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L SAGA Food Services, the largest college food service in the West, will take over the task of feeding students at The Evergreen State College February 21 following a decision by the college's Board of Trustees January 11.

L Evergreen's food contract with ARA Slater Food Services, which has been with the college since it opened in the fall of 1971, was terminated by the Board effective February 20. Vice President for Business Dean Clabaugh cited the lack of "significant improvements" in services by the Slater Company and the remoteness of regional supervision as two of the key reasons for the change in food contracts.

L Slater's regional headquarters is based in Los Angeles; SAGA has a regional headquarters in Bellingham, where the company has served Western Washington State College for the past 15 years.

L In other business the Board formally approved lowering the 1973-75 operating budget request from \$19,442,232 to \$17,729,040. The Board also okayed a supplemental 1973-75 biennium operating budget request for salary and employee benefit increases totaling \$2,085,677. (2,085,677)

L The original budget request, submitted to the governor last fall, was reduced to reflect a slowdown in enrollment growth at Evergreen in the next biennium.

L "The governor's budget office had originally projected an enrollment of 3,420 by the 1974-75 academic year," Clabaugh explained. "The enrollment later was set at 2,825 for the 1974-75 academic year, a decrease of 595 students. The budget revision meets the requirements of the new enrollment figure."

L The board also accepted two contributions to establish separate emergency loan funds. The sum of \$2,000 was contributed by Olympia resident Mrs. Gladys Burns for a fund in her name, and \$2,400 was contributed by the United Methodist Church for the educational support of Indian students under the organization's name.