PUGET SOUND POWER AND LIGHT OFFERS SUPPORT...More than three thousand dollars in funds and supplies have been awarded to Evergreen students by Puget Sound Power and Light Company. The award, announced this week, will support studies on the energy crisis currently being undertaken by members of an Individual in Contemporary Society Coordinated Studies program seminar directed by Faculty Member Ted Gerstl. The total includes $2,750 in cash and $500 worth of supplies and materials.

Some 22 Olympia area families are involved in the study, which will require them to live under energy restrictions for one month beginning sometime near the end of February, Gerstl said. In the meantime, students are getting acquainted with their study families, gathering data on their "normal" energy uses and preparing for a busy month ahead.

INTERNS "AN ASSET" TO EMPLOYERS...Ninty-six per cent of those who employed student interns from Evergreen last Spring felt the students "were an asset to them and their organization." The figure is the result of a poll taken by the Office of Cooperative Education which places more than 200 interns per quarter in a variety of business, industry, governmental and community organizations. Some 200 field supervisors were invited to respond to the poll and 113 of them actually did.

Of the 113 respondents, 96 per cent also reported they would consider accepting another intern, and 98 per cent felt that the intern program was "a viable and positive approach to education and should be expanded as the college grows." Co-op Director Ken Donohue said 94 per cent of the intern employers felt the internship was "a real learning experience worthy of academic credit," and 79 per cent said that if the intern were graduating soon they would consider hiring him/her on a permanent basis.

Donohue also reported that nearly half of the intern employers polled reported their organization had given the student special company-sponsored training beyond the normal supervision provided by their field supervisors.

EDUCATION BIGGEST DRAW IN CO-OP ED...Of the 231 students who have filed internship agreements this year, 39 have secured learning experiences in the field of education. Ken Donohue, director of the Office of Cooperative Education, reports that business, management and finance have attracted the second highest number of student interns, with 29 listed in that category. Counseling tied with law and political science internships for third place with 20 student interns in each area. Graphics, media and public relations attracted 17 students; while work in the fields of mental health and environmental and urban planning tied for fifth place with 15 students in each category. Social work was close behind with 14 student interns.

ESSENTIA TEAM CONSULTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE...Bob Samples and Cheryl Charles, staff members of the Essentia project based at Evergreen, recently completed consultant work for the U.S. Department of Defense. Offering guidance on "How to Humanize Schools" Bob and Cheryl worked with more than a hundred principals of overseas schools for military dependents at a conference in Bagio City, Republic of the Philippines. The January 5-11 conference attracted principals from the entire Pacific Theater, Samples said.

FACULTY MEMBER TO SPEAK AT AREA MEETING...Faculty Member Leo Daugherty has been invited to present a paper at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest College English Association, meeting at Tacoma's Pacific Lutheran University February 16. Daugherty's paper will describe an interdisciplinary teaching model which relates to the fields of linguistics, psychology and philosophy.
...BIDS AWARDED FOR MINOR PROJECTS...Bids for four minor construction projects on campus were awarded recently. Aimer Construction Company of Seattle was the apparent low bidder to construct six residence hall bike shelters. The Aimer bid of $5,970 was the lowest of 11, while the highest bid was $11,455, according to Jerry Schillinger, director of facilities planning.

Other successful bidders were Lee and Davis Welding, Olympia, which bid $5,944 to construct kiln shelters for the Laboratory Annex; Hunter Construction, Gig Harbor, which bid $1,125 to construct a ramp for the handicapped at the College Recreation Center, and C. E. Skinner of Orting, which bid $1,278 to construct an entrance sign for the South Parkway.

... CANADIAN MIME ARTIST APPEARING...Claude St-Denis, one of Canada's leading mime artists, will present two public performances in the Olympia area February 4 and 5. St-Denis, an internationally known performer and creator in the ancient art of pantomime, will appear at Evergreen February 4 at 8 p.m. in Lecture Hall One, and at St. Martin's College February 5 at 8 p.m. in the Abbey Theater.

A resident of Paris, France, St-Denis has toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and most recently, Africa. He founded the Montreal School of Mime in 1968 and has been performing his "universal language of the silent gesture," since 1956, when he won a major Canadian talent contest.

Sponsored by Eye-5, St-Denis's performances are free and open to the public.