

# NEWS

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Service to and cooperation with state government has been viewed as a primary mission of The Evergreen State College since the institution was founded by the 1967 Legislature. That vision is fast becoming a reality at the new college, which opened in September to approximately 1178 students.

College officials and two state agencies--the Department of Social and Health Services and the State Library--announced this week the signing of a pair of contracts which involve pooling manpower and equipment resources, resulting in cost savings and improved services by the audio-visual operations of all three.

Evergreen stands as the focal point of both agreements, which were separately negotiated by representatives of the two agencies, college library and business staff, the state attorney general's office and the Office of Program Planning and Fiscal Management. State Librarian Maryan Reynolds initiated and played a key coordinative role in the development of the contracts.

The contract with the Division of Social and Health Services involves \$150,000 in college capital improvement funds and \$450,000 in federal funds for the purchase of audio-visual equipment.

In addition, the contract calls for the utilization of \$54,000 in 1971-73 biennium college operating funds and \$216,000 in agency operating monies to pay personnel costs and provide for space, utilities, fiscal management, clerical assistance, office supplies, and other overhead expenditures during the life of the agreement, which ends June 30, 1973.

The contract specifies that Evergreen will provide the department with audio-visual training materials and services such as audio and video tape instructional

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programs, slides and/or strip film programs, production services, and consultation in the preparation of programs and materials. In addition, the department will retain title to media materials produced under terms of the contract, plus equipment necessary to use the materials in the field. In turn, Evergreen will retain title to television production, audio, and photographic equipment purchased for the project. Evergreen also will hire additional professional media staff--TV production director, production designer, production technician or photographer and required hourly-paid workers, including students. The new staff will be Evergreen employees but will devote most of their time to projects covered by the contract.

The project will be directed by David J. Carnahan, Evergreen's Associate Dean of Library Services. Conrad Graham, Training Director for the Department of Social and Health Services, will be coordinator for the agency.

The contract between Evergreen and the State Library also involves cooperative efforts to improve media services of both parties with minimum duplication of staff, collections, and facilities. The college and state libraries previously had launched a joint effort to develop a cataloging system which lowers per unit purchase costs for Evergreen and provides a common data base for collection utilization by both. The two libraries also have collaborated by identifying major resources of the State Library not requiring duplication in Evergreen's collection. By utilizing inter-library loans and by coordinating purchases, larger collections are available to users of both facilities and at lower costs.

Under terms of the contract, the State Library at the end of the year will move all the equipment and personnel of the Washington State Film Library to the Evergreen campus, allowing the college use of both the collection and accompanying microfilm, photographic and graphic equipment. The State Film Library also will provide maintenance, care, storage, cleaning and repairing of Evergreen's 16 small millimeter film collection.

The State Film Library acquires, processes, stores, maintains, and circulates 2,700 films owned by state agencies and public libraries for use by the general

public. The State Library also provides film cleaning and repairing services for agencies whose media collections are not housed in the film library. Some 1,100 titles in the state film collection fall in the categories of recreation and general public education. Another 350 titles deal with drug abuse education. Access to these films will augment Evergreen's limited 16 millimeter collection, which is devoted to specific academic program needs.

By housing the collection, the college can avoid duplication of a valuable resource and better meet its instructional needs by selective purchase and rental of films. In addition, joint utilization of the State Library's film inspection and maintenance equipment will result in saving approximately \$10,000 that otherwise would be spent by the college for purchase of similar equipment.

Movement of the collection, staff and equipment to a temporary 4,100 square foot section of the Evergreen library also will help solve a serious space problem at the State Library, at least for the next three to five years, when college facilities may require expansion.

Under the contract, Evergreen will provide the film library with space, utilities, custodial services, building maintenance, security and fire protection. The college also will provide limited media production and mail services, plus maintenance of film library equipment at mutually-agreeable rates. The State Library will pay for film library postage, purchases, furnishings, equipment and telephone services.

College and State Library officials estimate that contract costs, which will be jointly monitored by accurate record-keeping, will offset each other.

The agreement also stipulates that the college and film library will collaborate to improve staff utilization so that specialized personnel skills may be employed to full advantage.

The contract will remain in effect for at least three years, with decisions about renewal or termination to be made following joint evaluations of experience six months before conclusion of the agreement.

Jere C. Pennell, head of the State Library's audio-visual services section, will serve as supervisor of the Film Library's operations at the college.

Commenting on the two contracts, James F. Holly, Dean of Library Services at Evergreen, said, "The main advantage is the direct reduction of costs for three agencies of state government by combining staffs, facilities and resources at a time when all three face budgetary problems. And Evergreen will be able to achieve more services and resources for its students than otherwise would be the case.

"But, most important, we think, is the development of an attitude of close cooperation between agencies that can help each other solve mutual technical, manpower and service needs. We hope that these agreements will be the forerunners of a broad range of cooperative ventures between the college and agencies of government."

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