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EVERGREEN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS MOVE FORWARD

Seven construction projects continue to move forward on the campus of The Evergreen State College at Olympia as the September 27 opening of the state's newest institution of higher learning draws nearer, Director of Facilities Planning Jerry Schillinger said today.

Some 370 workmen are now employed on the various projects, which include the library, student residence halls, large group instruction center, college activities buildings, central utilities plant, shops and garages and site improvements such as roads; sidewalks; parking lots; and lighting, water, sewer and power systems.

The 337,000 square foot library--which initially will house college classrooms and offices as well as library operations--has moved to the 60 per cent completion mark. Structural concrete work is expected to be completed during March and interior work started.

The massive site improvements project is 66 per cent finished and, despite adverse weather conditions during the last several weeks, remains on schedule. Work on the shops and garages is complete.

Other projects and their percentage of completion are as follows: utilities plant, 34 per cent; student residences, 35 per cent; large group instructional center, 23 per cent; and college activities building, 15 per cent.

All but the activities building--which had to be rebid after first estimates came in over the budget--are scheduled for completion by September. The activities building probably will open in December, Schillinger said.

Meanwhile, Evergreen facilities planners are moving to get three final 1969-71 biennium capital projects underway. Bids for the first phase of the recreation building will be opened March 25 by the State Division of Engineering and Architecture. Bid openings for the first phase of the science building and a site improvements-landscaping contract are scheduled for April. The science and recreation buildings will open in September, 1972; most work on the other contract will be completed this summer.