

# NEWS

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The Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College at Olympia today approved a revised set of enrollment projections, including a decrease from 1200 to 800 student places when classes begin in September, 1971.

The decreased initial enrollment was due in part to 1969-71 funding levels which provided for about 20 planning faculty. "Prudence dictates that we not exceed by very much a doubling of that number for the opening year," explained Evergreen President Charles J. McCann. "Applying the usual student-faculty ratio for the State of Washington would work opening enrollment out to about 800."

"A second consideration is the fact that we just won't have certain types of physical facilities until the second or third year," McCann added.

McCann pointed out that the college still expects to meet its near term enrollment goals. "The revised projections show a 1977 enrollment of at least 7,000, compared to 6,900 in the original forecast," he said. "We'll reach or maybe even exceed the goal by the same time, but we hope to get there in a more orderly fashion by adjusting the increments of enrollment and faculty additions so that numbers grow steadily rather than in sudden spurts. We believe the adjusted planning schedule will allow us to grow in a more logical way."

In other business today, trustees:

Approved salary increases for members of the exempt administrative staff, effective July 1. The increases average four-and-one-half percent.

Heard a progress report about proposed procedures being negotiated with the State Division of Purchasing relative to the purchase of furniture and moveable

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equipment for buildings. A final policy statement will be considered later.

Were told that construction of facilities for the current biennium remains on schedule, with most projects to be under contract prior to July.

And set 1:30 p.m. May 20 as the time and date for the next board meeting.

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