

NEWS

The Evergreen State College
Olympia, Washington 98505

for immediate release
January 10, 1976

for further information
Judy Annis, 866-6128

Only one more building remains under construction at The Evergreen State College following the December completion of Phase II of the Laboratory Building. As students returned to campus for the start of Winter Quarter, faculty members were moving into the three-story structure, a near replica of Phase I with several important distinctions.

Evergreen Facilities Director Jerry Schillinger reports that the new building, designed by Naramore, Bain, Brady and Johanson of Seattle, is "one of the finest undergraduate academic facilities in the United States". It provides flexibly designed laboratories for both basic and highly-advanced scientific study, along with new spaces for work in a variety of artistic disciplines.

In addition to enhancing current instructional programs in chemistry, biology, mathematics, physics, computing and other sciences, the new wing gives the college expanded academic capability: new labs for radiation studies, a small museum of natural history, and improved spaces for such laboratory arts as printing, lithography and design.

The new building, constructed by Jones and Roberts of Olympia, also offers one "gigantic multi-disciplinary laboratory" on each floor. It houses 39 faculty offices, three seminar rooms, and headquarters for both the Evergreen Office of Facilities and the Washington State Commission for the Humanities.

Phase II is surrounded by what Schillinger describes as "the most successful landscaping project on campus". The east side of the structure faces the Lecture Halls Building and adjoins Phase I on the south. The west side faces lush forest and is surrounded by brick courtyards offering quiet spaces for students to take advantage of Spring and Summer sunshine. The landscaping was designed by Arvid Grant and Associates of Olympia and completed by Jones and Roberts.

Dick Nichols, Director
Information Services

-more-

Phase II will be dedicated during Open House ceremonies this Spring after students and faculty have fully occupied its offices and laboratories.

Still under construction on Evergreen's campus is the Communications Laboratory Building, which stands in the southeast corner of the campus, south of the Recreation Center. The new structure is about 50 percent complete, according to Schillinger, and is Scheduled for occupancy next January.

A three-story structure, the Communications Lab will offer approximately 85,000 square feet of space, including an experimental theater, seating 250-300 persons; a 225-seat recital hall; rehearsal areas for orchestra, band, choral, theater and dance; rooms especially designed for cinematography, and two dimensional design; practice and seminar areas; and a costume design room and shop. The project is being built by Jones and Roberts. It was designed by Walker and McGough of Spokane.