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Selection of the first group of students to be admitted in September, 1971 to The Evergreen State College at Olympia occurred today.

Director of Admissions David Brown said that a special review team, composed of admissions personnel and faculty members, selected about six dozen 1971 high school graduates and college transfers who have made final application since recent publication of the college catalog. Those chosen thus far will be informed by letter of their selection within the next few days.

Evergreen, authorized by the 1967 legislature and the first public four-year college to be created in Washington since the 1890's, opens to 1,000 students next September.

Brown said that although Evergreen's catalog was mailed only in the first week of February, the college has received 1,100 preliminary applications, more than half of which were accompanied by a required \$15 non-refundable processing fee.

"Those who have made preliminary application have been sent copies of our catalog, along with Evergreen's supplemental admissions form," Brown explained. "Those applying in the future will be sent the same materials.

"We ask each student to read the catalog thoroughly and then fill out the supplemental form--which is unique to Evergreen--and return it to our office. The supplemental form is designed to determine whether a student understands Evergreen's programs and to be sure there is a proper match between his academic and career goals and college resources."

Final review of each application begins only after receipt of the supplemental form.

"We expect to be admitting students on a first-come, first-served basis from now until May,"

Brown said. "Lots of positions are still open because the selection process has just begun."

Brown said that the first group selected for admission to Evergreen includes high school and community college students from such areas as Olympia, Bellevue, Seattle, Tacoma, Port Angeles, Mercer Island and Shelton, plus individuals from other locales across the state.