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LIBRARY COLLECTION GROWS
AT NEW STATE COLLEGE

Development of the opening-day library collection for The Evergreen State College at Olympia is progressing rapidly, with about 75 per cent of the needed hard bound books already purchased, Staff Librarian Malcolm Stilson said today.

"We intend to open September 27 with approximately 75,000 hard bound books on the shelves," Stilson said. "We now have more than 52,000. Our total collection--including books, periodicals, documents, microfilm, microfiche, and a variety of media materials--will include some 150,000 items and we're well on the way toward reaching that level."

In addition to the large number of books, the Evergreen library staff continues to order and process other materials. Some 1,200 periodicals, 8,000 government documents, 16,000 reels of film, numerous indexes and abstracts, 20,000 microfiche books on American civilization already are part of the large collection.

And, the selection process also includes a full range of media materials--films, filmstrips, film loops, records, art prints, charts, maps, and audio and video tapes.

Evergreen's library earlier this year joined with the King County Library System in awarding contracts to Xerox Bibliographics of Washington, D.C., for purchase of catalogs and magnetic tape bases as an initial step in development of a statewide library data bank.

The college's contract calls for production of a total resource catalog by next September. The catalog will take the form of conventional three-by-five library cards, which will be printed and will be similar to Library of Congress cards. After production of cards for the initial catalog, Xerox Bibliographics will continue to provide both cards and processing kits to Evergreen.

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