From New Buildings To
Red Brick And Bathrooms

It's happening all around campus--hammers pounding, saws whining, machinery clanking and buildings springing up. The brain center behind all this remodeling and construction has one location. As you enter the Facilities Office, things are quiet, the air is cool, and large picture windows look out on lush green surroundings. What you don't see are the long hours kept by staff members and the pressure created by constant deadlines and negotiations with contractors. The Facilities staff is coordinating an amazing schedule of projects that affect, or will affect, virtually everyone on campus. It's the biggest change in the physical Evergreen since the early '70s because legislators approved nearly 100 percent of the Evergreen capitol request this year, providing $13.1 million for more than 300 remodeling, maintenance and building projects. This newsletter is dedicated to Facilities because, if you're not affected by more efficient Business and Registrar's Offices, by construction noise or temporary bathroom partitions, you will still notice new red-brick paving, new buildings, improved roadways and lots more. Facilities' massive effort is one more visible, and vital, way Evergreen continues to improve upon its tradition of excellence in education.

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING are signs of the times at Evergreen, especially at the new residence halls, above. The college's Rec Center Phase II project, below, will be ready for construction beginning in January.
Rec Center Phase II Will Meet Many Needs

To some it's the new gym, although it's really called the College Recreation Center Phase II. Whatever you call it, Phase II creates not only opportunities for fitness, fun, music and dance, but it brings to life the vision of original TESC planners.

Evergreen's original master plan called for the CRC Phase II to meet educational and recreational program needs. After years of seeking legislative approval for the project, the college received funding in June with a tight timeline that aims for groundbreaking this January and completion by June, 1989. Evergreen was the only college in the state without a gymnasium or large gathering space. Soon, we'll have a brand-new 2,100-seat $6.8 million multi-purpose facility.

"CRC Phase II was so long overdue, the day it opens it will be overflowing with students involved in play and fitness activities," says Jan Lambertz, director of Recreation and Athletics.

"We'll be able to use CRC Phase II more experimentally than our own facility," says Ed Trujillo, referring to the Communications Building he manages. "There's potential for modern dance troupes, ballet activity and more big-name music in the new facility."

Phase II will include a gymnasium that doubles as a large group events space, multi-use rooms, locker rooms (of equal size for men and women), team rooms and offices. In the wellness lab, staff will test your fitness, prescribe exercise and provide consulting. A sports medicine area will specialize in the prevention and rehabilitation of injuries. Phase II will give students, faculty and staff the room to participate in fitness, dance, sports instruction, martial arts, team handball, basketball and volleyball on campus, greatly enhancing their opportunities to stay in shape during the rainy season. Recreation is important, according to Lambertz, to help Greeners maintain the mental and physical balance necessary for good health and top performance in their work and studies.

Lecture Halls Cosy for the Next Decade

The Lecture Halls will all have new and improved seating by the first day of fall classes. Lecture Hall 5 will receive new seats to fit into existing seat frames. The rest of the old seats from that hall will be repainted and re-upholstered, then mixed in with the best refinshed seats in Lecture Halls 2, 3 and 4. Lecture Hall 1 seats also will be re-upholstered. According to Barbara Crossland, project manager, the Lecture Halls as a whole should be comfortable at least for another ten years.

Office Remodels Making Working New

Registration and Records, Purchasing, the Library and the Business Office will all benefit from remodeling that has increased space and efficiency. Folks in Registration doubled the size of their vault for storing student records, and have more work space and a more comfortable area for students to register. "It's soothing to work here now. I can't believe the changes that have gone on," says Judy Huntley, assistant to the dean for registration and records. The Business Office, aka the Controller's Office, was revamped, creating more space that's organized for greater efficiency for staffers and their customers, with quiet where it's needed. "I think Jon Collier did a great job of seeing that our many requests were met," says Becky Gallagher, controller. Gallagher is especially pleased with the new conference room (which doubled as her office before), which is open for use by other campus offices. Purchasing is together in one space for the first time and has a new area for bid openings. Add to that their new location across from the Business Office, and you have a Purchasing staff happy with a greatly improved work environment. And the Library has three new offices on the second floor—one for the inter-library loan group and two for reference staff—along with a larger reference area and reorganized technical service area. All these recently (or nearly) completed projects were funded out of the last biennium.

KEEPING EVERGREEN IN BUSINESS: Two of three counters in the Business Office are new (this one helps serve students), adding to overall improved efficiency created by remodeling. Happy Business Office staffers, left to right are: Lorri Moore, Jane Madsen, Debby Davies, Dana DeLaney, Lilly Haue, Meg Mensal, Verna Baker, Beth Hartmann, Teresa Lingrefelter, Linda Jacob, Myrna Zolyomi, Becky Gallagher, Sharlene Lugenbeel, David Judd, Ron Stead, Mark Beckler.
Residence Halls Near Completion

Although they look classy, with the pitched roofs and overhangs of a "Northwest vernacular" design and forested surroundings that provide a tranquil setting, they aren't townhouses or condominiums. They're Housing's new buildings—seven residence halls and one big Community Center. The Housing Office hopes the new buildings will help students form a caring, tight-knit community, says Linda Hohman, housing manager.

Evergreen's original planners first eyed the five-acre site for future growth. Located directly between the high-rise residence halls and the modular housing on Driftwood Road, the complex adds 200 beds. Most units have four to six single bedrooms that share kitchen, living and bathrooms. Two units are for student managers and two for the physically challenged. Each residence hall reaches three stories in height and receives good daylight from southern exposure. Housing's bed count is up to 776, a 35 percent increase from last year, and 90 percent of the requests to live on-campus Fall Quarter will be met, according to Hohman. The Community Center will have a bookstore/deli (open when other food services are closed), a laundry room, mail room and a large social space for dances and other student events. The Corner, a student-run food collective, will move from A-Dorm to the Center to serve the bigger clientele. With its organic and international menu, The Corner will continue to provide eating alternatives without competing with on-campus food services.

The finishing touch will be landscaping which, according to project manager Jim Copland, will use plants indigenous to the area, including vine maple and huckleberry.

Minor Remodels and Furniture Repair Will Bring Welcome Change

Evergreen needs more faculty offices and specialized library space, so eight large offices are being remodeled into 16 smaller offices for Fall Quarter. By next summer, the third floor of the Library will be remodeled for the growing Teacher Education Program, adding space for periodicals on microfilm, a curriculum library and a consolidated non-print collection area that offers slide, music and film rentals. By the time school begins the pharmacy in Health Services will be remodeled to meet state codes that require prescription drugs to be kept under double lock-and-key. An added bonus for Health Services will be a larger laboratory and work space. A wide-ranging project of George Leago and his wood-working crew is repair of tables, chairs, desks and file cabinets. Most of the work is on tables and chairs used for academic programs.

Other New Buildings To Spring Up

Buildings to house grounds equipment and hazardous waste are on the drawing boards. Equipment used by the grounds crew has always been stored outside, which meant it had to be continually rebuilt and repainted to fend off weather. A new metal shed will extend the life of expensive grounds equipment. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency requires whoever uses or generates hazardous products and wastes to follow approved methods for receiving, storage, usage and disposal. To meet this requirement, Evergreen will build a concrete block structure that is fire proof, complete with separate rooms for each type of chemical and loading dock. Facilities has selected a tentative site next to the maintenance shop.

Opening Doors To Physically Challenged

One push-button operated automatic door will be added to each academic building, designed to improve access to physically challenged students. Another access improvement will be a new lift in the basement of the CAB for physically challenged users of the CAB and Rec Center.
One-Stop Shopping For Student Advising

The new Student Advising Center, or SAC, will bring an added dimension of convenience to students, ultimately improving their educational experience. Walls in the C Wing of the Library were knocked out, making way for creation of several offices, a library, conference room and workroom. There, the offices of Academic Advising, First People's Coalition, Key-Special Services, Career Development, Cooperative Education and the Dean of Student Development will be housed and served by one reception area. A SAC open house and celebration is set for September 25, when everyone is moved in. Joyce Weston, director of the Student Advising Center, is excited that "all of these offices that offer integral services will be together for the first time in the universe," meaning students don't have to run around for advising needs. There are more benefits. The Center will begin offering a wide selection of workshops to help students "survive," including how to write better evaluations, how to be effective in seminars and, in general, how to make the best use of Evergreen. SAC members will communicate more easily and that's an advantage for keeping up-to-date on curriculum changes and other information. All this adds up to better advising and higher visibility for each of the Center's offices, and that should improve student retention and the quality of education at Evergreen.

Fixing-Up Concrete, Red-Brick Paving, Asphalt And Roadways

Water, freezing temperatures and ground settlement are taking their toll on Evergreen's outdoor concrete, red-brick paving, parking lots and roadways. Near the northwest corner of the CABS, for example, a walkway has settled three to four inches and an adjoining retaining wall now leans to the east. A George Leago-led project will begin concrete repair around the Welcome Pole, bus stop and flag poles. Analysis of the deterioration also is planned, including how to repair the CABS's sunken concrete.

A Leago-led crew will also curb red-brick paving deterioration, which is most noticeable around the bus stop. "Somehow water got in there and carried away the sand base," says Leago. Sand base and brick paving will be repaired on a patchwork basis throughout campus, focusing on Red Square and other heavily traveled areas. "The whole of Red Square will be affected one way or another," he says. "Once deterioration of brick starts, it gets worse exponentially, so we were lucky to get funds to repair it now." Brick re-paving projects should start in September and continue through next summer.

Potholes on roads around campus have been filled, and now workers are repairing deteriorating shoulders along the Evergreen Parkway. Also, repaving on Driftwood Road near the intersection of Overhulse Road requires closing one lane of traffic this week and next week. Drivers may want to enter the back of campus from the west via 17th and Lewis Road. Street lights and new sidewalks at Driftwood and Overhulse should be finished by the end of this week. Parking lots will receive a face-lift when a sealant is applied to prolong the asphalt's life. Parking Lot C will be closed until September 4, except one day—August 29—to accommodate a conference. Laurie Barrett is managing the roadway and parking lot projects.

Asbestos Survey

When the college was built, asbestos materials weren't widely used. However, they were used in some places, mostly on pipes and other building materials not directly exposed to activity, but the exact impact isn't known. State and federal Environmental Protection Agency and WISHA (Washington Industrial Safety and Health Administration) regulations require all asbestos to be identified, labeled, and sealed or removed. A consultant, Certified Industries Hygiene Services, Inc., of Seattle, began surveying campus this month.

Attention To Bathrooms

The most private places on campus are under repair. All bathroom stall dividers that have been vandalized or are suffering from normal wear-and-tear will be fixed, room by room. Each bathroom takes about a week, and while dividers are removed, temporary partitions will be installed.

Laurie Barrett directs Parkway roadwork.
Lab Annex Addition Making Room for Artists

For years, rooms in the Lab I Building that were designed as science laboratories have housed visual artists who endured inadequate ventilation and lighting, and lack of room for classes and storage. Soon that will change. Facilities' addition to the Lab Annex will be committed to visual arts instruction, leaving Lab I rooms for general purpose/lab classes. The Annex Addition includes a small two-story building connected to the existing Annex by a bridge, and new construction on top of the existing Annex. New studios in the Addition will be properly equipped for painting and other two-dimensional art activity. Top-floor studios will feature skylights. Construction includes removing the greenhouse on the roof of the existing Annex to make way for three studios and a critique room. In the new building, the entire top floor will house a single studio, and the ground floor will include space for flue-ventilated kilns. The new studios will be much bigger, so classes won't be cramped. The Annex's new building will be in the woods just south of the existing Annex, and special attention will be paid to removing as few trees as possible during construction. The bridge between the existing Annex and the new building will provide a second-floor gathering area and an open-air walk-through on the ground below. Project work is slated to begin in January, with completion set for next September. Jon Collier is the project manager.