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The National Science Foundation will send a writing team to The Evergreen State College this summer to work on the first major curriculum project directed towards the training of chemical technicians.

Evergreen Academic Dean Don Humphrey said the team, from the NSF Chemical Technician Curriculum Project, will aim at instructing students on the use of common laboratory instruments and developing skills in common laboratory techniques.

"The five-member team will also help acquaint students with the language of chemistry as well as teach basic chemical principles," Humphrey said. "And, they will try to make the skills and information available in self-paced learning packages."

The NSF team will complement the activities of 11 Evergreen faculty members working on a separate \$50,000 NSF grant awarded to Evergreen for a summer program to develop self-paced learning units in the natural and social sciences, Humphrey said.

The ChemTech project "will also bridge a gap between the work at Evergreen and investigations being carried on at the national level," he added. "We can compare the materials we're developing on campus with those being developed by writers from 14 major universities as well as by representatives from major chemical industries such as Eastman Kodak, Dupont and Rohm-Haas."

The visiting writers will include William Kieffer, chairman of the Department of Chemistry, College of Wooster, Ohio; Charles Nobler, University of California; Jack Ballinger, National Environmental Research Center; Robert Pecsok, project director and chairman of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Hawaii. Evergreen Faculty Member Robert Barnard, who has been associated with the ChemTech project for several years, will be working with the visiting team.

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A kit containing more than 1,000 reagent grade chemical samples has been donated to The Evergreen State College by the Chemical Technicians Curriculum Project of the National Science Foundation.

Samples in the kit will be used by Evergreen students and faculty as standards for analyses of various substances on analytical instruments now available in the new Laboratory Building on campus.

Academic Dean Don Humphrey said the "broad choice of samples made available by this gift will make it possible for students to examine various characteristics of chemical systems and will insure the broadest and most professional use of instruments such as infrared, ultraviolet and visible light spectrophotometers."

Humphrey said the gift was made available through the efforts of Evergreen Faculty Member Robert Barnard, who has been associated with the ChemTech project for several years.

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