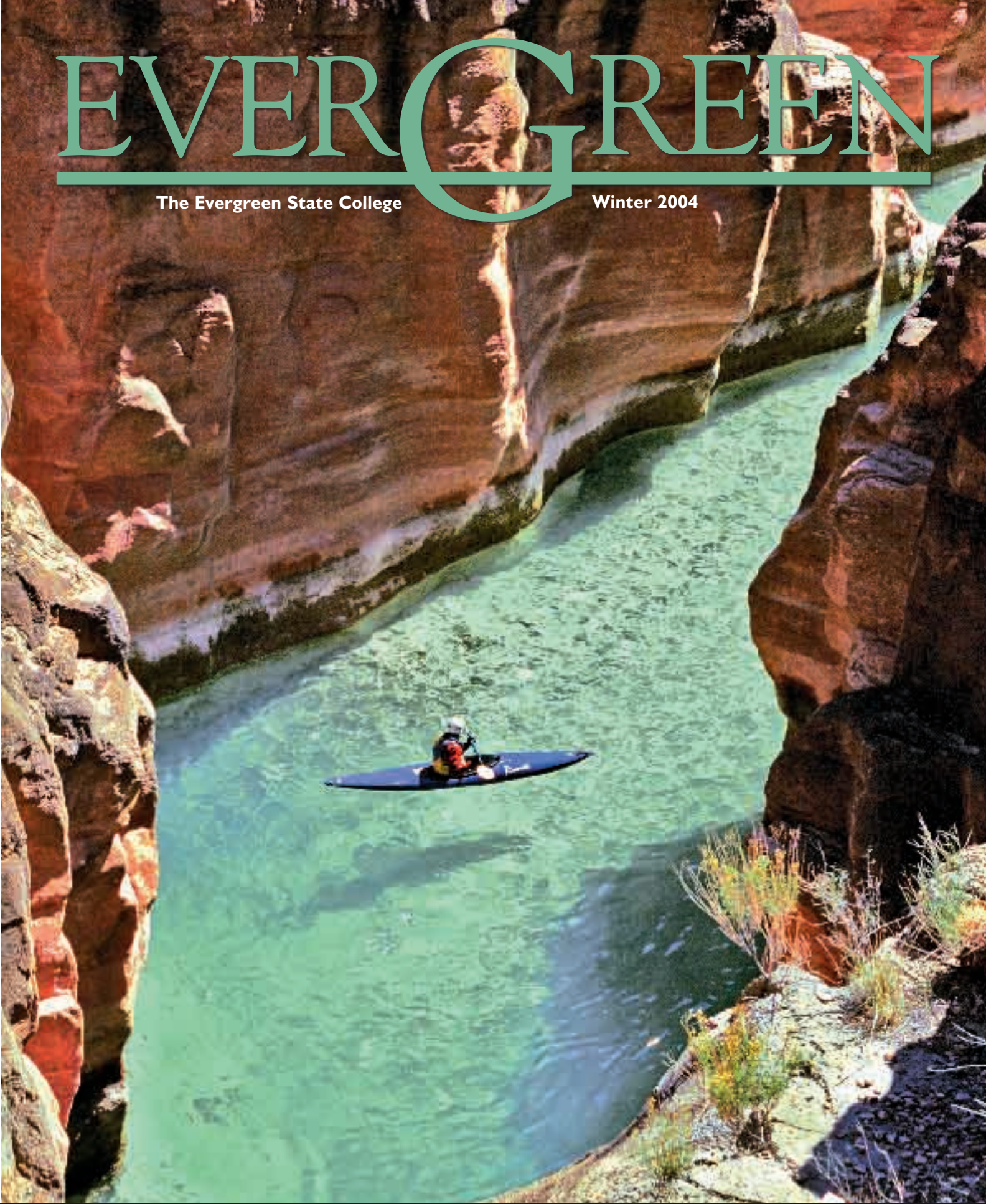


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Photo of bleeding heart (*Dicentra Formosa*) seeds with attached elaisomes taken by art student Aaron Hartwell with a Leica SZ16 stereomicroscope for the program Picturing Plants. A National Science Foundation grant for \$182,000 also paid for a variable pressure scanning electron microscope and an inverted fluorescent microscope.

SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF THE EVERGREEN CURRICULUM. IT'S PART OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMITMENT TO LINKING THEORY WITH PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS IN REAL-WORLD SITUATIONS.

AS RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY UNFOLD AT BREAKNECK SPEED, SO HAS SCIENTIFIC STUDY HERE, WHETHER IN THE CLASSROOM, LABS OR FIELD.

FROM WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH OF BACTERIOPHAGES, TO THE HEIGHTS OF THE FOREST CANOPY, AND THE AQUEOUS DEPTHS OF MARINE BIOLOGY, EVERGREEN FACULTY AND STUDENTS CONTINUE TO FORM THE VANGUARD OF SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION.

Introduction

For years I've told family and friends that, had I the means, I'd be a professional student, a lifelong bum in academe, happily resigned to shuffling across the college commons, from lecture hall to lab to library, nosing through musty stacks, reveling in the electrically charged exchange of ideas.

As the new director of Alumni Affairs, I have the next best thing: a job that allows me to explore the paths cutting through the dense tangle of woods that embrace the Evergreen campus and to work with a dynamic, dedicated cadre of staff, faculty and administrators. I enjoy the privilege of meeting and speaking with students who brim with energy and idealism, and with alumni who commit their lives to making a difference in the lives of others.



When describing this position to others, it's hard not to sound as if I'm gushing or gloating. I have yet to encounter anyone who has strolled across Red Square as a student or employee of the college whose eyes don't light up when asked about the days spent here.

I anticipate my role will be a formative enterprise—one that will challenge me daily, reshape my own expectations of higher education, and leave me with wonderful memories. I welcome you to reflect upon your own, and encourage you to share your stories with us, helping us build upon Greener traditions and plan a course for the future.

Thanks for inviting me to join you on this journey.

W. Scott Pinkston
Director of Alumni Affairs

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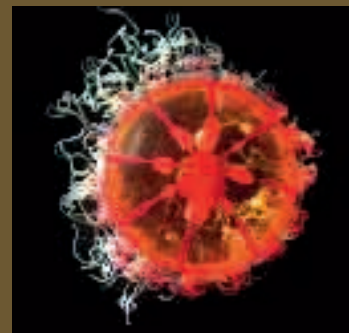
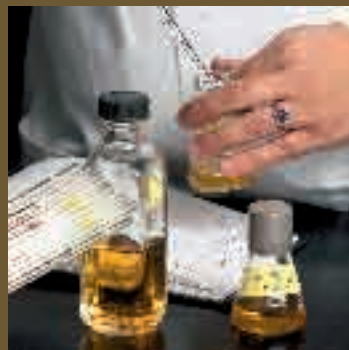


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Creative work from Evergreen's Photoland staff filled all four gallery floors of the Washington Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Olympia. "Focalization" was staged to coincide with fall's ARTSWALK, the capital city's bustling celebration of all things aesthetic.



Joanne Kim, *One Eye*, 2003



John Crosby, *A Warrior's Book: Two Rabbits Viewing the Moon*, 1998

After 25 years at Evergreen, Crosby retired in November from his position as a records clerk in Admissions.



Hugh Lentz, *Happier Times*, 2003

Faculty News

Orissi Dance Lauded

Evergreen was recently honored by the Indian Ambassador to the United States for offering the only Orissi dance program in the country. The award was made in August at the Second International Orissi Festival that took place in Washington, D.C. Faculty member Ratna Roy accepted on behalf of the college. Roy teaches a curriculum that is faithful to the original tradition of Padmashree Guru Pankaj Charan Das, under whom she studied.

During the festival, adjunct faculty member Jamie Lynn Colley danced a solo. She and fellow alumna Keziah Apuzen also performed in a group dance. Evergreen alumnus David Capers received an award for his contribution to Orissi dance through videos and photography.

Roy has been invited to present her paper “Portrayal of the Female in Guru Pankaj Charan Das’ Pancha Kanya Dances” and to perform ballets in Calcutta.

Program in Bloom

A medicinal herb garden will be sprouting soon, thanks to students in Frederica Bowcutt’s program Christian Roots: Medieval and Renaissance Art and Science. Work began in the fall on the campus Organic Farm with the installation of paths. The four-square design mimics a Persian-inspired garden layout common during the Renaissance. Medicinal herbs will be planted in the spring and labeled. Students will also create an interpretive panel explaining the project. Bowcutt says that the garden will be a resource for future programs on alternative medicine and plant identification. The addition is planned as a new entrance to the agricultural fields.



Photo of Physick Garden in the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, arboretum by Frederica Bowcutt

Grant Leads to Poetry Anthology CD



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With help from a \$3,000 Evergreen Fund for Innovation grant, faculty and students in the program A Silver Sky: Poetry and Place in the Pacific Northwest compiled “Under a Silver Sky, Vol. 1,” a collection of Pacific Northwest poets and poetry. Bill Ransom, Matt Smith and 60 students contacted hundreds of regional writers a year ago. Teams of students conducted interviews through the academic year. Production started in the spring, with student interviews and critical essays included with the poetry.

Ransom said that a CD format was chosen because the grant wouldn’t cover the cost of printing and postage for the 503-page book. As part of the grant and in a gesture of community service, the anthology is free to participating poets and to libraries and colleges across the area. “We have had hundreds of requests from individual poets across the country and Canada,” Ransom says. “We very much wish that there had been enough funding to honor all these requests, but we are hard-pressed, even with being an all-volunteer enterprise, to do so.”

There are no plans for a second volume, Ransom said. “We just recognize that more poets are out there and we couldn’t get to all of them.” Alumni can request the anthology at the reference desks of their local libraries.

Of Kiwis and Quakes

Ken Tabbutt’s sabbatical has taken him to Christchurch on New Zealand’s South Island to study national park policies. He credits fellow faculty member Carolyn Dobbs with this interest. “We taught Introduction to Environmental Studies: Mt. Rainier several years ago, and she sparked my curiosity in carrying capacity and risk management.”

From the Pacific, Tabbutt writes that the Kiwis value their protected lands. “The first national park, Tongariro, was donated to the Crown by the Maori in 1887. Since then, the park system has grown to 14 that preserve 11 percent of the country. Compare this to only 2 percent in the United States.”

“The geology of New Zealand is spectacular,” he continues. “Although there is no active volcanism on the South Island, the Alpine fault traverses the island and has produced the rapidly uplifting Southern Alps. I’ve already felt two earthquakes in the last three months.”

When he returns to Evergreen, Tabbutt will put what he learned abroad to use in a program that will focus on the geology and policies of the national parks in Washington state.

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL HONORS JOSÉ GÓMEZ



Evergreen students join José Gómez (center) in portraying Supreme Court justices to hear oral arguments before the “Evergreen Supreme Court” mock proceedings that took place in June 2003.

“FROM ADVERSARIES TO CO-CELEBRANTS.”

It’s how faculty member José Gómez describes the relationship that has evolved over a quarter century between gay students and the legal profession. And it’s fitting that last summer, 25 years after he founded the Committee on Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues (COGLLI), the first organization in the country for gay students pursuing legal studies, that Harvard Law School bestowed a distinguished alumni award on Gómez.

In the late ’70s, there was significant backlash against the incipient gay liberation movement. “I saw the national attack on the civil rights of gays and lesbians as a threat to the fundamental rights of everyone and was concerned that the legal community was conspicuously silent on this issue,” Gómez explains. Adding to his consternation was the omission of gay and lesbian legal issues from the law school’s curriculum. “We were studying issues of discrimination that I felt should also apply to gay and lesbian students.”

At the time, Gómez clerked for National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), a fledgling public interest law firm, where he and 10 others helped build a

litigation database of cases involving sexual orientation. “I was inspired and energized by the work I did.” Gómez recruited student colleagues to offer litigation support to NGRA and similar organizations. The group helped persuade Harvard to amend its anti-discrimination policy to include a prohibition based on sexual orientation.

Recently he discovered how influential his efforts were. “I was astonished to learn the extent to which the organization has helped shape legal careers and most of the cutting edge scholarship, litigation and court decisions involving gay rights. Little did I know most of the gay rights cases I have been teaching were litigated by Harvard Law School alums who were members of COGLLI!”

The law school organized a two-day event to commemorate the founding of COGLLI. In attendance while Gómez received the award were the Harvard Law School dean, current law students and many prominent alumni. One of his most satisfying moments was hearing from past and present law students that the work of COGLLI, now called Lambda, brought them to Harvard.

“THIS WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER.”

Gómez and others are organizing a campus celebration in May to mark the 50th anniversary of *Brown v Board of Education*, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision on integration.

JACKIE ROBINSON: THE LEGACY LIVES ON



PAUL DELA CUESTA



TRACY RECTOR



ROBERT CLEVELAND

A legendary athlete, lettering in football, basketball, baseball and track at UCLA, Jackie Robinson was widely considered the finest sportsman in the land. Following a three-year stint in the Army, he played baseball with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro League in 1945. A year later, Robinson signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers and had a great season with that organization's farm team, the Montreal Royals. Robinson was the first African American to break baseball's color barrier since the previous century when he joined "The Show" with Brooklyn on opening day in 1947, blazing onto the American sports and social landscape in inimitable fashion.

Robinson's gift for the game was equally matched by his facility with issues of social and racial justice. His leadership on and off the field continues to inspire. Among those moved were former Evergreen Provost Patrick Hill, who with his wife, Maureen, established the Jackie Robinson Memorial Scholarship in 1987 in memory of their parents. The first award was a single \$500 scholarship. Today, Evergreen awards Jackie Robinson scholarships—full waivers for undergraduate tuition—to three students transferring from Seattle Central Community College. Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to community involvement and social justice. The 2003 recipients, who received their awards at home plate before an Aug. 13 Seattle Mariners game, are no exception. Each overcame tough times and long odds to become a part of the Evergreen community.

TRACY RECTOR is a 32-year-old single mother of two who worked as a domestic violence advocate for abused women and children. The strain of helping others in crisis took its toll. "I was affected by a number of intense incidents that happened in a very short period. A woman had a really hard time one night and was going through withdrawals. She died on my shift. It was just too much for me ... I had a breakdown."

Rector was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. She credits the state Division of Vocational Rehabilitation with helping to turn her life around. "They supported me and helped me get back into school. They're fabulous! Linda Leavitt was my counselor there, and she was an angel. She was the one who supported me and showed me that I could do it."

PAUL DELA CUESTA, a native of Hawaii, faced daunting challenges early in his life. After witnessing his mother's shooting death, the 9-year-old was sent to the first in a series of foster homes. Then came drugs and lawlessness. As an adult, misfortunes continued to haunt dela Cuesta. "My fiancée died of cancer, and suddenly I had two choices: either to do bad or to do good. My sister lived here in Washington, so I decided to come up here and have a change of heart."

He checked into a rehabilitation program sponsored by the Union Gospel Mission, cleaned himself up and started taking classes at Seattle Central. After receiving the Jackie Robinson scholarship, Paul moved to Olympia to continue his computer science studies. "You can make a lot of money there, but looking into someone's eyes and knowing that you helped them, that feeling is priceless." Dela Cuesta wants to get a master's degree in social work. "I want to work with at-risk youth to show them that there is a way out, no matter what the situation is. If they really want to get ahead in life, they can do it."



A 50-year-old Vietnam veteran, ROBERT CLEVELAND is dela Cuesta's good friend. They met in rehab and share tragically similar stories. Like dela Cuesta, Cleveland witnessed a parent being murdered at home. He was caught dealing heroin in 1972 and was drummed out of the Army. "They told me I'd be dead or in prison in two years. So I started living every day like a crazy man on his last day." After living on the streets for nearly 20 years, he one day awoke from a coma. "I heard a voice say 'I'm here to give Robert Cleveland his last rites,' and something told me 'you better wake up and find out what's going on.'" When he regained consciousness, there was a note taped to his television by his family, inviting him to Washington to get clean and sober. "My family has been a big help ... probably the main reason I'm here right now."

Cleveland spent three years in rehab. On his last day in treatment, he checked his mailbox a final time. "There was a letter from Evergreen. It said I had received the Jackie Robinson scholarship, and I thought, 'It doesn't get any better than this!'" After finishing his undergraduate and, he plans, master's degree, he wants to help ex-convicts turn their lives around. "Even if we can reduce the recidivism rate by 2 percent, that's significant."

All three recipients agree that their scholarships will help not only themselves, but others as well. "I think the foundation is helping individuals to create lasting legacies that will contribute to the world long after we're gone ... just like Jackie," Rector says.

"LIKE THE MAN SAID, IT'S NOT SO MUCH WHAT WE DO WHILE WE'RE HERE, BUT WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF US AFTER WE'VE PASSED ON."

—ROBERT CLEVELAND



LIFE *on* EARTH

AS SEEN ON A TRIP DOWN THE COLORADO RIVER,
WHICH BECOMES A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY
FOR AN EVERGREEN STUDENT.

Mike Denoyer, owner of the Utah-based Grand Canyon Expeditions Company, is an Evergreen alumnus. He graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science focused in marine biology and natural science. In 1986 he and a partner acquired Grand Canyon Expeditions Company. Mike refers to his experience at Evergreen as the best thing that ever happened to him. As a token of his gratitude to Evergreen, the Grand Canyon Expeditions Company offers a yearly trip down the Colorado River to Evergreen students at a considerable discount. Because of this generosity, I and many other Evergreen students have been able to enjoy, learn and experience the Grand Canyon and our lives in a totally new and unexpected way.



Mike Denoyer

At the time of the trip, I was a senior studying photography at Evergreen through an internship with Photo Services. During fall and winter quarters one of my projects involved following a first-year science program, called Life on Earth, in order to produce a Web-based documentary about the program. Life on Earth, with three faculty members and 50-some students, was focused on the evolution of life and the planet through biology, chemistry and geology. Paul Butler, who taught the program with a geology focus, has been taking students to the Grand Canyon for 10 years with Mike's company. This year, Paul opened the field trip opportunity to any 16 of the students in the program who wanted to study in the Canyon during spring break.

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY LISA VERMILLION '03

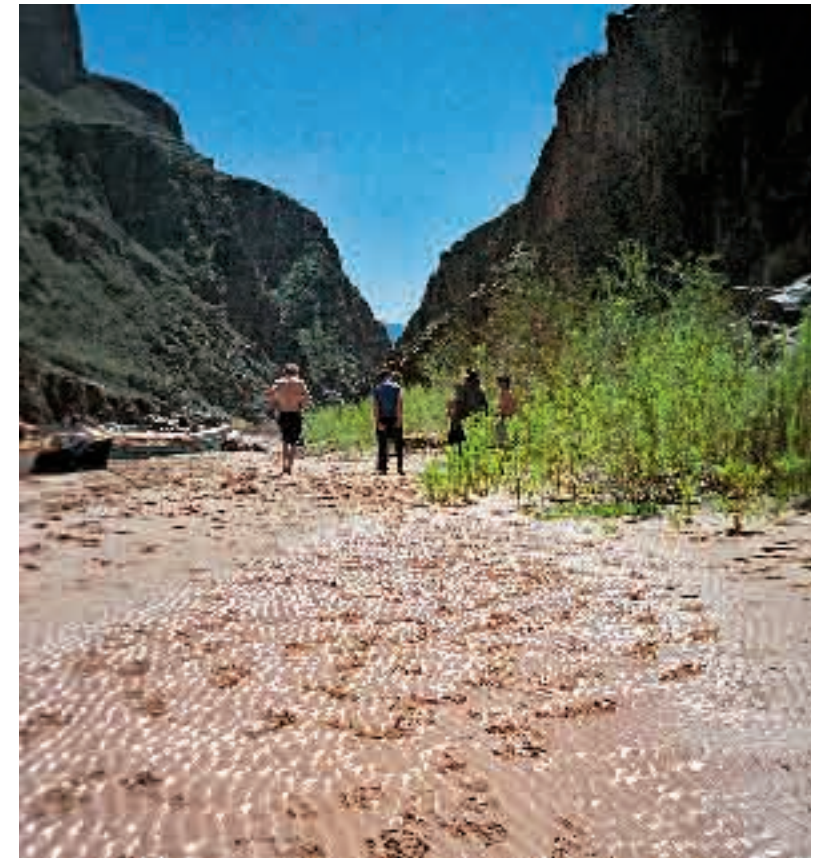


All of the students developed an independent research project to work on in the Canyon. Projects ranged from botany and evolutionary characteristics of desert plants to debris flows and the impact they have on forming the Canyon, to human impacts of the past and present. My project, of course, was to take pictures and document the class. Over time, I learned just how different Evergreen becomes for each of us. Because of these differences, this documentary project has been an exercise in perspective for me. Through my involvement, it became my class as well and I watched all of us grow.



When I was given the unique opportunity to accompany the program to the Grand Canyon, I really had no idea what I was in for. For the first time in my life, I was about to be in one of the most beautiful places on earth carrying out the most difficult photography assignment I've ever had. The most challenging aspect was the fact that I was constantly overwhelmed. Everything changed every day and I spent much of my time catching up with the group or trying to just take in the surroundings. There was no way to prepare for that out-of-my-element feeling.

In the Grand Canyon, overwhelmed by nature, I felt tiny. I was afraid of falling down the Canyon side, tipping in the boats and finding scorpions in the sleeping bag. I was awed by the rocks and the river around me. I explored, with child-like curiosity, by climbing a wall to stick my nose in a cave, flirting with the water, wiggling my toes in the warm sand and poking bugs with sticks. I lay awake in a sleeping bag staring at the stars for an hour before falling asleep. My awareness was heightened about the life of rocks, of goats, birds and fish, and of history. I felt time as past, present and future all at once. With a camera in my hand I was nervous that my pictures would reflect a clumsy and inarticulate disposition.





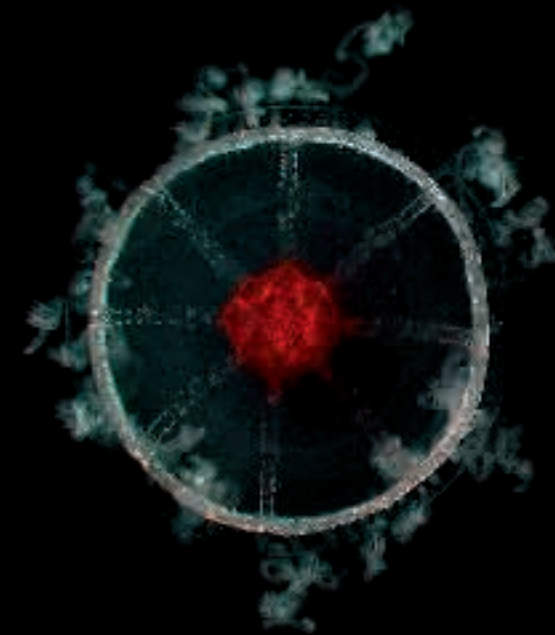
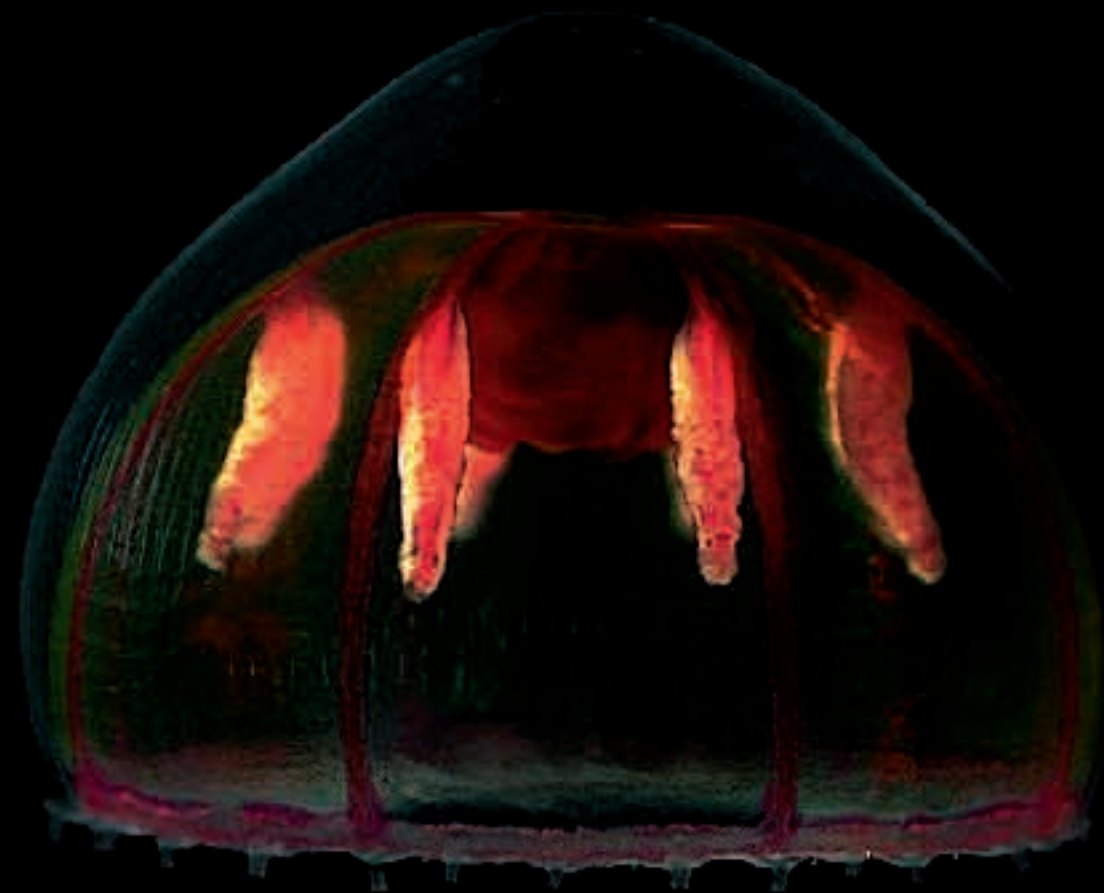
The trip was a 17-day excursion down 245 miles of the Colorado River. This was not a rafting trip. We rode in dories, wooden river boats, about 18-feet long, that carried five people, including a river guide. We affectionately referred to the dories as Grand Canyon limousines. When we went through rapids, they rocked and filled with water as our screams of elation filled the Canyon. We hiked nearly every day. On our hikes we visited side canyons, turquoise streams, waterfalls, and we saw incredible views and Anasazi artifacts. Our six river guides were really amazing and they made us feel at home. They were playful, knowledgeable, walking, talking, cooking, caring Grand Canyon encyclopedias. Any question we had about the history of the Canyon, questions about the first native cultures, about the early river runners, about plants, bugs or animals, questions about Glen Canyon Dam, they knew the answers. Not only that, but when I needed a hand up on a steep hike, there was always a guide to hold my camera or give me a boost. We ate really good food: filet mignon, halibut, pork chops and fresh mashed potatoes (and if you had any kind of specialized diet, they accommodated you). We even talked about politics once or twice. We also had the good fortune of meeting Bob Web. Bob is the authority on debris flows and the effects of the Glen Canyon Dam on the Grand Canyon. He was generous enough to give us an impromptu lecture on the four major causes of debris flow and how to identify them. His ideas about the dam sparked controversy and we all discussed the dam's role in this environment.

"ON OUR HIKES WE VISITED SIDE CANYONS, TURQUOISE STREAMS, WATERFALLS, AND WE SAW INCREDIBLE VIEWS AND ANASAZI ARTIFACTS."

Everyone came to the Grand Canyon with a different idea about what the trip would be like. Some of us had done a lot of camping, like Brian. He came prepared with his own sleeping bag and a stash of energy bars. When I asked him why he brought his own sleeping bag, he told me that it was the only bedding he'd used for the last several years and he wasn't willing to leave it behind. Besides, it fit into a tiny bag. This trip was second nature for some of us, but others, like me, hadn't camped since childhood. Regardless of our backgrounds, I noticed that we all immediately felt comfortable to share our excitement with each other. On hikes when Matt found a unique plant, rock or trace fossil, he called us over to check it out. But there was also time for quiet introspection. In side canyons and creeks people often split off from the group to do some of their own exploring and thinking. Melissa and Jeff kept very comprehensive journals of their thoughts about the research projects, daily activities and personal logs.

Naturally, I expected to learn some geology. By the end of the trip, I was identifying rock layers and fault lines. I also became an expert camper. I learned the art of finding a good sleeping spot and bathing in the cold river. I anticipated growing as a photographer, but I didn't expect that my growth as a person would be the catalyst in changing my photography. I realized how I'd grown after coming home and seeing my photographs. I was able to relive my experience through them and I could see how differently I looked at the world. In the Canyon I was often alone with my camera, having only nature to converse with. This was playful, curious and unfamiliar at the time. I learned that life is momentary and important and I learned how to use my photography as an outlet for voicing this understanding. I had captured the grandeur, the pleasure, the excitement, the friendships and that overwhelming feeling of isolation. All of these sensations taught me that time and existence are real and that the regard I felt for the Canyon and my new friends should apply everywhere.

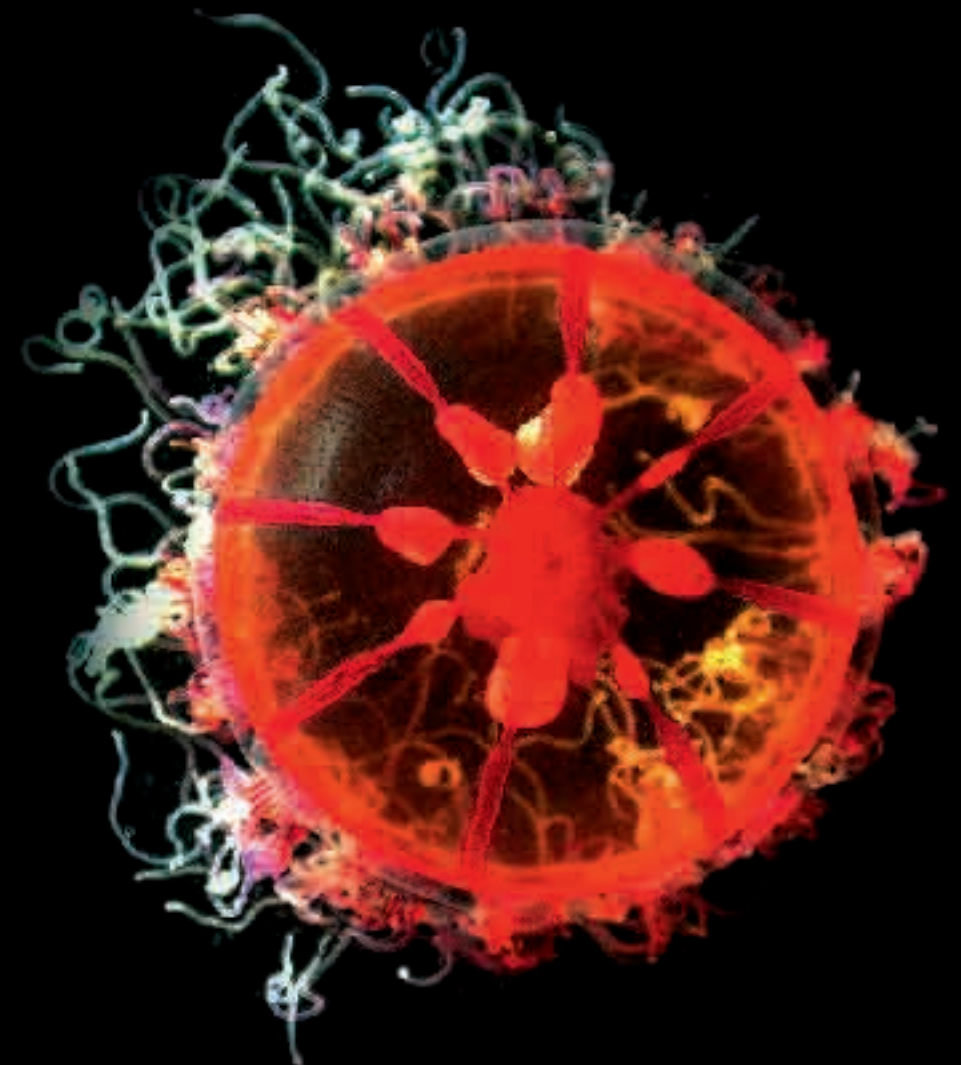




These jellyfish are a species discovered by Dr. Erik Thuesen, Evergreen instructor of zoology and marine science. Named *Crossota millsae* after his colleague, Dr. Claudia Mills, the specimen on the opposite page is a male. On this page are a juvenile (above) and a female with developing juveniles (below).

More than a dozen students have assisted Thuesen in his lab during the past three years.

Female and juvenile images by Erik Thuesen. Male image reproduced by permission of Magnolia Press, *Zootaxa*, 309: 1-12.



JELLIES

Erik Thuesen, Ph.D.

Software to Help Nonprofits

How technology is used by non-profit organizations in this country and abroad to advance social change was the theme of a software expo held on campus late spring quarter. The Evening and Weekend Studies course Community Information Systems, a yearlong program offered every other year, provides software solutions to real-world problems. Each of the nine Web-based applications presented at “Technology Creating Social Change” was directed at the needs of a community somewhere around the globe.

“Our aim is to move beyond achieving technical proficiency,” said co-teacher Doug Schuler. “Often software development is taught as a disembodied and abstract discipline. Our aim is to see it as part of the social process that can be used in programming to engage the real world and address important social concerns.”

Following the 2001 inaugural expo, Schuler and co-teacher Randy Grove advertised their plan for students to develop Web applications using open-source technology. The class received via their Web-based submission system more than two dozen proposals from locales ranging from Oakville, Wash. to Bangladesh. Among the projects that students worked on were an online resource that provides curricular materials to educators and activists interested in community-based learning, a Web application to help environmental groups more effectively deliver messages to the media and a site dedicated to the preservation of languages and Chinese culture.

Traveling Exhibit Winding Around World



The traveling exhibit from “The Gathering of Indigenous Visual Artists of the Pacific Rim” (Evergreen Magazine, spring 2003), returns to campus after making a stop in New York. Look for it in Gallery IV from January through February next year. The exhibit then makes its way to Tamastlikt Cultural Institute in Pendleton, Ore.

Evergreen Lands Prestigious Grant

Evergreen was awarded the largest private grant in its history—\$500,000—by the Atlantic Philanthropies in spring 2003. The foundation made the award to further efforts in teaching and learning, strengthening community partnerships and expanding the college’s capacity to educate.

“Atlantic Philanthropies is pleased to support the interdisciplinary and community-focused initiatives that are so much in keeping with Evergreen’s traditions and special place in American higher education,” said Dr. Ted Hullar, director of the foundation’s higher education program.

“We are truly appreciative of this remarkable award that demonstrates Atlantic Philanthropies’ support for the work we do here,” said President Thomas L. “Les” Purce. “Evergreen has for years been a leader among colleges for a number of qualities. These funds will allow the college to both strengthen its academic programs and the partnerships we have—and are continuing to build—with the community.”

Purce said the grant will be used to enrich and accelerate Evergreen’s commitment to its faculty, with more summer institutes in the works. Sponsored research is another area he wants to see expanded, as is the curriculum, especially in the quantitative sciences. More investing in human resource programs is planned. And Purce wants to fortify the college’s relationships with external communities.

The gift from Atlantic Philanthropies signals a seminal acknowledgement of the work done at Evergreen, said Vice President for Advancement Francis C. McGovern. “The college has not wavered over the course of 30 years from delivering a world-class education through exceptionally dedicated faculty and an innovative curriculum.” He said that it was a unprecedented honor for the college to have been selected for the grant, as the foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals.

The Atlantic Philanthropies is an international foundation that over the course of two decades has given approximately \$2.5 billion to various causes. Until recently, the foundation made its awards anonymously. It gives to programs focused on voluntary service, philanthropic giving, scholarship and research. Brown, Cornell, Cambridge and Penn State are among the colleges and universities to which it has made recent awards.

President’s Recognition Dinner Premiered

With the lilting sounds of a string quartet in the background and tables graced with autumn-toned centerpieces, 125 guests were feted at the inaugural President’s Recognition Dinner on Nov. 5 in the Longhouse. Les Purce welcomed scholarship and endowment donors and students who receive that generosity.

Dr. Charles Mitchell, chancellor of the Seattle Community College District, gave the keynote speech. Remarks were also delivered by Vice Presidents Don Bantz (Academic Affairs and interim Provost) and Francis C. McGovern (Advancement). Yet the night belonged to the students. Three undergraduates—Katherine Lansdowne, Emerson Murphy-Hill and Robert Cleveland—spoke about how the financial support offered through the Evergreen Foundation transforms their lives.

“There’s a magic that happens when you bring together donors and students,” McGovern says. “Contributors tell us that meeting the students who receive their support is the best thanks they could have.”



Katherine Lansdowne

Legislature Awards Construction Funds

With funds drying up and needs exploding across the state, the Legislature considered Evergreen’s request of \$38.8 million for several items, including various minor repairs (\$4.3 million), remodel of the chemistry labs (\$3 million) and modernizing the Daniel J. Evans Library building (\$21.5 million). The capital budget signed into law covers almost \$37 million of improvements and repairs at the college.

As work winds up on Seminar II, slated to open in spring 2004, attention will turn to renovating the 360,000-square-foot Library building, which houses the library and significant other office space.

The first phase of that project—a \$21.5 remodel of the west wing—was approved. Work begins shortly in the library half of the building. Even though he characterizes the work as a remodel, Director of Facilities Michel George said, “This is the most challenging construction job we’ve yet faced. Starting from scratch, as we’re doing with Seminar II, is nothing compared to having to work around an existing building with people and offices that have to be kept operating as we renovate.” The work will be primarily restorative, with overhauls planned to the HVAC, seismic, electrical and life safety systems, and should be finished by January 2006.

The second phase of the project, to be submitted to the Legislature in 2005, will involve not just the east wing of the building, with its concentration of academic and administrative space, but significant exterior work as well. A new stairway will connect all floors of the building on the south, or Red Square side.

A \$2.5-million roof repair job was completed late last spring, and includes pyramidal skylights that greatly brighten the entrance to the building.



Seminar II, January 2003



Photo courtesy of The Outdoor Program

Evergreen Makes a Splash!

Newsweek magazine named Evergreen one of the 12 hottest schools in the country this fall. Under the label “Most for Your Money,” the college was touted as a “contender for those who might head off to pricey private schools. It has a small school’s size, curriculum and educational chops.”

That was just one in a string of kudos. Outside magazine cited Evergreen and Olympia as combining to create one of the 40 best college towns in America. Outside praised Evergreen as a place where “students are free to design their own academic pathways, and innovative courses like snow ecology combine a mix of ecology, technical mountaineering and wilderness first response training.”

Elle Girl (for the girl who “dares to be different”) weighed in, calling Evergreen one of the nation’s “50 Colleges That Dare to be Different.” And in U.S. News & World Report, Evergreen excelled in the categories “Least Debt at Graduation,” “Most Affordable,” “Learning Communities” and “Most Diversity.”

The greatest praise came not from a national magazine but from a group of educational researchers who design the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) that highlights practices leading to high-quality student outcomes. Evergreen’s scores on the NSSE survey have been so consistently excellent and graduation rates higher than predicted that researchers sent a team to investigate what makes us tick. Its report “Documenting Effective Educational Practice” (DEEP) cited Evergreen’s performance at the 98th percentile of colleges in “Active and Collaborative Learning,” explaining that “Evergreen is a model for enacting the idea that students are whole thinking and feeling persons who learn best when all dimensions of their lives are acknowledged and valued.” The American Association for Higher Education collaborates on NSSE.

Retention Surges for First-Year Students

Despite a record enrollment of 4,380 students fall quarter 2003, the big story on campus is the rise in the retention of first-year students. Tuition increases notwithstanding, Evergreen retained 74 percent of last fall’s entering freshmen, up 3 percent from the 2002-03 academic year. Retention of new transfer students increased 2 percent from last year to 79 percent, continuing a three-year rising trend. And retention of students of color was up 4 percent to 82 percent.

In fall 2002, the college introduced a new program during orientation week to familiarize incoming students with our unique learning environment. Students who enrolled in first-year programs were offered the option of taking Beginning the Journey, which highlighted various Evergreen resources and included strategies for writing and reading, academic advising, time management training and how to get the most out of seminars. More intensive academic counseling was also made available. The retention rate among the 122 freshmen who participated in Beginning the Journey was 83 percent, 12 percent higher than the average among freshmen who did not take the course.

Student goals were handily met for connection to the college and knowledge about Evergreen, according to a study of Beginning the Journey students by faculty members Sherry Walton and Terry Ford.

“The goal of the course was to introduce new students to how we teach at Evergreen,” says Dr. Phyllis Lane, dean of Student and Academic Support Services. “Students had an opportunity to work closely with faculty and Student Affairs staff on a number of skills that are crucial to successfully starting college. The combination of personal attention and introduction to learning Evergreen-style really paid off.”



Students Laurel Buley, Sara Higgins, Kellen Lavin and Railin Peterson prepare for an end-of-quarter presentation in the program Nature, Nurture or Nonsense?.

Evergreen Staffers Snag Local Kudos

The Olympia YWCA honored Penny Hinojosa and Andrea Seabert Olsen as 2003 Women of Achievement. Hinojosa, a program secretary in the Seminar building, was recognized for her courage in recovering from a serious scuba-diving accident. “I am proud to be one these powerful women. We have no limits.” She takes pride in her work raising \$6 million for hyperbaric medicine. Andrea Seabert Olsen, Housing area director, was feted in the category of social justice for her work with young people. She volunteers with Camp Victory, which assists sexually abused girls, and is active in restorative justice and literacy initiatives.



Searching for Peace

In concert with various community groups, Evergreen hosts “The Search for Peace: The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict” from January through March 4. The Thursday evening series combines public lectures with dialogue to explore a host of endemic issues. Topics range from “Difficult Dialogues” to “Religious Dimensions” and “U.S. Policy.” Presenters from such institutions as American University, Baylor University, the University of Massachusetts and the University of Washington will join local speakers from Evergreen, Temple Beth Hatfiloh and other local groups at the First Church of Christ Scientist in downtown Olympia.

“With the wealth of expertise available in our area, and the willingness of others to participate, we are pleased to offer this,” says organizer Edie Harding, Evergreen director of governmental relations. “We anticipate thoughtful information and spirited discussion.” Details at <http://academic.evergreen.edu/curricular/palestinianisraeli>.

22 Million Books at Your Fingertips

A new Web resource called Summit brings more than 22 million books and other items to Evergreen community members. Launched this fall, Summit lets customers search and request books, CDs and videos that are held by participating colleges and universities in Washington and Oregon. Library Dean Lee Lyttle explains that users find that Summit greatly simplifies their work by combining many library catalogs in a single search. It delivers items in two to three days and offers high-demand as well as hard-to-find items, meaning that individual libraries do not need to duplicate each other’s collections. “This service also benefits taxpayers,” Lyttle said. “Summit is a wonderful example of creative problem-solving and resource sharing that saves money. It is convenient and offers numerous choices.”

Summit is the first product of an innovative library consortium serving more than 180,000 faculty and students from 27 member institutions. The consortium involves every public four-year university and college in Washington and Oregon, 11 private colleges and two community colleges. More are expected to join next year.

Art Costantino Given Goodnight Award

Vice President for Student Affairs Art Costantino received the Scott Goodnight Award for outstanding performance as a dean or vice president from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. It recognizes those who demonstrate professional service, administrative competency, innovative responses to student needs, effectiveness in staff development practices and leadership. Costantino was nominated by former Evergreen Dean of Students Shannon Ellis, now at the University of Nevada, Reno, who wrote, “He is one of the rare senior student affairs officers who prioritizes time with students equal with the time necessary for the policy and decision-making responsibilities that go with being a vice president.” As a regional winner, Costantino is in the running for the national award.



Student Robert Martindale (left) talks with Art Costantino, vice president for Student Affairs, during a break of the Campus Life Work Group, on which they both serve.

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GENERATIONS OF GIVING

EVA GOLDBERG, who at 90 is as vibrant as she is gracious, remembers the early Evergreen days, when the campus was “a lot of mud and mobile homes.” She recalls the bustling newness of the college and how she figured she and others could contribute to its acceptance. “Everybody thought that we should do something about creating a connection between the college and the community. So we decided to form the Evergreen College Community Organization, and ECCO was born.”

Eva hosted a tea party in her home to build the membership, and many answered her call. In the early days, ECCO was as important as the Fourth Avenue Bridge in linking the nascent Evergreen community with the Olympia establishment.

From her vantage point near the Capitol, Eva has fondly witnessed the evolution of the college. She has deep regard for the Organic Farm and its patron saints Russ Fox and Carolyn Dobbs, whose efforts led to “one of the most outstanding things ever done at Evergreen,” and she marvels—still—at how easy it is to purchase organic foods. The art program, too, has won her hearty endorsement. “I just can’t emphasize enough the feeling I have for Jean Mandenberg and her wonderful talent.”

Eva credits her father for instilling in her the family spirit of philanthropy. An orphan from eastern Poland, he always gave. “However little he had, he still shared,” she says.

“THERE WAS ALWAYS A PATTERN OF GIVING,
THAT YOU MUST SHARE.”



Fred Goldberg

Business owner FRED GOLDBERG, one of Eva’s two sons, talks about how his paternal grandfather sent his family from the dustbowls that pockmarked the American landscape of the 1920s and ’30s. “He told his sons to ‘get in a car and drive as far west as you can’ and find a new place to set up business. That turned out to be Aberdeen, Washington.” From that modest storefront, the Goldbergs launched a chain of successful furniture stores that stretched from Everett to Olympia.

Today, Fred keeps active as a member of the executive committee of Saltchuck Resources, a holding company that oversees 17 maritime companies around the world, including Tacoma’s famed Foss Tugs. He is chairman of the board of Panorama City, the Lacey retirement community, and he sits on the Columbia Bank board of directors. With Eva, he is a partner in Goldberg Investments, a real-estate company. Fred’s passions are fly-fishing, collecting art and running a winery with his partner that specializes in cult wines. “I enjoy good food, good wines and good friends,” he says.

From his Olympia home, Fred muses on the role Evergreen plays in the vitality of the region in which his family has played a prominent role. “The Procession of the Species emanates from Evergreen people. Folks around town call it the ‘Evergreen Parade’ and that’s not at all demeaning. It is really a highlight—people look forward to it, grade school kids get excited to work on it and their parents are involved. It has been very positive.”

Evergreen contributes by creating business leaders, too, Fred asserts.

“CULTURAL LITERACY IS CRITICAL IN BUSINESS.
GENERALLY, PEOPLE WITH WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATIONS
MAKE GREAT BUSINESSPEOPLE. THEY HAVE DIFFERENT SKILL SETS,
AND THAT IS WHAT YOU’RE LOOKING FOR IN LEADERS—
PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE.”

Fred describes how well prepared Evergreen graduates are for business and professional programs, where small-group dynamics and active discussions are the norm. “It’s the same style of teaching that Evergreen has always used.”

When approached to join the board of governors of the Evergreen Foundation, Fred didn’t hesitate to pitch in. “I was asked to bring support, both financial and intellectual,” and he did from 1978 to 1986.

Of his family, Fred says, “We pick out things that we can do to make a difference. I know that my son’s success in his business is due to the fact that Evergreen gave him a career ... and he and I are happy to support a program to educate people and give them job skills.”



Paul Goldberg

The road to Evergreen had been a circuitous one for PAUL GOLDBERG ’91. “I flunked out of high school my junior year, went to community college, applied to Evergreen and was denied.” He then went to the University of Puget Sound while negotiating with Evergreen “to prove to Admissions that I could handle the academic rigor. Later that year, after several meetings with Admissions, I was granted conditional acceptance.”

After redeeming himself in summer school, Paul was recommended by his faculty for full-time status. “Although it took me almost two years to get into Evergreen, I was excited to be a student.” Once enrolled, Paul’s talents took flight. “I was encouraged and supported by lots of people, especially the faculty. I was shown new ways of learning, which was very valuable to someone once labeled ‘learning disabled.’”

Paul is now a successful business owner in Seattle, operating with partner Matt Bien a top recording studio that produces commercials and film soundtracks. He’s also making his mark as a member of the board of governors.

“I joined out of a desire to serve Evergreen and Washington education. I took an uncommon path to get to Evergreen, one that was embraced and supported.”

As do his forebears, Paul asserts the practical values of a liberal arts education. “It pays dividends to the state and our community in the form of jobs. Evergreen also graduates some of the most successful leaders of business, government and technical arts and science.”

“I WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT EVERGREEN
IS WORTHY OF THEIR SUPPORT, AND BETTER YET,
IS A SOLID INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY’S FUTURE.”

“I’m sure there are several people on this campus who don’t look like Washington’s future, but with Evergreen’s inspiration, they will grow into the job.”



EVERGREEN TURNS OVER A NEW PHAGE

Hundreds were sickened and four died in the Pacific Northwest from eating fast-food burgers tainted with *Escherichia E. coli* in 1993. Three years later, the problem resurfaced as dozens became ill—many critically so—and one toddler died after consuming unpasteurized fruit juice. It's a rare month that contaminated ground beef or produce isn't blamed for food poisoning severe enough to send sufferers first to their commodes and then to local emergency rooms. In this country alone, *E. coli* has been responsible for 70,000 illnesses, 2,000 hospitalizations and 60 deaths annually. With recent figures suggesting that 28 percent of the cattle slaughtered for food in the United States, Canada and Europe harbor the organism, the stakes are enormous.

The culprit, *E. coli* 0157:H7, is a nasty human pathogen that lives harmlessly in the intestines of about a quarter of ruminants and other livestock. During slaughter and subsequent processing, the bacteria can spill from intestines and contaminate the meat that ends up in skillets and stomachs. Cases of *E. coli* poisoning have also resulted from drinking juices from fruit called "drops" that land on manure of affected animals. Cooking at a sufficiently high temperature kills the bacteria, but many consumers prefer their burgers cooked medium rare and their juices unpasteurized. There is risk, too, from handling raw meat or produce and spreading *E. coli* hand-to-mouth. Water contaminated by pasture run-off is another potential avenue of infection.

The agriculture industry spends millions of dollars annually to combat this potentially fatal *E. coli* strain. Antibiotics in feed, better inspection at the slaughterhouse and public information campaigns designed to educate consumers on how to safely prepare and handle raw foods all help. But devoting resources to combat the bacteria after it runs its painful and dangerous course has been a poor, and certainly an expensive, proposition. For the young and the elderly, the effects of *E. coli* poisoning—hemolytic uremic syndrome and thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura, among them—are especially devastating. There currently is no therapeutic treatment for *E. coli* 0157 poisoning. The Centers for Disease Control advise that antibiotics are contraindicated, threatening to cause more harm than good.

For Seattle attorney William Marler, who successfully sued Jack in the Box for \$15.6 million and Odwalla for \$12 million, the solution is simple. "Ideally, outbreaks would be prevented in the first place."

"WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE EXPOSURE,"

KUTTER SAYS.

"IT HELPS TO FOSTER PUBLIC AWARENESS
OF PHAGE THERAPY."

Samples of different phages on a bacterial field (opposite page); drawing of a phage (left);
Dr. Andrew Brabban and Dr. Elizabeth Kutter (below) in the lab.

Evergreen scientists Dr. Andrew Brabban and Dr. Elizabeth Kutter believe that they and their students have a solution. It's *bacteriophage*, which, simply put, are naturally occurring viruses that kill bacteria. The beauty of phage, they explain, is that they are omnipresent, harmless, easy to study and highly specific.

Kutter has worked in phage biology for 40 years and, over the past 32, has established herself—and the phage program at Evergreen—among the world's preeminent resources. Last summer, the 15th Evergreen International Phage Biology Meeting drew 100 researchers from around the globe to the Olympia campus. This biophysicist-biochemist, with her passion for unraveling phages and exploring their use in solving infectious diseases, is in demand. Kutter frequently traverses continents as she compares notes and delivers papers at conferences in spots as remote as Tbilisi, Georgia, and as accessible as Washington, D.C.

Microbiologist Brabban came to Evergreen in 1998 after stints in industry and at Cornell University. His research had focused on manipulating microorganisms to solve industrial and health-related problems. Upon arriving at Evergreen, he and Kutter quickly struck up a partnership now five years strong.

Kutter's work has long focused on molecular biology and the takeover of host cells by infecting viruses. Since 1990, she has been intrigued by the promise phage offers for mitigating the rising crisis of antibiotic resistance, having witnessed

firsthand its healing powers on patients with bacterial infections. "The eastern European scientific community has been working with therapeutic applications of phages since the early twentieth century. Western medicine has a lot of catching up to do in this particular area." Harnessing their individual specialties—hers in phage and molecular biology and complementary medicine, and Brabban's in biotechnology, industrial development and agricultural use—they make a formidable team.

Their research aims to eliminate *E. coli* 0157:H7 from the food chain. Together with research fellow Raul Raya in Argentina and a cadre of dedicated students, Kutter and Brabban have isolated and identified a strain of phage—CEV1—that looks encouraging. Peter Varey, an Evergreen undergraduate student interning with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) scientist Dr. Todd Callaway, discovered it in sheep feces.





Mzia Kutateladze from Tbilisi, Georgia, lectures at the 15th Evergreen International Phage Biology Meeting in July 2003.

It was one of those “eureka” moments, Brabban explains. The USDA regularly tests new ways to remove *E. coli* 0157:H7 from livestock—and remember that this *E. coli* strain does absolutely no harm to the host animal. “Callaway, as a part of this project, regularly introduced *E. coli* 0157 into carefully quarantined sheep. But he couldn’t get the *E. coli* to stay in this one flock, despite three attempts. Varey, the intern, immediately thought ‘phage!’, and indeed succeeded in isolating a new phage from these sheep: CEV1.”

In extensive studies, students in the Evergreen phage lab showed that CEV1 was very active and relatively specific against *E. coli* 0157. It infected even in gutlike conditions and was, to Kutter’s excitement, a very close relative of bacteriophage T4, whose infection process Kutter has been studying for four decades. She had led the international project that determined its complete DNA sequence.

In model systems simulating the intestines of sheep and cows, CEV1 completely eradicated the two *E. coli* strains against which it was tested. It also markedly reduced the levels of added 0157 in a preliminary study in sheep. In preparing for these tests, Raya isolated a second—and quite different—phage against 0157 from half the sheep.

Back at Evergreen, students tested a flock belonging to Evergreen Vice President for Advancement Francis C. McGovern, and soon had a discovery of their own: CEV3, a new T4-like phage that occurs naturally in sheep guts. Further testing has uncovered more phages now under study.

“We have hopes that orally administered phages will be a major means of eliminating *E. coli* from farm livestock,” Brabban says.

The implications of such a solution are enormous, Kutter says. “We’re talking about a simple, natural, inexpensive way to control bacteria. Phage are everywhere—they are the most common life-form on the planet. The potential they offer for human use is unparalleled. To explore how we can put them to use is so exciting.” She describes the work done by

colleagues now drawing the attention of many in the Western medical community. “Physicians in Tbilisi have treated a host of conditions such as diabetic ulcers, infected wounds and burns with phage with outstanding results. Introducing phage therapy here could greatly reduce foot amputations in diabetics and reduce the number of deaths from antibiotic-resistant bacteria such as MRSA, which kills thousands each year. The rest of us are so far behind in understanding the benefits of phage therapy to patients.”

Brabban sees the boundless potential for agricultural applications. “It makes so much more sense to eliminate food pathogens at the source rather than treat patients. The beauty of phage is that they are everywhere, cost very little to produce, are inexpensive to administer and have none of the problems associated with antibiotics, including the risk of producing resistance to antibiotics needed for human medicinal purposes. Indeed, the major issue with phage is that they are so unglamorous.”

Interest in Kutter’s and Brabban’s research is beginning to snowball. The National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Murdock Foundation and the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation support their work, and the NIH has favorably reviewed a proposal to continue their research. Kutter recently spoke at the American Food Technology Association conference in Chicago and presented a talk at the American Society of Microbiology general meeting in Washington, D.C., where several Evergreen students presented posters. Kutter’s and Brabban’s research was carried on NBC television affiliates across the country through ScienCentral, which produces content on science and technology issues for television, video and the Web. Brabban spoke about “Is There a Future for Antibiotics in Animal Agriculture” at a symposium sponsored by the American Dairy Science Association. His research has been publicized in *New Scientist* and in publications across the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany and Korea.

“ELIMINATING *E. COLI*
FROM THE FOOD
CHAIN WITH PHAGE
SEEMS WITHIN REACH,”
BRABBAN SAYS.

Room for Undergrad Research

There are times when the student becomes the teacher. Dr. Elizabeth Kutter describes such a moment 15 years ago in her Molecule to Organism program. After instructing students to shake a jar full of phage to ensure it was oxygenated, she was asked, “Why, when they grow in the gut and are anaerobic (living in the absence of oxygen)?” Kutter says, “All the research on phage infection had involved oxygenation. But our students knew better.”

Evergreen offers students ample opportunities to challenge prevailing theories and to make their own discoveries. Senior Gautam Dutta, Kutter’s right hand in the lab, observes, “What makes research sciences at Evergreen unique is how open they are to undergrads. We are given hands-on experience that other colleges typically save for graduate students. That was a big reason I came—and stayed—here.”

Fellow senior Ginger Shultz, a co-founder of the Chemistry Club, says that Evergreen’s small size gives her work a distinct advantage. “The student-teacher ratio is such that you actually get to know your instructors. It’s easy to get excited about what you’re learning if you’ve made a personal connection with the people who are teaching you.”

Dr. Andrew Brabban explains that the absence of fetters and the spirit of inquiry that prevail on campus are an enormous draw to students. “Evergreen offers a lot of academic freedom, and we get some very talented students coming to us. Students who want to go on to graduate or medical schools want practical lab experience in research. They want the chance to attend conferences and present, want the chance to get their names on research papers, because all of it helps their understanding. As a result, we attract many highly motivated students into the lab.”



Students Sarah Perigo (left) and Rebecca Oot examine restriction enzyme-digested DNA from the bacteriophage CEV1, which infects and kills *E. coli* 0157:H7.



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1974

Holly Clark (Strandberg), Lake Oswego, OR, is working in admissions at Portland’s Lewis & Clark College. She is the mother of 21-year-old Kyle, 23-year-old Amy, and 25-year-old Ivy, and grandmother to Ivy’s daughter Serenity, 4, and son Cory, 1.

Janet Kennedy (Winans), Aptos, CA, heads the off-campus housing office at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Before joining UCSC, she worked 20 years as a residential real estate agent in Santa Cruz County. She is married, with one stepdaughter and a granddaughter, still loves to travel and would love to hear from former housemates and classmates.

1975

Christopher Carson, Tacoma, is working at SeaTac Airport, taking night classes, and living in “a big barn of a house” in Tacoma with his wife and two teenagers.

1976

Jasper S. Hunt, Mankato, MN, is a professor of leadership studies and experiential education and the director of the Minnesota State University Honors Program. He can be reached at jasper.hunt@mnsu.edu.

1978

Sid Brown, Portland, OR, is on the first leg of a video production road tour related to the 40th anniversary of Women In Community Service (WICS). From San Francisco, he and his son travel to Denver, New Orleans, Memphis, Harpers Ferry, DC/Baltimore, NYC, Boston, Detroit and Chicago. The final projects will include a television program, recruitment and fund-raising videos, news releases for use by WICS local chapters and the national office, and taped interviews with pioneering women who organized this distaff branch of the Job Corps. His radio documentary about Rachel Corrie aired on Portland’s KBOO-FM. In addition, Sid performs “ethno-eclectic” music and dance regularly in the Portland area with Good Gaias. His most recent recording is “String Being.” His award-winning television series “PrimeTimers” runs again in January.

David Worman, Santa Monica, CA, has been at Sony Pictures Imageworks for the past few years, working on several special effects shots for films such as “Harry Potter

and the Sorcerer’s Stone,” “Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers” and “Matrix III: Revolution.”

1980

Susan Bartlett, Antrim, NH, completed a book and lives on and runs an organic farm. Susan is married with two children, a son, 8, and daughter, 6.

Katherine “Kathy” Sokolik, Novato, CA, moved to the Bay area and is the assistant director of Child Support Services for Marin County. Close to the beach and surrounded by wine country, Katherine says she really enjoys the change.

1981

Rebecca Gilbert, Chilmark, MA, wants all fellow Greeners to know that if they need a place to camp at Martha’s Vineyard, to drop her a line.

1983

Russell Colon, Kenmore, works in public utilities and is adapting numerical computer control manufacturing techniques to fused, slumped and blown glass. He says, “I have an 11-year-old who knows everything. My parents think it is the best revenge.”

Yasmine Galenorn (Corbally), Bellevue, just saw the publication of her sixth nonfiction book, “Sexual Ecstasy and the Divine” (Ten Speed/Crossing Press). Last summer, she accepted a three-book contract to write a mystery series with Penguin Putnam/Berkley Prime Crime. Her first novel, “Ghost of a Chance,” was released, along with her seventh nonfiction book from Ten Speed Press, “Magical Meditations.” She’s currently at work on her third mystery novel and another nonfiction book proposal. Her husband, Samwise, is a contract employee at Microsoft and their cats are “cute, fuzzy, and all over 10 years old.”

John Lysak, Cambridge Springs, PA, and **Helen Lazara ’85** are married and living in northwest Pennsylvania. John is a professor of fine art at Edinboro University, where he is involved with a strong graduate and undergraduate program. He is on the board of the Artists Image Resource, a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit arts organization. Lisa Harris Gallery, Seattle, carries some of John’s recent work. Helen is the president of an intellectual property protection company.

Abbo Peterson, Renton, recently founded a business, Vista Point Consulting of Renton. As a Web site improvement specialist, he helps businesses and organizations improve their sites by providing evaluation, assessment and planning services. Visit his company’s site at <http://www.newvistapoint.com>.

1984

Mikiko Hatch-Amagai, Seattle, settled in the Emerald City after living in Japan for four years. She works for the Japanese newspaper North American Post (Hokubei Hochi) or NW Nikkei, which has served the Japanese American community for 101 years.

Barton “Lou” Bacigalupi, Vancouver, WA, works for DML Enterprises, a small, family-owned construction company that makes concrete overlay products.

Timothy “Tim” Keck, Olympia, works for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

Leslie Sirag, (MPA), Olympia, has been admitted to Antioch Seattle’s/NW Adoption Exchange’s collaborative post-graduate certificate program in foster and adoptive child and family therapy. Leslie and her husband, **R.L. “Seth” Watkins ’83**, are moving to a house near Black Lake with their daughter, Anne-Sarah Watkins, an Evergreen sophomore. Leslie is planning to start a 24-hour telephone counseling service, “The Midnight Counselor: because emergencies never happen during office hours.” They hope to adopt another 12-year-old boy. Leslie and Seth can be reached at siragwatkins@yahoo.com.

1985

Michael Gudyka, Redmond, has a wife, Judy, and works as a software developer at Microsoft.

Jayne Riley (Conley), Herriett, AR, invites every Greener, past and present, to explore her wonderful, imported musical instruments at <http://www.proballi.com>.

1986

Julia Becker, Great Falls, MT, had a solo exhibit at the University of Great Falls Fine Arts Gallery, which included images from South India, digital imagery (video and stills) and installation. She has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor, serves as a faculty

fellow with Montana Campus Compact and is creating and facilitating service-learning, community-based projects throughout central Montana. These include art workshops (opera singing, ballet, yoga, mosaics, and ceramics) for the students of Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, community murals and documentary film projects.

Joan Davidge, Abiquiu, NM, earned her master of arts degree in education from the College of Santa Fe in May 2002. She teaches first grade with the Espanola Public Schools, and lives with her children, Santana, 10, and Jasper, 5.

1987

Robert “Bob” Basanich, Berwyn, IL, works for audio/visual retailer RentCom, Inc.

Kathy Campbell (Shields), Sacramento, CA, completed her master’s degree in counseling psychology with an emphasis in drama therapy and provides therapy services to families with infants and small children.

Maria-Elayne Johnson, Lexington, KY, graduated in May from Lexington Theological Seminary, and was ordained by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Douglas Palenshus, Ellensburg, has two children and fondly remembers his Evergreen experience. He received his master in enviromental science degree from Oklahoma State and has been employed by the Washington State Department of Ecology since 1991. He worked in public involvement for the Hanford cleanup for seven years, and now serves in the water quality program in Bellevue. He’s still composing and performing original nonsectarian, spiritually uplifting music. Please share positive thoughts. Love and peace in the 21st century.

1988

Jose Drummond, Brazil, co-edited and wrote two articles in the book “Hidrelétricas e mudanças socioambientais na Amazônia—o caso da Usina de Belo Monte” (Hydroelectric Dams and Socioenvironmental Change in Amazonia—the Case of the Belo Monte Plant).

The texts collected in this volume, authored by nine researchers linked to the Universidade de Brasília’s Center for Sustainable Development, resulted from two years of documentary research, fieldwork, consultation with local leaders, surveys and bibliographic review. The common analytical thread is identification of why the road-building and colonization surge of the 1970s failed to induce local sustainable development, and how to make the scheduled dam promote development of the area.

Jana Lussier, Greenfield, MA, is an accupuncturist living in her home state of Massachusetts. She married a man from North Carolina who is very cold in the winter.

Sheila Manalo, Oceanside, CA, is an administrative assistant at the University of California, San Diego in La Jolla, after discovering she is “not a career woman—just a woman who needs a job.” She recently bought a home of her own and will be converting formally to Judaism this summer (saying this should not be a surprise to those who knew her). She would love to get in contact with Jan James and Wilan Cean. She continues to pursue her love of reading, learning, exploring and open ocean swimming. Contact her at cecelia@ideology.com.

1989

Chris DeLaurenti, Seattle, is a sound artist and composer. Last September, Chris presented a two-night, 10-year retrospective of his work at Polestar Music Gallery in Seattle. The show also marked the release of two CDs, “The Night I Met Maria C” (on Locust Music) and the double CD re-release of “N30: Live at the WTO Protest November 30, 1999” and its sequel, “N30: Who Guards the Guardians?” Learn more about Chris’ work at <http://www.delarenti.net>.

Michelle Jensen, Seattle, attends law school and can be reached at mjensen2@u.washington.edu.

Siri Mehus, Austin, TX, is married to **Steven Helbert ’89**. Their daughter, Mina, was born in February 2003.

Sean Murphy, Cleveland, OH, is living with the love of his life, playwright, zinester and novelist Denise Dee. Bored with total obscurity, he recently stepped into the relative limelight of the fringe with the 2001 release on Below Records of the album “Bad Master,” by his one-man band The Bad Cassettes, followed by a summer 2002 European tour in support of the album. A second release on Below Records is planned using 30 songs recorded under the strict discipline of writing and recording each song in the span of one day—in some instances, less than an hour. Sean is also technical director/sound and lighting designer for Theatre of Hiareth, the 2001 winner of the San Francisco International Fringe Festival “Best of Fringe” as well as “Best New Drama” awards for Denise’s play “The Family Tree.” Sean can be reached at seanzo@earthlink.net.

Jennifer “Jen” Whitewing (Unterseher), Boise, ID, is enjoying self-employment as a licensed massage therapist. She is nurturing and teaching her son Seth, 13, who is a wrestling champion. Active in the Bahai faith, she’s “hoping for world peace and inner peace.” E-mail Jennifer at telande@msn.com.

1990

Tamara Flick-Parker, Vancouver, BC, frequently finds herself using her studies in the art of counseling in her job as general manager of the Vancouver Youth Theatre (VYT). VYT trains youth in acting through classes and advanced show programs such as “Kids’ Writes” and “Teen Speak!” that take submissions of short stories and poetry from elementary children and high schoolers. Her job also involves writing. So, even though she is not a counselor, she uses many of the skills she learned at Evergreen. She and husband Neil celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary in November, and have an 11-year-old son, Keegan, who is also an actor with VYT. She can be reached at jama_bc@telus.net.

Andrew Murphy, Portland, OR, is employed with the importing arm of Guinness Breweries. He and his wife, Lesley, have a son, Ronald Austin, born last April.

Lisa Queen, ’81

is a 2003 recipient of the coveted Golden Apple Award bestowed by Seattle’s KCTS public television station. A first/second-grade teacher at Hood Canal School near Shelton, Lisa “combines respect for each child in her class with seriousness of purpose and high expectations. Working at a small K-8 school in a rural district affected by a high poverty rate, Lisa has found a variety of creative ways to embrace and engage the diversity of her students and their families,” says the station. She launched an after-school tutoring program, serves as a volunteer translator of Spanish, and funds scholarships out of her own pocket. “Happily, I absolutely love this job, every Monday through Friday of it. An award comes along rarely, if at all, but the friendships with students and families are exciting and new every year,” Lisa says.

Justin Pollack, Frisco, CO, and his wife, Kim, opened Summit County’s first naturopathic clinic on Sept. 2, and are expecting their first child.

Rebecca Traub, Kelso, wants to know if anyone is interested in a reunion of Evergreen-Vancouver grads.

1991

Stacy Lewis, Seattle, received a master’s in organizational systems renewal degree from Antioch University in 1995. She established a private practice as a professional life coach to help individuals live a fulfilling, balanced and meaningful life with joy and ease. She is very active in her two sons’ cooperative alternative school, The Room Nine/Journey School in Shoreline.

Cynthia L. Nottingham (Reed), Tacoma, is a technical-writing lead at Microsoft.

Nana Thebus, Bellingham, married fellow **Greener Robert Arzoo ’92**. She works as an artist and Robert is completing his M.B.A. at Western Washington University. They own North Corner Brewing Supply in Bellingham, on the Web at <http://northcorner.com>.

1992

Shauna Reed, Knoxville, TN, is an elementary school principal. She is trying to make connections with Greeners in the Knoxville area, so please e-mail her at sreed@acs.ac.

1993

Erin Sweet, Seattle, spent last year in Nanjing, China, and is in her last year of medical school at Bastyr University. Erin will specialize in women’s health and obstetrics.

Tara Whelan, Newark, DE, completed her doctoral degree in chiropractic in Dec. 2000, and has her own private practice in Newark.

1994

Christine Bailey (Hooks), Blanco, TX, works in special education and can be contacted at Bailey@moment.net.

1995

Michelle Adelman Johnson, Santa Cruz, CA, is a risk analyst for a national civil contractor, and enjoys life with her husband, Gregg, on the beautiful central California coast. She’s also delighted to report that her brother Ben is healthy and doing great!

Robert Crosby, Corpus Christi, TX, a Navy Reserve petty officer first class, recently returned from a six-month deployment to Kuwait while assigned to Inshore Boat Unit 15, based in Corpus Christi. Crosby is one of more than 20 sailors deployed with the unit who participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His unit is responsible for harbor defense and protecting coalition ships carrying combat equipment in the theater of operations.

1996

Andrew Ackerman, Burlington, VT, continues to study, travel and work since leaving Olympia in 1995. In 1999, he returned to Russia with the Tahoe-Baikal Institute. From 1998–2000 he studied at the Environmental Science and Regional Planning graduate school at Washington State University, where he met his wife, Wakana, whom he married in California in 2001. Andrew worked as a land planner and consultant until early 2003 when he and Wakana decided they were a much better fit in Washington than California. During the summer he worked as a backcountry ranger for North Cascades National Park, a job he has always dreamed of having!

Jeffrey Brown, Seattle, is currently producing a feature film, based on The Stranger’s “Police Beat” column. Visit the Web site at <http://nwfilmforum.org/policebeat>.

Megan Fiero, Portland, OR, counsels Portland-area troubled teens and is close to getting her counseling license.

Jason Frost (Bachove), Pompano Beach, FL, obtained a certificate in IT management and is completing his M.B.A. He notes that he is available as a consultant to discuss business opportunities with other Evergreen alumni.

Holly Pearson, Vancouver, BC, is pursuing a master in community and regional planning degree at the University of British Columbia with a concentration in community development. During the summer of 2003, Holly was selected for a full-time position with the Community Development Internship Program for graduate students through the National Congress for Community Economic Development. During her internship she will conduct policy research on affordable housing with the Texas Association of Community Development Corporations in Austin.

1997

Lucy Craig, Howell, NJ, married her “soul poet,” Jason DeMatteo, in May 2003. They live in New Jersey with their four cats. She manages Planned Parenthood’s online fund-raising efforts and member activations, including the 2004 March for Freedom of Choice. She attends as many Pearl Jam shows in as many states as possible. She would like to remind her fellow Greeners to vote, adding “We can help save not only our country, but the planet!”

David Gaw, Olympia, has worked with the Washington State University Energy Program since graduation, managing outreach and education projects for clients in Washington and nationwide. He searches for opportunities to save them energy and apply alternatives and/or solutions to existing energy-consuming systems. The WSUEP Web site is <http://www.energy.wsu.edu>, with a link to the Clearinghouse services page.

Russell P. Mamorsky, Los Angeles, CA, is a musician, massage therapist and activist, and acts as chair of the outreach committee for the L.A. Green Party. Russell writes, “As you may know, California state politics are nothing short of interesting these days and, while every progressive’s plate seems fuller than a tray at an all-you-can-eat vegetarian buffet, I personally cannot keep myself from wondering if there are any other Greeners in the L.A. area . . . wouldn’t it be nice to (in Angelino speak) ‘connect?’” Russell can be reached at boneyardsofverdun@sbcglobal.net.

1998

Marcia E. DeGeer, Somerville, MA, received a juris doctor degree *cum laude* from New England School of Law in Boston during commencement ceremonies at the Wang Center for Performing Arts in May 2003. While in law school, Marcia was named to the Dean’s List each year and received a CALI Excellence for the Future Award in American Indian Law. She served as managing literary editor of the New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement and published an article, “Can Roundup Ready Seeds Ever Be Corralled? Restraining Genetic Drift Through Criminal Sanctions.”

Josh Horton, Southold Town, Long Island, NY, was the skipper of the *Resolute* and the *Seawulff* for the three years he attended Evergreen. Josh is now the mayor (supervisor) of his hometown in Long Island, and ran for re-election. Josh writes that he has pioneered socially progressive programs and instituted a farmland preservation program that is saving thousands of acres of farmland and environmentally sensitive areas. Josh would love to hear from anyone who sailed with Evergreen programs from 1995–98; his Web site is www.joshhorton.net.

Allison McKittrick, Cross Lands, WV, is one of six emerging women writers chosen to receive a \$10,000 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers Award last year, created to encourage women writers “when they need it most—right as they are starting out.”

1999

Llywelyn Graeme, FPO, AP, is moving on to Beijing, his second post with the Foreign Service, where he will be the assistant to the head of public affairs for China. He survived two years in West Africa where he found many tribal masks and interesting stories. He can be reached at graemelc@state.gov.

Lara Littlefield, Seattle, was recently appointed to the Seattle Arts Commission. She works at The Collins Group, a fund-raising consulting firm specializing in capital, endowment and major gifts campaigns. In her spare time, she teaches modern dance at Peninsula Dance Theatre.

2000

Jennifer Hitchcock, Underhill, VT, sends her congratulations to Ben and Annie Maclay on their marriage.

Riley McCormick, New York, NY, landed an internship after graduation with “Late Night with Conan O’Brien,” where he worked for a while before moving on to MTV’s “Fanatic.” He is now living in Manhattan and working for VHI.

2001

John Freeman, Flushing, NY, is a second-year law student at The City University of New York, studying public interest and Native American law. He is also working with the White Earth Land Recovery Project in Minnesota as part of a fellowship proposal which (if successful), would allow him to do educational advocacy for Native American youth on the Leech Lake Reservation, providing essential services for at-risk youth. John would like to hear from any Evergreen alumni performing similar work (educational advocacy), either in Minnesota or elsewhere. John can be contacted at Freemanj@mail.law.cuny.edu.

Amy Lathrop, has lived in Kalispell, MT, for the past three years, and has two children, Dacota, 6, and Madison, 4. She is a self-taught chef who now owns her own catering business, The Good Food Catering Company.

2002

Casey Bruce, Olympia, wishes to announce his engagement to Abigail Jarnigan-Queen, a current Evergreen student on track to graduate in 2005, whom he met when he was a resident assistant in B-dorm his senior year. They plan to marry in August 2005, after Abbey graduates.

Adam Fletcher, Olympia, started a new community service organization, the Freechild Project, to engage young people in the process of social change.

Cara Kozma, Portland, OR, says she is finding out how tremendously helpful her Evergreen degree is. She says she was worried if she would be prepared for graduate school and “the whole grades and test situation,” but adds she is “doing great” as she works toward a graduate degree in English at Portland State University.

Daniel Libby, Centralia, became a grandfather to a boy and girl.

Robert Marino, Olympia, is working in the Thurston Union of Low Income People Credit Union, which opened July 2003. There will be a branch in the Eastside food co-op. They need members! Call (360) 956-9235 to join.

Gregory Newborn, Kent, says, “My wife and I are having our first baby together!”

Cathy Pearson, Federal Way, says, “If you’re truly living the Evergreen mentality, come mentor youth at Raymond Hall—we need help desperately.”

Kathryn Tarr, Olympia, is working for Maple Lane School and Touchtone Group Home.

James Thompson, Tacoma, founded JWT Consulting, a small corporation specializing in immigration consulting and assistance.

Ronnie Warren, Tacoma, received his calling in the ministry.

In Memoriam

Nat Blankenship, died on Nov. 4 in Olympia. Nat worked for 15 years in the Campus Bookstore and was warmly regarded for his winning customer service. He retired from Evergreen in 1993.

David George, ’93, died on July 17 in Thurston County. Friends recall that David was a loving and kind man, a talented artist with strong ties to the community. Two suspects have been charged with his murder.

P. Bruce Guenther, ’76, died on Oct. 29. A career law enforcement officer, Bruce had been the chief of the Enumclaw Police Department until his 1989 retirement. He was also a graduate of the FBI Academy.

Simeon Daniel Terry, 23, former student and peer adviser in First Peoples’ Advising, died in an automobile accident on Nov. 4 in Olympia. Terry worked with faculty member Carol Minugh on her Maple Lane project and contributed to “Through the Eyes of the Judged,” a compilation of stories by incarcerated youth.

Roberta Walker, died on Oct. 4. Roberta, who had been employed with the college for about a year, was a member of the Student Affairs division and held a position in the Campus Children’s Center. Roberta was known for her love of music and the gentle way she had with her charges. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Jessica Breznau, ’98

Merge the planet’s most popular sport with grassroots community outreach, and you have the World Cup Seattle, bringing athletes from various ethnic enclaves around Puget Sound together in an effort to transcend racial and geographic borders, and to showcase some top-notch soccer to boot. Inspired to bridge cultural differences and by her own love of the sport, **Jessica Breznau, ’98 created the two-day tournament**. Twelve teams went head-to-head in spirited, intense competition during World Cup Seattle 2003, the first major event sponsored by Jessica and her burgeoning nonprofit organization, Sister Communities, begun in summer 2002. Plans for the 2004 World Cup Seattle are already under way. Jessica says she expects the total number of teams competing then to nearly triple this past year’s entries.

Sister Communities has plans for starting a community food security project, a Seattle-based Global Citizenship curriculum and other initiatives designed to promote cross-cultural understanding and cooperation. “One project that I’m really excited about is the creation of the Seattle Exchange Program—where high school kids stay with other students living in different ethnic communities in the area.” Jessica also devotes considerable time to refereeing soccer, and invites Greeners to learn more about her work by visiting her Web site: <http://www.worldcupseattle.org>.

SPORTS AT EVERGREEN

Women's Soccer Rolls into Postseason

Relying on a strong defense, the Evergreen women's soccer team used its talents in stopping opponents to snap early season doldrums and rally for its second postseason appearance in three years.

A scoreless tie with the nation's third-ranked team, Concordia University, sparked the Geoducks, who later won five consecutive games to reach the Cascade Conference playoffs. Freshman goalkeeper Carly Stewart had 16 saves to record her shutout against the Cavaliers and was named NAIA Region I Player of the Week for her efforts.

At season's end, another of Evergreen's strong defensive players, senior sweeper Amanda Grayum, was selected to the first-team All-Conference team. Stewart and the Geoducks' sparkling three-year scoring leader, junior Tiffany Fenster, were named to the second team.

With Stewart and Fenster returning along with several other key players, Evergreen is poised to establish a tradition of excellence in women's soccer over the next several seasons.



Junior forward Katie Fraser (white jersey) against Warner Pacific

Men's Soccer Finishes 5-6-1 in Conference Play

Balance was the watchword for the Geoduck men's soccer team in 2003.

Much was made—deservedly—of the play of junior forward Joe Gjertsen, a first-team All-Cascade Conference selection who scored 27 goals, had 11 assists and was selected the NAIA's National Player of the Week.

But when the mud dried, the Geoducks also had a first-team all-conference choice in midfield, with junior Nathan Ford (8 goals, 11 assists), and on defense, with junior Nick Mancarus. Another midfielder, sophomore Lucas Arthur, earned second-team honors.

All four return in '04. Add to the mix junior Jason Gjertsen, all-conference in '02 and a redshirt this season, along with several other outstanding returnees and recruits, and Evergreen should contend for a conference championship next fall, says head coach and former Geoduck standout Tom Boatright. How? By fielding the conference's most aggressive offense: The Geoducks led the conference in scoring with 3.78 goals and 20 shots per game.



Junior forward Joe Gjertsen (white jersey) against Warner Pacific

Cross Country Makes Tracks

Evergreen men's and women's cross country finally came home in 2003.

The program, revived in 2001, was truly a road show. Evergreen gave the college vans a workout, running the I-5 circuit down to Salem one weekend, up to Seattle the next.

The closest the Geoducks got to home was Lacey to compete in the meet hosted by archrival Saint Martin's College. All that changed on Oct. 18 when Evergreen hosted 10 schools, including NCAA Division I stalwarts the University of Washington and Portland University.

Overall, nearly 300 athletes competed. Head coach Craig Dickson and his staff put on an outstanding event, drawing praise from coaches, competitors and spectators alike.

Top competitors for Evergreen were sophomore Josh Klimek, who finished 14th for the men in the Cascade Conference meet at Jericho Beach Park, British Columbia, and senior Candy Owens, who finished 16th to lead the Geoduck women to a fifth-place finish at that contest.



Photo by Isaiah Halpin

Sophomore Nathan Chambers at the Evergreen Open run on Oct. 18 in Olympia.



Sophomore middle blocker Kristen Bartley spikes the ball as senior outside hitter Stephanie Short (13) and junior setter Hannah Plunk (9) look on.

Volleyball Team Makes History Going to Playoffs

It's an axiom Puget Sound sports fans can attest to: Expansion teams struggle. Witness the Seattle Mariners, whose first playoff berth in 1995 was 18 years in the making.

So when the Evergreen women's volleyball team began the 2003 season with a total of 11 victories to its credit during the first two years of the program, expectations were modest.

Just like those '95 Mariners, the '03 Geoduck volleyball team made history when it reached postseason play for the first time. It joins the men's basketball squad from two years ago as being the only Evergreen teams to post winning records.

Along the way the Geoducks, led by First-Team All-Cascade Conference selection Stephanie Short, a senior outside hitter, and Honorable Mention setter Hanna Plunk, another junior, knocked off nationally ranked Southern Oregon University. And junior middle blocker Meredith Lane won NAIA National Player of the Week honors. Coach Bill Lash's team lost just twice at home, creating excitement on campus that may lift the team to even loftier heights in 2004.



Ewes Milli (front), Nigella (middle) and Guinness (rear), photographed in November at the Shelton farm of Francis C. McGovern, Evergreen vice president for Advancement. Study of McGovern's flock of 15 led to the discovery of several bacteriophages that may help eliminate *E. coli* 0157 from sheep and cattle.

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