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...CO-OP HELPING THURSTON COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE...Evergreen has been placing students in private businesses, governmental agencies and social service organizations for credit-generating internships since the college opened in the fall of 1971. Now, in a cooperative effort between the Office of Cooperative Education and the Thurston County Probation Office, TESC will help place persons found guilty of minor legal offenses in those same agencies to work out their sentences --- not to earn college credit, but to provide a community service.

Ken Donohue, director of Evergreen's Co-Op program, said his office is contacting more than 300 public and private agencies throughout the state to gather names of those organizations willing to cooperate in the newly created Thurston County Minor Offender Program.

"The idea," Donohue, says, "is for those persons found guilty of a minor offense to serve their time helping their local community, rather than behind bars. Co-Op is helping locate those agencies which are willing to accept the unpaid aid of the offenders for an amount of time determined at their sentencing."

The offenders --- often youthful violators of laws regulating marijuana, alcoholism or traffic --- serve at the agencies in lieu of a short jail term. Their service has to be in their home area, which is often outside of Thurston County, so agencies need to be identified throughout the state.

"We sometimes have offenders from as far away as Spokane County," Valerie Shewp, Thurston County probation officer explains. "Our office doesn't have the resources to locate positions that far away, so we looked to Evergreen for help." TESC has placed more than 1800 interns in 800 agencies in the past three and a half years. And, Donohue says, "we're delighted to have this chance to share our resources with the county in this way."

...RECREATION CENTER AND UTILITIES PLANT WIN AWARDS...Two Evergreen buildings have won recognition in the 1974 Honor Awards Program of the Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. One structure --- the College Recreation Center designed by the Tacoma architectural firm of Robert Price and Associates --- received an Honor Award for distinguished accomplishment in architecture. The other --- the college's Central Utilities Plant designed by Bennett, Johnson, Slenes and Smith Architects of Olympia --- received a Merit Award.

Program entries were not only judged on the basis of competition but also on the architect's solution to the design problem presented, as well as a project's worthiness for an architectural award of excellence. The Evergreen building project work --- from design to construction and operation --- is coordinated by Evergreen Director of Facilities Jerry Schillinger.

...TWENTY-THREE SENIORS COMPLETE DEGREES DEC. 13...Twenty-three Evergreen students were scheduled to complete graduation requirements at the end of Fall Quarter. Scheduled to graduate were 11 Washingtonians and 12 out-of-staters.

Graduates from Thurston County were expected to include Jimmy Pruske, Olympia; Jacqueline Ferro Delahunt, Tumwater; and Penny Spute, Lacey. Other Washingtonians graduating were Stephen Wiggins, Napavine; Alan White, Forks; Crystal Ashley, Mead; Lee Vandegrift, Mercer Island; Colleen Christensen, Bellevue; David Kucklick, Puyallup; and Mary Harper and Helen Anderson, both of Tacoma.

Three Fall Quarter graduates Vandegrift, Susan Noyes of Salem, Oregon and Ashley --- are Evergreen pioneers, and Vandegrift is also the first student officially admitted to Evergreen in 1971.

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...TACOMANS STUDYING ALTERNATIVE LIFE STYLES OFF CAMPUS...They meet twice a month at the Tacoma Community Center on South M Street. Over the constant drone of a laboring heating system and the creaking of the old structure, 30 men and women, mostly non-white, all well over 21, question and cajole their instructors, eager to clarify any issues or expose any carelessly offered comments. Representing professional backgrounds in politics, government service, business, health care and social service agencies, the men and women are all Evergreen students. But most of them never get to campus and they don't intend to.

Taught by Tacoman Maxine Mimms --- a full-time Evergreen faculty member, former public school teacher and social case worker --- the group was organized to "expand the students' occupational outlook," she says. "These students are nearly all working in the real world," she comments. "Most have at least two years of college and are determined to earn a college degree. But because of distance and the demands of their present occupations, they can't travel to Olympia for their education. So, Mrs. Mimms explains, "we took Evergreen to them."

She and five other Evergreen faculty members meet with the students three times a week, concentrating on public speaking, creative writing, theoretical lectures on a wide variety of topics, and basic skills development. So far the program has proved to be "one of the liveliest classes we've ever instructed," she says. "These students are motivated. They want to learn everything, to glean every bit of information they can from our faculty members."

She says the program has been so successful that she's working with the Tacoma Urban League, examining the possibility of designing a future Evergreen off-campus program for its staff.

...SOLOMON NAMED NEWSPAPER EDITOR...Samuel Solomon, a first-year Evergreener, has been named editor of the Cooper Point Journal. Solomon, whose appointment is effective from the first of January through the end of Spring Quarter, was named to the post by the Evergreen Publications Board. He has served as special editor of the weekly student newspaper during Fall Quarter.

A graduate of Long, Beach, California Polytechnic High School, Solomon, 19, will be assisted by John Foster, an Evergreen senior from Olympia, who has been appointed business manager for Winter Quarter.