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Recruitment of approximately 36 new faculty members to operate academic programs at The Evergreen State College, which opens its Olympia campus September 27, is nearly complete, it was announced today by Vice President and Provost David G. Barry.

The new faculty, expected to be under contract before the end of March and due to report for work next September, will join 18 planning faculty who have been on the scene since last September putting together details of academic programs.

"We began this second phase of faculty recruiting with a list of 7,000 names, including prospects from across the country and from many other nations, and have now pared it down to 70 finalists," Barry said. "Most of the applications were unsolicited, and we were particularly gratified that many came from persons who had heard and were excited about Evergreen's programs and wanted to be a part of shaping this new college."

Faculty members are being sought to fill positions in Evergreen's two credit-generating academic programs--Coordinated Studies and Contracted Studies. Coordinated Studies are cooperative learning enterprises usually involving 100 students and five faculty from different fields, studying a common topic or problem from a multiple perspective.

Contracted Studies are arranged so that students--either as individuals or in small groups--may sign up with a faculty member or other college sponsor to earn credit by doing a specific project, carrying out an investigation, mastering a skill or dealing with a body of subject matter to pursue a specialty.

"Our program involves total commitment to excellent teaching and the rewards within the system are designed to recognize that fact," Barry explained.

Interviewing of top-priority candidates by college officials will be completed in about one week, with those selected scheduled to receive confirming letters by March 1, Barry said. "We hope to have most of them under contract shortly afterward," he added.

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