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A ten-passenger commuter bus for students, faculty and staff of The Evergreen State College will begin making eight round trips a day to the Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater area by the end of September.

The service will be operated by students and funded through Services and Activities fees and minimum passenger fare according to Peter Pugh, student administrative intern working in the college's Office of Developmental Services.

"We have greatly expanded the service over that provided last year by the Olympia-Tumwater Intercity Transit Commission," he said. "We are hopeful that we can encourage many who now drive to school to begin using the bus."

Four round trips a day will be scheduled on two alternate routes. The first route will cover Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater twice each morning and twice each afternoon. The second route, which will provide service to the downtown Olympia area, will also run four times a day.

The service, which will be available only to those persons with an Evergreen identification card, will cost ten cents each way for students; 20 cents for faculty and staff.

"Persons using the service can purchase transfer tickets or tokens for Olympia-Tumwater Transit busses for 15 cents," Pugh said. "Some parking for passengers will be provided by merchants near the bus stops."

No money will be collected on route, but tokens for the service will be available at the new Travel-Transportation-Entertainment Center which is being established in Evergreen's College Activities Building.

The service, which will probably begin on a limited schedule September 25, will

Dick Nichols, Director Information Services be evaluated throughout the year by the Office of Developmental Services,

"We will keep a close eye on the needs of the passengers and make changes accordingly," Pugh said. "We'll be looking at the routes, the passenger loads, and the schedules throughout the year to make sure the service is as convenient as possible for the Evergreen community."

Complete schedules and maps of the routes will be available at the College Information Center after September 15.