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"Operation Headstart" well might be the name given to the construction plan established for the library, first building to be erected on the campus of The Evergreen State College at Olympia.

Faced with a winter construction start, yet needing to complete the building in time for the opening of classes in September, 1971, college planners settled on a scheme designed to save time and, in turn, money.

First, they decided to complete excavation work last fall rather than waiting until the start of construction and running the risk of weather-caused delays. Second, they directed that the entire building area--which is connected to a blacktop service road--be covered with asphalt to provide a solid base from which to begin erecting the library.

Thus, the successful bidder on the project, which was advertised today, should be able to begin work the moment he can move men and equipment to the campus--regardless of weather conditions.

"This preparation work, a somewhat novel but not rare approach, was necessitated by a tight building scheduling," explained Jerry L. Schillinger, the college's Director of Facilities Planning. "The library is a 337,000 square foot structure, scheduled for completion in August of 1971. By doing this preparatory work, we've provided a hedge against possible construction delays caused by wet weather."

Bids on the mammoth project probably will be opened February 10 by the State Division of Engineering and Architecture in Olympia, with construction expected to commence on or around March 1, Schillinger added.

Dick Nichols, Director
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Details of "Operation Headstart" were worked out by college officials, consultants from Quinton-Budlong, Inc., a Seattle engineering and planning firm, and library architects Durham, Anderson and Freed of Seattle.

Some 120,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved in the excavating operation and 10,000 square yards of asphalt base laid over sub-surface drains last November. After footings are poured, it is expected the general contractor will patch edges around columns and proceed with his work on a dry, hard surface.

Comprising three floors of approximately 80,000 square feet each, plus penthouse and full basement with mechanical and expansion space, the building initially will house not only library operations but also small classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, and limited food service facilities. The fourth floor initially will have a cafeteria and small group of conference-seminar rooms which will cover only a portion of the total floor area. The structure is designed so that those services can be removed and the library expanded over the entire floor if necessary.

The building will have column spacing of 22 feet, six inches each direction, based on a book stack spacing of four feet, six inches and a floor loading capacity of 125 pounds per square foot. Floor-to-floor height will be 15 feet, with a suspended ceiling to ten feet, providing space for electrical and mechanical equipment. The reinforced concrete structure will have a waffle grid floor system, exposed in certain areas and will be completely air conditioned, which, along with heat, will be received from a central utility plant.

Exterior surfaces will be finished in light buff-colored architectural concrete. Lobby and main stairs will be covered with brick pavers and most library areas will be carpeted.

Building facilities include:

****Television studios with audio and control rooms; audio-visual storage, repair and listening rooms; photographic processing studios; graphics studios; library book receiving, processing and storage department; print shop, and set and model shop.**

****Reading areas; stack areas; faculty and student study carrels; group conference-seminar rooms; library administrative offices; and circulation and return-book processing areas.**

****Campus administration, including registrar; general business offices; executive administrative offices; deans' suites and support areas.**

****Classrooms supplemented by adjacent conference-seminar rooms and media services storage.**

****Faculty space, including offices and adjacent study-waiting areas.**

****Special facilities, including dining room, kitchen and adjacent conference-seminar rooms.**

Plans for the library, to be bid in a single contract, are being issued to contractors from the office of Durham, Anderson and Freed, Architects, 1100 Denny Way, Seattle.

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