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...EVERGREEN FISCAL IMPACT ON THURSTON COUNTY "SUBSTANTIAL"... The total impact of Evergreen on Thurston County is difficult, if not impossible to measure. But the Business Office has come up with one tangible indicator of that impact --- the amount of dollars spent by the college --- much of it in this county.

For example, Evergreen has an annual payroll (for fiscal 1973-74) of \$5,070,510 (including employee benefits). Next year, that payroll will increase to \$5,211,260. Much of that money is channeled directly into Thurston County coffers.

An even more direct channel of funds in the county is capital expenditures, which have totaled \$39,919,964 to date (the potential disbursement of capital expenditures is \$50,388,146). Of the 39 million dollars, \$7,385,000 has gone to 13 local general construction companies, and another \$1,237,000 to local subcontractors. Or, put another way, more than \$8,600,000 of Evergreen's capital expenditures went directly to local businesses. Also involved in the expenditure of capital funds is Evergreen's purchase of more than one million dollars of local concrete and half a million dollars in other locally purchased construction products. Included, too, is the cost of about 1,000 local tradesmen hired to work on capital construction projects for \$7,500,000 (which includes 500 man years of work at \$15,000 in wages per average man year).

The Business Office also reports that in the 1972-73 fiscal year, Evergreen purchased \$412,350 worth of items locally, not including electricity, water, sewage, phone or fuels. On top of all this, Business officials predict that during the nine-month 1973-74 academic year, Evergreen student expenditures will total more than five million dollars for room, board, transportation, supplies, personal needs, entertainment, etc.

...INTERNS HELP TUMWATER WIN \$45,000 PARK GRANT... Thanks to the help of two Evergreen interns, the City of Tumwater has recently been awarded a \$45,000 grant by the Inter Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for development of a new city park. Tumwater City Planner Paul DeBonney said Evergreeners Peter May and Jan Rensel contributed "a great deal of innovation and thought" to the request proposal, which was ranked number one out of 31 IAC applications.

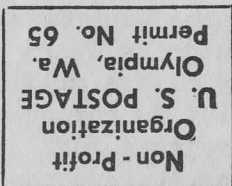
"Without Jan and Peter's help our proposal wouldn't have ranked nearly as high," DeBonney said. "In fact, without them, I'm quite certain we wouldn't have had the application in at this time."

The \$45,000 grant enables the city to purchase more than seven acres of land near the old Olympia Brewery along the DesChutes River. Sometime before next summer, Tumwater will submit a second grant request for development funds, with hopes of having the park completed in 1975. Both of the Evergreen students worked on the proposal throughout last summer and also assisted with studies of Tumwater's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Ms. Rensel has returned to studies on campus, but May continues to assist Tumwater in its final preparation of a comprehensive plan. Another Evergreen intern, Senior Carolyn Savage, of Tumwater, is working with May.

...NOTED PHYSICIST TO SPEAK NOV. 20... John Platt, noted scientific author and professor of physics at the University of Michigan, will speak in Lecture Hall One November 20 at 10:30 a.m. Platt, who is also associate director of the Mental Health Research Institute at the University of Michigan, has written several books on sciences and social responsibility, including The Excitement of Science, The Step to Man, and Perception and Change.

His talk, entitled "Catalyzing World Transformation," will be especially directed toward students from the Matter and Motion, Nature and Society, and Power and Personal Vulnerability Coordinated Studies programs, but all interested persons are invited.

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...STUDENTS QUIZ DECISION MAKERS...If you want to learn how decisions are made in American society, why not ask some of the folks who are making them? At least that's the theory behind Faculty Member Ron Woodbury's invitation to seven key state decision makers to talk to his students in the Power and Decision in American Society group contract.

"We've already talked to Jim Dolliver, Governor Evan's assistant, and Judge Janice Niemi, of the King County Superior Court," Woodbury reports. "We've also visited with an opponent and proponent of the Satsop Nuclear Plant, and we will talk to several more persons before the quarter's out."

Woodbury's two-quarter program is examining the fundamental decisions made in American society and the relationship between those decisions and the social, economic and political structure of the country. His 16 "advanced" students are reading two "heavy" books a week covering history, political science, sociology and economics. They're also writing numerous essays and preparing for Winter Quarter research projects on such local problems as zoning ordinances, labor negotiations or discrimination in employment practices.

Future interviews will be conducted with State Attorney General Slade Gorton on "The Law," and Frank Ruano, a candidate for King County Council, and former Seattle Mayor Dorm Bramen, both on the Seattle dome stadium issue.

...PHOTOGRAPHERS TO TOUR CAMPUS...Members of the Southwest Chapter of Professional Photographers of Washington will tour Evergreen November 19. Woody Hirzel, Evergreen photo media specialist and host for the meeting, said at least 25 persons are expected to tour the college, view a photographic exhibit in the circulation area of the library, and explore the media production facilities. The photographers will also view two short films photographed and produced by Evergreen staff and students.