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Dr. Willard Humphreys and Dr. Willie Parson have been named to the two newly-created "senior academic deanships" at The Evergreen State College. The appointments, announced today (May 7) by Evergreen Vice President and Provost Edward J. Kormondy, are effective about July 1.

Dr. Humphreys, named to a four-year, renewable term, will carry primary responsibilities for curriculum, faculty recruitment, and faculty assignments at Evergreen. Dr. Parson, a current academic dean who has accepted an additional two-year, non-renewable appointment, will be responsible for academic budgets, spaces and facilities.

Dr. Humphreys was one of Evergreen's original planning faculty, joining the college staff in 1970, one year before Evergreen opened its doors to students. The 41-year-old professor has taught at Oberlin College, Quinnipiac College, the University of Toledo, Oregon State University and, just prior to joining Evergreen, New College in Sarasota, Florida.

Dr. Humphreys earned his bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania; his first master's degree in history and philosophy of science from Indiana University; a second master's degree in philosophy from Yale University, and a doctorate, also in philosophy, from Yale. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Humphreys is also a published journalist and an accomplished musician.

Dr. Parson, currently in his second year as an Evergreen dean, joined the college faculty as a biologist in September of 1971. He taught at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and served as a research assistant at Washington State University before coming to Evergreen.

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The 34-year-old scientist earned his bachelor of science degree in bacteriology from Southern Univeristy, and both his master's and doctor's degrees in bacteriology from WSU.

Provost Kormondy said two more appointments -- to assistant deanships -- will be made before the end of May.