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Last Friday Governor Dan Evans accepted on behalf of The Evergreen State College a volume entitled "The American Legion Story" which was presented by Gary Foote representing the Tumwater Post of the American Legion.

This constituted the first individual gift to the library of the newly established state college in Olympia, according to Dean Clabaugh, Executive Director of the College.

Over the past three months, through the efforts of Gene Bismuti of the State Library staff, hundreds of volumes have been collected and stored for later use when the college opens in 1971. Among the collection already started are volumes contributed by the gift and exchange division of the University of Washington Library, largely literary and historical works and volumes from the architecture and business administration libraries.

A number of technical electronic books have been received from the United Control Corporation of Redmond and the college received an offer of material from the University of Oregon Library recently, Bismuti said. The State Library at Olympia has donated a large collection of periodicals.

So large is the accumulation of material already on hand that a storage problem has been encountered by the college staff who are temporarily housed in three committee rooms in the Senate wing of the legislative building. This situation was alleviated when Trueman Schmidt, Chairman of the Board of Trustees offered ^{free} storage space in the bottling plant at the Olympia Brewing Company at Tumwater where the collection now rests.

Persons wishing to donate technical volumes and historical material to the new college should make arrangements with Buel Brodin, Assistant Administrative Director at the college office.

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