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The State Department of Ecology has awarded The Evergreen State College and Dr. S.F. "Jerry" Cook a \$12,200 grant to examine the eutrophication and restoration of Horseshoe Lake in Woodland, Washington.

Dr. Cook, director of Laboratory Facilities at Evergreen, said the grant will enable students to sample the waters of both the lake and the Lewis River, which feeds it, and determine the source of the nutrients which are promoting the growth of algae and destroying the purity.

"The students will make bi-weekly trips to Woodland to determine the source of the nutrients which are promoting growth of algae and destroying the lake's pristine qualities," he said. "The students will also determine how those nutrients can be removed so that the lake will become less rich and, hence, less polluted," he explained.

The students will receive part-time salaries for their efforts, as well as full academic credit. The nine-month project, according to Dr. Cook, provides "a unique opportunity for undergraduates to combine academic theories with practical problem-solving techniques which will benefit the community of Woodland."

The lake, located 20 miles south of Kelso, is actually an elbow of the Lewis River. It was isolated in the early 1940's when Old Highway 99 was built.

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