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The Southwest Washington State College Committee, which spearheaded the 1967 effort to have the Olympia area designated as the site for The Evergreen State College, has added \$682.74 to the emergency loan fund it created in 1972 for use by Evergreen s udents.

The gift closes an account the committee of Thurston County residents established as part of its promotional effort. It brings the Southwest Washington State College Committee Emergency Loan Fund at Evergreen to more than \$4250, which is available for use by students with a variety of financial needs.

Evergreen Director of Financial Aid and Placement Lester W. Eldridge reports that through the end of fiscal 1973, the committee's loan fund, which then contained \$3569, had aided 151 students and had been "turned over" 5.5 times. At that point, students had borrowed and repaid a total of \$19,850.49. Loans averaged about \$131 apiece.

In accepting the latest committee contribution to the fund, Evergreen President Charles J. McCann said, "The support we've received from the committee has provided a solid base from which to assist students who encounter emergency financial problems. Many of these students could not have continued at Evergreen without the assistance of the committee's loan fund. We are grateful to the committee, not only for its generosity, but also because establishment of the loan fund demonstrates a keen understanding of the financial needs of many of our students."

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