enjoys working on the other side of higher education and helping students succeed.

1976

Lawton Case, Enumclaw, is director of the Enumclaw Food Bank and recently finished his fourth year as a trustee for Green River Community College.

Eric Krieger, Stone Ridge, NY, is the executive photo editor for the Albany *Times-Union*.



Robert McChesney, Urbana, IL, published two new books in 2004: *The Problem of the Media: U.S. Communication Politics in the 21st Century* (Monthly Review Press) (www.mediaproblem.org); and, with Ben Scott, *Our Unfree Press: 100 Years of Radical Media Criticism* (New Press). In 2003, Bob co-founded the Northampton, Massachusetts-based media activist group, Free Press (www.freepress.net), devoted to increasing public participation in media policy debates. A professor of communication at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Bob hosts a weekly talk show on the local NPR affiliate, WILL-AM. The show, Media Matters, airs Sundays at 1:00 p.m., Central, and is web-cast at: www.will.uiuc.edu/am/mediamatters/default.htm.

Ana Rockwell (O'Callaghan), Vashon, teaches special education for Seattle Public Schools.

1978

Kenneth Shulman, Seattle, is executive director of Lambert House, one of the country's largest social service agencies for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) youth. Ken served six years as an appointee of two Seattle mayors and is among those primarily responsible for the passage of three GLBT civil rights ordinances.

Robert Zindel, Port Angeles, retired from the Department of Social and Health Services after 16 years as a social worker and counselor. He also worked for the Employment Security Department, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and served in Vietnam. Following a traffic accident last April, he was forced to leave his post as president at the Olympic Labor Council and Local 1463. Happily, Robert is back on his feet and currently remains active with the Kiwanis, serves as vice-president of Cal Ripkin Youth Baseball and also umpires baseball for boys ages 9-12. He has been happily married for 35 years and has three grown children.

1980

Leonard Carr, Portland, OR, is in his fifteenth year at The Catlin Gabel School, where he has taught fifth grade and middle school history, served one year as the Lower School Head and, most recently as the interim Middle School Head. He has three daughters: 20-year-old Emily, 17-year-old Julia, and 15-year-old Hannah.

David Gordon, Everett, has remained in the media field, both on the East Coast and now in Washington, since he left

Evergreen. David has worked in radio, concert production, cable television engineering and as a high-speed Internet technical support person for a national provider. He is a founding member of The Traveling Radio Show along with three other Greeners, and invites all to visit them at www.travelingradio.com.

Mickey Morris, Roxbury, CT, married Laura Berger in 1993. Mickey and Laura are the owners and directors of Buck's Rock Performing and Creative Arts Camp in New Milford, Connecticut.

TaRessa Stovall (Stone), Mount Laurel, NJ, a graduate of the Tacoma campus, has written several books, including *Catching Good Health: A Guide to Homeopathic Medicine* (1986); *The Buffalo Soldiers* (1997); *A Love Supreme: Real-Life Stories of Black Love* (2000); and was co-editor of *Proverbs for the People: Contemporary African-American Literature*. She has a teenage son and daughter and is working on her first novel while teaching public speaking at Temple University in Philadelphia.

1981

Michelle Cornell (Frenzer), Columbus, OH, has been working with children as a storyteller and drama teacher.

Eric Dott, Saint Paul, MN, lives with his wife, Deborah DeLuca, and two children: 6-year-old Collin, and 3-year-old Helena. Eric spent nearly three years working, Nordic ski racing and studying geology at the University of Minnesota-Duluth in the mid 1980s. He completed master's degrees in water resources management and geology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Eric now manages environmental investigations, assessments and redevelopment of former commercial and industrial properties for Barr Engineering Company. He still finds time for camping, Nordic ski racing and other adventures.

Steven Doyle, Santa Cruz, CA, made his living as a practicing psychologist for 12 years, but was compelled to retire after becoming disabled. Back on his feet again,



Leon Werdinger, Joseph, OR, is a freelance photographer and a professional guide on rivers from Alaska to the Grand Canyon. Last year he married noted organic farmer Beth Gibans. See his work at leonwerdingerphotography.com.

Steven is deeply involved in meditation and Advaita Vedanta, remains political and active in programs serving the poor and hungry.

Gavin Lakin, San Rafael, CA, recently received an honorable mention award for the prestigious CMT.com/NSAI 4th Annual Song Contest. His song, "Promised Land," was featured on the NBC-TV daytime series *Passions* and he has signed publishing deals with Transition Music in Los Angeles and Access Music in the San Francisco area.

1982

Gretchen Christopher (Matzen), Olympia, is in the midst of completing her first solo CD, *Gretchen's SWEET SIXTEEN!* The album, an autobiographical collection of music and lyrics, includes the former number-one hit, "Come Softly To Me," which earned Gretchen and her group, The Fleetwoods, a gold record—the first produced on a Northwest label (Dolton). Her first two gold records and tour costume are now exhibited at the Experience Music Project in Seattle. For more information, show times, CD release news, and order forms, please visit www.GretchenChristopher.com.

John Mullen, Edelstein, IL, is assistant chief naturalist for the Peoria Park District. Previously, he was an avian researcher at Oregon State University, an endangered

species technician with the Siuslaw National Forest, and an avian ecologist with Willamette Industries. He has three children, ages 1, 7, and 8 years, and is engaged to Ann Marie Southey.

1983

Russell Colon, Kenmore, recently perfected a method to create photographic images in candy and other translucent materials.

Charles Tubbs, Buda, TX, attended the Evergreen Vancouver campus in the early 1980s. He would love to hear from anyone else who attended at that time, or from anyone who knew him. His email is metzchar@austin.rr.com.



Quentin King, Seattle, (left) and **Glen Kriekenbeck '89**, were married at their home in Somerville, Massachusetts on May 20, 2004 after 17 years together. They were among the first ten same-sex couples in Somerville to receive a marriage license on the day the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court declared it a basic civil right. Having spent the past 15 years on the East Coast, Quentin and Glen have recently moved back home to the Puget Sound area.

Martha Gipson, West Lafayette, IN, edits a quarterly newsletter and assists in public health research at Purdue University. Martha has two daughters: 20-year-old River, and 17-year-old Gaia Rose, a senior in high school. Visit Martha's Web site at www.cfs.purdue.edu/safefood

Alyx Fier, Seattle, heads the backpack manufacturing company True North (formerly Treknology). Check out some of his gear at www.truenorthgear.com. Married to Sally Ketcham, Alyx is the father of 4-year-old twins Spencer and Tessa. They live in the Columbia City neighborhood of South Seattle.

Laurel Schwisow, Shelton, runs her own private psychotherapy practice, which affords her the freedom to enjoy her other passions. She's performed volunteer work in Africa with Global Citizens Network and would enjoy hearing from old friends. Her email is laurierev@hotmail.com

Peg Wortman (Clark), Olympia, remains highly involved in community entertainment programs. Her singing group, Off Our Rockers, performs for retirement homes. She belongs to a dancing troupe, Arabian Nights, which tours retirement homes with the hope of broadening appreciation of Middle Eastern cultures and music. Peg is also active with Head Start.

Michael McKenzie, Tacoma, and his dog, the Good Boy Blue, wow audiences throughout North America with a world-class freestyle canine disc routine. Having qualified for the Skyhoundz World Canine Disc Championships in each of the last three years, McKenzie and the Good Boy are attaining national status as one of the best canine/trainer disc teams in the sport. They have appeared on television news programs, were featured in a book entitled, "Do You Look Like Your Dog?" and have sold a tape to Animal Planet Television's *Planet's Funniest Animals*. When not out playing, they reside in Tacoma with Mike's wife, **Caryl Zenker '84**, their two children and a border collie named T-Bone Red.

1985

Betsy Bridwell, Seattle, worked at Evergreen for three years before completing the Russia/USSR program in 1985. She followed her passion for international studies by serving as director of Student Life aboard *Semester at Sea* in the fall of 1988, before leading two tours to Russia. She has since worked at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington and currently assists students as director of Career Services/Alumni Relations. Her recent personal travels have included Bali, Tibet, Turkey, and Peru.

Susan Dolan (Arnold), Bend, OR, lives on a ranch with her husband of 10 years and their two children. She previously earned her master's degree in elementary education and plans to return to teaching.

Kent Kleinsasser, Richland, has been managing senior retirement and assisted living facilities for the last eight years.

Hal Medrano, State College, PA, spent several years traveling around Latin America and Asia and teaching English as a second language before the dot-com boom of the '90s called him back to Seattle. When that ran its course, he returned to his first love: teaching. Hal teaches in the Computer Information Systems program at South Hills School

of Business and Technology, while pursuing his master in education degree in instructional systems at Penn State University. Hal welcomes visits to his Web site, www.halmedrano.com.

Wendy Mintiero, Seattle, completed a craniosacral therapy certification program in 2003, and is incorporating this modality into her acupuncture and acutonics practice in Seattle.

1986

Beth Batali (Leggett), La Crescenta, CA, is married to **Dean Batali '85**, a producer of Fox Television's *That '70s Show*. They have two daughters: 9-year-old Erin, and 5-year-old Kate.

William Blodgett, Wellington, FL, has been involved in the manufacture of water pumps and water management for the past five years. He is currently president of Holland Pump's Manufacturing Division in West Palm Beach, FL. William divorced in 2003 and has three children: 16-year-old Orianah, 12-year-old Madeline and 9-year-old Liam.

Wendy Giles Ellis, Millersville, PA, lives in Lancaster County with her husband, three daughters and a menagerie of animals. She works as a fiber artist and gardener and runs a small family business.

Patricia Schock, Philadelphia, PA, serves as director of student services for the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

1987

Steven Brewster, Würzburg, Germany, is serving as an Army physician. He completed his master in public health degree at Harvard School of Public Health and recently returned from Iraq, where he worked as a public health physician with the 82nd Airborne Division in Ar Ramadi. He, his fellow-Greener wife **Ellen Brewster**, and his two youngest daughters moved this past July to Germany, where he took over as chief of primary care for the outlying health clinics.

Greeners Gather for Night of Great Art and Fine Dining-Chicago Style

Photos by Amy Petsch '97

More than 40 Chicago-area alumni, parents and friends recently joined Evergreen's Vice President for Advancement, Frank McGovern, for a guided tour of The Art Institute of Chicago Museum's permanent collection, followed by dinner at Vivere, in the Italian Village.



Chicagoland Greener Reading Circle devotees Sören Petsch '98 and Martin Veveris '80 were all smiles before dinner at Vivere in the Italian Village.



Robin Cline '94 and Melissa Walker '01 take a break during dessert to swap stories during the Chicagoland Greener Gathering.

Chicago Greener parent David Puskiewicz explains the finer points of the split-finger pitch to Cheryl Pacheco '99.

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Julie Bonsteel (Anderson), Tacoma, has earned a spot on the Tacoma City Council (www.Position7Tacoma.org) where she is the vice-chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee and serves on the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Committee. Julie is a fellow of the American Leadership Forum and was recently elected to the Board of Directors of City Club of Tacoma, as well as the Tacoma PTA Board. She worked with emotionally disturbed youth in crisis residential and group care settings before earning her Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She served as executive director of the YWCA of Pierce County, then started a consulting business, Athena Concepts, specializing in non-profit management.

Kurt Kirstein, Monroe, recently completed his doctorate in organizational leadership at Nova Southeastern University. He is currently the director of training for a bio-technical division of a Seattle pharmaceutical company and taught adjunct courses this past fall.

Brent McManigal, Riverside, CA, has changed career directions with a move to a local law firm in Southern California after 12 years in the organics recycling industry. He now balances his schedule between work, law school and his wife and three children.

Polly Trout, Seattle, is executive director of Seattle Education Access, a non-profit organization that provides tutoring, mentoring and scholarships for homeless students who wish to attend college. Please visit www.seattleeducationaccess.org.

1988

Corwin Bell, El Dorado, CO, helped develop an interactive computer adventure game that uses bio-feedback technology to key into the player's body. Physical variables such as pulse rate, breath frequency, and overall stress levels affect the game's outcome. The publications *Discover*, *Wired*, *The New York Times* and *London Times* all have had articles featuring this game. Find more at www.wilddivine.com.

Kelly Le Baron, Centralia, has taught for 16 years and received her National Board Certification in 2003.

Michael Nath, Lacey, plans to work in civil rights law after retiring from the state of Washington in 2005. Mike's wife, **Kathryn Le Pome '94**, works as a civil rights investigator, an affirmative action officer and as an ADA coordinator. Mike and Kathryn wish to announce the October marriage of son Charlie to their new daughter-in-law, Joanna.

Ellynne Plotnick, Stamford, CT, has been performing as a jazz vocalist in the New York metro area for the past four years and has also been teaching public school at the elementary level. She just released a CD, *Daydream*, and invites Greeners to visit her Web site, www.ellynne.com.

Mark Sciscenti, Santa Fe, NM, is the proud owner of Kakawa Chocolate House in Santa Fe. A chocolate historian and chocolate connoisseur, he gives educational presentations on the history of chocolate. Mark says he's taken to heart the commitment to conscious and ecological action he learned from his Evergreen experience. Visit his Web site at www.kakawachocolatehouse.com.

1989

Cynthia Gaub, Everett, continues to teach middle school art, drama and English and create her own artwork. Her small fabric collages were published in a book, *Art in Your Pocket*, a collaborative effort by more than thirty ATC (Artist Trading Cards) artists from around the globe. She has won the Purchase Award two summers in a row at Kent's Canterbury Faire for her unusual window collages, which are now part of the city's public art collection. These artworks can be seen on her Web site, www.sheba-kitty-productions.com.

Jennifer Gray, Hoodspport, just finished a book of poetry and photography, *Poetic Zen*. Chairman of the Shelton Arts Commission, Jeni also runs five web sites and enjoys photographing the Hood Canal, gardening and planning her next book.

Rita Stein-Grollman, New York, NY, and her husband David have a 1-year-old daughter, Ilana. Rita is a school librarian while David works as a stay-at-home dad and musician.



Kory Merkel, Phoenix, AZ, married her partner, Francine Ambrosich, in Vancouver, BC on June 21, 2004. It was a beautiful garden wedding with their 2-year-old daughter, Eleanor, serving as flower girl, and attended by family and friends. They married on the five-year anniversary of their relationship, and dream of the day they can have their marriage legally recognized by their home state of Arizona!

Jennifer Whitewing, Boise, ID, is a self-employed certified massage therapist at Serenity Retreat Therapeutic Spa in Boise, where she lives with her husband and son. Jennifer says she's "still a Baha'i" striving for world peace and an ever-advancing civilization."

1990

Anita Clark, Islandia, NY, married Jerry Combs on April 13, 2002 and gave birth to a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, on September 25, 2003. Anita still works as a part-time pediatric occupational therapist.

Wanda Cromartie-White, Tacoma, is working as a chemical dependency professional at the Metropolitan Development Council.

Elyssa Gersen, Brooklyn, NY, is beginning her fourth year as the director of vocational services at Samaritan Village, a not-for-profit drug treatment agency in New York City. She resides in Park Slope, Brooklyn and was married last July.

Melody Younglove, Olympia, has started a new job with the attorney general's office, thanks to her Evergreen education, which, along with her contacts, was very helpful. And, she's a new grandma!

1991

Ramona Abbott, Bellingham, is an artist and interior designer and runs a management-consulting firm that helps businesses run more effectively and efficiently. Learn more about Ramona's work at www.EssentiallyProfessional.com and www.EssentiallyWhimsical.com.

Cher Beard, Mountlake Terrace, earned a master of social work degree from Portland State University in 1999 and is now a geriatric mental health licensed clinical social worker at Northwest Hospital in Seattle. She became a mother to Mackenzie Anna in June.

Lisa Bottomley, Chimacum, received her master's in counseling degree from Pacifica Graduate Institute in Carpinteria, CA. She is a counselor for children and families with Port Townsend area schools. Lisa is



Kay Cooke, Albany, OR, serves as the director of external relations and marketing for the College of Pharmacy at Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR. She also stays busy with photography, media work and writing publications for alumni affairs and public relations at the college.

also working toward establishing a private practice that will focus on play and sand tray therapy. Reach her at lisab@olypen.com.

Camille Falor (Beatty), Lakewood, OH, has been happily married for 11 years to Derrek Falor, who is the women's soccer coach at Cleveland State University. Camille is the regional vice president for SCA Personal Care in the Midwest. Additionally, she and her husband welcomed their first son, Mason Allen, in June 2003.

Sonja May, Ilwaco, opened a co-op/commissions gallery in Columbia River Artist's Gallery. Their gallery, which opened last July in Chinook, Washington, features original works from Northwest artists.

Elizabeth Stanton, Olympia, is earning her master's degree in applied behavioral science from the Leadership Institute of Seattle. She is also a self-employed massage therapist and yoga teacher.

1992

Rebecca Bloom (Felsenfeld), Seattle, began teaching as adjunct faculty for Antioch Seattle's master in art therapy program this fall, along with starting a counseling business. After graduating from

the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY, she's been working in community mental health centers and making art with people who have amazing stories to tell. In January 2004, Rebecca and her partner, Beth, welcomed their cute and spunky son into the world.

Andrew Brown, Portland, OR, is an assistant analyst for Standard Insurance. He is also playing keyboards and doing video work in the bands Fontanelle and Jessamine.


Holly Gwinn Graham, Olympia, released a new CD titled "*Outsource This!*" that's receiving airplay and great reviews all over the country. A longtime performer for peace, justice and the environment, Holly has been touring for various organizations and writing songs for rallies, events and educational outreach during the last six years. The songs on her newest albums were composed for these events, telling true stories about some of today's urgent issues. Holly performs solo and with The Carlyle Group and continues to back up her career by being a substitute teacher. Reach her at HollyGG@msn.com or visit www.HollyGwinnGraham.com.

Louise Kornreich, Seattle, is still riding her bike everywhere and is heavily involved with the Bicycle Alliance of Washington, an advocate for cyclists' rights statewide. The highlight of her labor is the annual auction. Louise has become more grounded after buying a condo, but she is trying to enjoy the trade-off by spending time in her deck garden.

Bobbie Lavender, Seattle, has a new book coming out, *Mamaphonic*, that deals with creativity and motherhood. Visit www.softskull.com/detailedbook.php?isbn=1-932360-64-6.

Heather McPherson, Olympia, is a wildlife biologist for Washington State Department of Natural Resources. She is married and has a 2-year-old daughter.

Amelia Romoff, Olympia, owns her own psychic counseling business after working in social services for nine years. Visit www.ameliastree.com.

A portrait of Stacey Gonias, a young woman with brown hair, wearing a colorful patterned scarf and a green jacket, standing in front of a bookshelf.

You Helped Me . . .

Stacey Gonias says an Evergreen scholarship gave her back some independence after a major car accident left her physically challenged. Stacey is now in her second semester studying health and human development at The Evergreen State College.

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1993

Mark Anderson, Vancouver, does seasonal work for the Parks Service.

Jennifer Scott (Weed), Seattle, and her husband, Casey, welcomed their first child, Katarina Anne, in January. They celebrated their 2-year wedding anniversary in July 2004. Jennifer is primarily a stay-at-home mom, but she still works a few swing shifts at the King County Crisis Clinic.

A family photo of Jennifer Scott (Weed), her husband Casey, and their daughter Katarina Anne, standing on a balcony with the Seattle skyline in the background.

Brian Bothwell, Boise, ID, and his wife Pauline Bothwell, a fellow Greener, moved back to Boise after nearly 10 years in Bloomington, IN. He says he’s “Glad to be back in the Northwest!” He still works for the small-but-mighty e-learning company WisdomTools, where he was recently promoted to vice president of systems and development.

Samantha Nelson (Swain), Ellensburg, and her husband have a young son, Michael. They both teach at Ellensburg High School.

Paul Slusher, Kirkland, returned to his primary love, exercise and fitness training, after a long stint of post-graduate work and is currently running his own personal training program, Paul Slusher Personal Training, in Kirkland.

Dione Thompson, Redmond, recently married Mario Garcia and is a national board certified teacher with the Northshore School District.

1994

Nathaniel Dachtler, Bend, OR, and **Meghan Flaherty ’95** met while at Evergreen and married in 1999. Nate is a

fisheries biologist with Deschutes National Forest. Meghan received her master of social work degree several years ago and is a therapist working with at-risk teens in a wilderness program.

Vickie Era, Rochester, has worked for State Senator **Dan Swecker ’73** since January 1995 and loves her job. She says, “It’s like being in perpetual school with all that I am constantly learning and can participate and have some influence in.”

Amy Kiser, Midlothian, VA, married Allan Sanders in 2003, and they had a baby girl, Eve Sanders, on June 1, 2004.

Dylan Martens, North Hollywood, CA, works for Beth Frank Industries. His work as a production designer can be seen in *The Works*, and his work as a props painter can be viewed in *The Alamo*.

Peter Risse, Eagle River, AK, is the director of the University of Alaska Fisheries Observer Training Center and is pursuing a master in public administration degree at University of Alaska-Anchorage. His daughter, Kylie Ann Risse, was born on January 18, 2004, when the temperature hit 23 degrees below zero!

Avesa Rockwell, Duluth, MN, married **Jeremy Kershaw ’97** in summer 2004 and is coordinating the Writers Corps for the San Francisco Arts commission.

Libya Taylor Vogt, Vancouver, B.C., and her partner, Joe, are enjoying life as ex-patriots after moving to Vancouver in February 2003. Their son, Charlie, was born in March 2003, and he has really brightened their lives.

1995

Georgia Armstrong-Cezar, Lacey, retired as a technical sergeant from the United States Air Force, then went on to work for a number of state agencies, including the Department of Corrections, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Health Services. In September 2003 she was promoted to senior human resource manager for the Department of Social and Health Services at McNeil Island Corrections Center’s Special Offender Commitment Center.

Tina Cook, Hilo, HI, and her husband and business partner, **Bud Cook ’78**, founded Ka Maluhia Learning Center in 2003. Tina continues to practice massage and bodywork in her native state, as well as teach children’s Heart Warrior & Peace Education classes through Aikido at Ka Maluhia or kamaluhia@verizon.net.

Julie Fagan (Croman), Newbury, VT, is a school nurse and childbirth educator, and has two children, 8-year-old Evan and 5-year-old Gabe.

Frances Long (Gransbery), Roy, is a grant management analyst with Washington State Parks and Recreation. Her passion is breeding thoroughbred horses.

Caitlin Ochse (Mooney), Santa Barbara, CA, helped found Santa Barbara Body Works, a school of massage therapy, in 2000.

1996

Stacy Dow, Mountain View, CA, is living in the San Francisco Bay Area with her partner and their dog, Baxter. She graduated from San Francisco State University with a master of fine arts degree in cinema in 2003 and, after a two-year stint as the media center manager at the California College of Arts and Crafts, she has gone back to writing.

May Farnsworth, Chapel Hill, NC, is pursuing a Ph.D. degree in Latin American literature at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. This March she leaves for Argentina for one academic year under a Fulbright grant.

Karrie Halbur, Watkins, MN, has been recruiting foster and adoptive families for the state of Minnesota for more than two years.

Lisa Hamilton, Mill Valley, CA, is a writer and photographer in the San Francisco Bay area. Following straight from the days of community development with Russ Fox, her work focuses on food and farming. Lisa is currently working on a book about small

farms in Marin County, California, and is an affiliate artist at the Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito.

Ingrid Johnson, Modesto, CA, received her master of fine arts degree in creative writing from Eastern Washington University in 2000 and is now teaching English at Modesto Junior College in California. She married Dimitri Keriotis, who also teaches English at the college, in the summer of 2003.

Kimberly Kinchen, New York, NY, fell in love with New York City the minute she stepped off the train in October 2001. She is now starting the part-time master in science degree program at Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism. Kimberly is also the program coordinator at the Institute for Not-For-Profit Management at Columbia.

Mark Mueller, Washington, DC, worked with Dr. Betty Kutter in the Bacteriophage Lab before moving on to a biotech start-up company developing phage for pharmaceutical use. After four years of doing project management for the company in DC, he was sent to the Netherlands to head up projects testing phage as alternatives to antibiotics for use in agriculture, medicine and the food industry. Mark has since moved back to our nation’s capital to work as a senior clinical coordinator at the Bethesda, MD, office of University of California-San Francisco’s Immune Tolerance Network. Reach him at markmueller100@hotmail.com.

Quilcene Alumni Make Fine Music



North Sound alums enjoyed music and fellowship with hosts Barbara Leigh Smith and David Paulsen at their home in Quilcene, Washington.



Barbara Whitener (Greene), Shelton, is a contract employee with the Squaxin Island Tribe, helping people in the community learn their ancestral language. She had the opportunity to begin learning the language through a contract and internship at Evergreen.

1997

Julie Bass, Durham, NC, graduated from Emory University with a master of medical science degree and will be starting a new position as a physician’s assistant in Durham. She is married to Matthew Ransom.

Miguel Castanha, Maputo, Mozambique, after graduating went to Cambodia, where he taught English for more than two years. He returned to school to work on a master’s degree in Environment, Development and Policy, then went to Mozambique, where he has been since January 2002, working for the United Nations Development Program. Miguel’s portfolio includes work in environment and natural resources, rural development, private sector development, and municipal and general elections.

Kelly Latimer, Tacoma, is a graduate student at Antioch University, working toward her K-8 teaching certificate and her master in education degree. She is also recently engaged to Harold Dodd and plans to marry in the summer of 2005.

Diana Rak, Vancouver, is the human resources and safety manager for Franz Family Bakeries in Portland, OR. She has been invited by other organizations and businesses to train their management, staff, employees and/or community members throughout the Northwest.

Kathleen Sims (Ewell), Olympia, helped create the water quality program on the Highway 18 Project. She says, “the world is a much different place than it was; the best thing one can do is work the system from the inside.”

Elaina Spring, Portland, OR, earned a supplemental business certificate in event management from the University

of Oregon. She is an active member of Meeting Professionals International (MPI) and is in the process of applying for a Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation. Additionally, she has worked for three years as the corporate event planner for Miller Nash, LLP.


1998

Aurora Brackett, Oakland, CA, is working for her master of fine arts degree in creative writing at San Francisco State University.

Kristin Budinich, Pipersville, PA, is attending graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania, where she is pursuing her veterinary degree. She plans to graduate in 2006.

Baruch Cahn, Zurich, Switzerland, is working on a Ph.D. degree in neurosciences at the University of California-San Diego, conducting research at the Psychiatric University Hospital of the University of Zurich. He’s studying the neural correlates to experiences of expanded states of self with psilocybin, meditation and EEG.

Marcia De Geer (Bjerrum), Brooklyn, NY, married **Derek De Geer ’98** in 2000. Marcia graduated from the New England School of Law in 2003 and published two articles: *Biopiracy: The Appropriation of Indigenous Peoples’ Cultural Knowledge and Restraining Genetic Drift through Criminal Sanction*. She is currently a member of the Association for the City of New York’s Committee on International



Josh Horton ’98 comes from a family that has called Southold Town, NY, its home for twelve generations. He hails from a long line of elected public officials who have held office locally, statewide and nationally—including a grandfather, Schuyler Wentworth Horton, who served as New York State Senator for this district for several terms. Josh himself assumed the family mantle of public service in January of 2002, when he was elected supervisor of the Town of Southold at the age of 29, the youngest in New York State. Essentially the CEO/CFO of the town, Josh oversees the fiscal management of a \$60 million budget and 250 employees.

In addition to local legislation and policy, Josh worked with Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) on a federal farm bill to ensure funding for conservation, a successful effort that resulted in Southold Town receiving millions in federal aid dollars. He also helped to institute a preservation program that has to date protected nearly 8,000 acres of farmland and open space.

His progressive efforts toward development rights, affordable housing and enhanced public safety through community patrol programs are recognized around the state as models for other townships and have garnered Josh considerable accolades. When asked about his most gratifying accomplishment since taking office, Josh fairly beams when recounting the story of one particularly hard-fought battle that drew national coverage.

“Church Lane, a long-standing African American community that houses the oldest African American church congregation in town, came under siege by commercial development,” Josh remembers. “We preserved the community, protected its residential integrity, redirected the commercial interests to an appropriate non-residential area and have worked with the residents to promote the revitalization of the neighborhood through infrastructure and home improvements. Today, the Church Lane community flourishes.”

Frederick Okamura, Portland, OR, joined the law firm of Kirkpatrick, Zeitz and Okamura, LLP as a partner. He and his wife, Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura, have two beautiful daughters, Arianna and Gwendolyn. He would like to connect with other PDX Greeners thinking of a Portland alumni chapter or club.



Environmental Law, and now works for ArtCrating, Inc. in Manhattan, an artist-owned company that installs, crates and ships art. Reach them at degerrum@hotmail.com

Jeanne Doherty, Seattle, is pursuing her master in library and information science degree at the University of Washington while working in the libraries and writing reviews and other essays in her spare time. Her short pieces can be found at princessbookworm.blogspot.com.

Talia Fernos, Chicago, IL, is in the Ph.D. program at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Sarah Kilgour, Madison, WI, just returned from three years in Japan. She is now a special education assistant at an elementary school in Madison and working toward her teaching certificate at Edgewood College.

Susan Petrey (Blinder), Olympia, has been a social worker for more than five years and is currently working with the elderly in a care facility.

1999

Elisabeth Diem, Albuquerque, NM, is pursuing a master in special education degree at the University of New Mexico.

Sean Harris, Lacey, received his master’s degree in filmmaking at Columbia University in New York.

Linda Lee, Kent, graduated from Seattle University Law School in May 2003 and is currently working at ACCION New Mexico, as the director of outreach and operations. She is responsible for developing and maintaining partnerships with local communities, and managing ACCION’s participation in the AmeriCorps VISTA program. Visit www.accionnm.org.

Shannon Mayorga, Miami, FL, is working with the National Audubon Society as a conservation coordinator for Audubon’s Florida state office. In addition to being engaged in environmental policy work, he is a resident artist at Tu Tu Tango, a South Florida artist loft and restaurant. Since moving to Florida in 1999, Shannon splits travel time between eastern Europe and Latin America to fulfill alpine and other outdoor adventure yearnings.

Kathryn Mejaski (Michaelis), Nashville, IN, is pursuing her Ph.D. in public affairs degree at Indiana University.

Dan Powell, Chiang Mai, Thailand, is pursuing his master in sustainable development degree at Chiang Mai University. He can be reached at: Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand 50200.

2000

Nathanael Coutsobos, Olympia, continued his work as a contract biologist last summer. His latest project was a survey for marbled murrelets on Washington’s outer coast, from Sekiu to Naselle. This fall he moved to tropical Fairbanks, AK, to pursue a Ph.D. degree at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. Though his home department will be biology,

Nathan will be joining the resilience and adaptation program, using interdisciplinary approaches to tackle conservation issues. Field work will be on the Arctic coastal plain around the town of Barrow. Any Alaskan or Alaska-oriented Greeners can reach him at ncoutsou@hotmail.com

Dianne Dupuis, Tumwater, is an RN practice team manager at Group Health Cooperative in Olympia where she manages pediatrics and a Family Practice Clinic.

Justin McKaughan, Olympia, produced “Dance O’Dance” on KCTV last season and recently received a teaching certificate. He is also in a psychedelic band called Acid and can be reached at jzknight@yahoo.com.

Diana Redwood, Anchorage, AK, moved back to Alaska after receiving a master in science degree in nutrition and a master of public health degree from Tufts University in Boston. She is now a nutrition research specialist working at the Alaska Tribal Health Consortium.

Ann Rider, Phoenix, AZ, earned her master of social work degree in May 2004. She is now working as an advocate for persons with serious mental illnesses.

Lucia Silva, Los Angeles, CA, owns and operates First Cut Books, an online independent bookstore and literary review. First Cut Books plans to open a brick-and-mortar store in Los Angeles this year. Visit www.firstcutbooks.com.

2001

Kenyatto Amen Allah (McThomas), Seattle, has put out two albums: *H20six*, a movie soundtrack, and *Guerillahscrillah*. In November 2003 he won the Tough Man contest in Seattle with the help of his trainer Qadir Muhammad. Kenyatto also created an energy drink called Guerillahscrillah. Reach him at onle1kanome@yahoo.com

Barbara (BJ) Bosch, Olympia, is employed at Children Administration in Tumwater and is working toward a master’s degree in psychology at City University.

Anne Jindra, Oberlin, OH, and **Patrick McPherron '01** married on October 16 at Ash Cave State Park, Ohio, in a ceremony conducted by **Mike Merrifield '01** and **Emily Jindra '01**. Anne is employed as a caseworker at the Oberlin Community Services Center, and Patrick is the Web programmer for Oberlin College's office of career services. Reach them at ajindra@oberlin.net

Cara Kozma, Portland, OR, received her master's degree from Portland State University in the winter of 2004 and has been accepted to the Ph.D. program for English literature.

Julian Leveton, Sausalito, CA, is a supported living counselor for Life House, which provides in-home services for people with disabilities.

Patricia Lignoski, Raymond, worked at the Welfare to Work program and Dislocated Workers in Grays Harbor County and taught a class at Grays Harbor College called Steps for Success after leaving Evergreen. She is now an employment consultant for Morningside and was elected as a port commissioner for the Port of Willapa Harbor.

Joshua Morgan, Corrales, NM, began working for Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico immediately after graduation. Joshua is now a financial analyst and small cap fund manager for an institutional money manager.

Chomchay Siboliban, Los Angeles, CA, is a master of public health candidate at the Keck School of Medicine, department of prevention medicine at the University of Southern California. Chomchay can be reached at chomchay23@yahoo.com

Tammie Wilson, Anchorage, AK, had a baby this year, Mance Woodrow Wilson. Tammie is a graduate student at the University of Alaska-Anchorage, studying environmental quality engineering.

2002

Richard Bailey, Arlington, VA, is volunteering with AmeriCorps, mapping caves in West Virginia.

Scott Chichester, Sequim, WA, is working toward his master in teaching degree. He hopes to teach language arts and social studies while aiming for a career in school administration.

Alissa Fountain, Minneapolis, MN, is a development director at a syringe exchange program. She also works as a doula, or birth assistant, through two different programs serving low-income women, women of color and women living with HIV.

Jennifer Moore, Portland, OR, is an office manager with Limbo Films, which hires crews to make commercials.

Joshua Petker, Los Angeles, CA, was hired to be the graphic design coordinator with the Los Angeles County Museum

of Art, and later accepted a position as the chief assistant to the director of development. He also began showing his own paintings in galleries throughout Los Angeles, New Orleans, Burlington, Portland, San Diego and Seattle. Joshua's work is now represented in San Francisco by Varnish Gallery. For the latest on Josh, visit www.joshuapetker.com, and www.roqlarue.com.

2003

Shultzie MacDonald, San Francisco, CA, interned at The Puppet Showplace Theatre in Brookline, MA, and at WNET-NY and RCNE (a family and children's production company) in New York City. After working for a year, he moved to Washington for a few months, where he worked on a local children's television program. He is now doing a graduate program at Ohio University on a full scholarship and assistantship, after working in San Francisco as an office administrator at a television development company called Q-Media Partners.

Lilia Nieto Torres (Fernandez), Olympia, has been a political media advisor with the House of Representatives Democratic Caucus since September 2003. She handles all media communications for six members of the House of Representatives, which includes writing speeches, press releases, newsletters, talking points, columns for local papers, and radio feeds. The fast-moving pace of the political arena keeps Lilia busy and happy.

In Memoriam

Ansel Vizcaya, '01 lost his life in mid-June after being caught in an avalanche while climbing Mt. Rainier.

Ansel worked as a botanist and seasonal fire effects monitor at North Cascades National Park. He was 29.

Ansel and his longtime partner Michelle Poveromo graduated from Evergreen together in 2001. He graduated with a bachelor of science with emphasis in botany, and held a special interest for native plants used for medicinal purposes.

At the time of his death, Ansel and Michelle lived in Missoula, MT.

Andrea Friedrichsen, '88 died Nov. 9, 2004. Andrea jumped into everything from running a sandwich shop in Portland, OR., to developing recycling, composting, and waste reduction programs for Clark County and other government agencies.

She eventually became a master composter trainer and spent time educating the public about the importance of that form of waste reduction. She also was a Shaddhilayya Sufi, or a healer, in the Sufi path of Islam.

In July, she was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. She was buried facing east, towards Mecca.

Steve Charak, '81 passed away in Olympia on December 18, 2004, after a battle with brain cancer. Steve was married to Katie Charak.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Evergreen and recently received his master of arts degree from Antioch University. Steve was an author and teacher, and was founder and publisher of *Young Voices* magazine, devoted to publishing art, photographs and stories created by children. He was also a former elementary school teacher in Lacey, WA.

Rev. Laurie Alan Tockey, '77 died November 24, 2004, in Adams County, Ill. Rev. Tockey was chaplain at Lincoln Correctional Center for 20 years. In 2002, Tockey founded the prison's Mom and Me Camp, which he called "God's vision to me."

He recruited volunteers and raised money to help bring children to their incarcerated mothers for a three-day camp. Rev. Tockey was beloved among both staff and residents of the correctional center.

His wife, Suzanne; two sons, Malachi and Silas; his mother Leona Tockey; sister Leslie Tockey; and brother Bryan Tockey, survive him.



What's Your Legacy?

When I wrote my will, I decided to leave a considerable portion of my estate in a bequest to Evergreen, as a way to further the reach and impact of this tremendous community.

Janice King, '80

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"No. 13 Over the Wynoochee" by Robert Chamberlain

A mural at the Mason County Historical Society Museum in Shelton, Washington

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Photographer Sonja Tachell, '01, captured her fellow students studying salmon habitat on the Olympic Peninsula during one of Evergreen's field studies programs. Since its founding, the College has emphasized field study as an integral part of the learning process.