

# National science post given to UCSC professor

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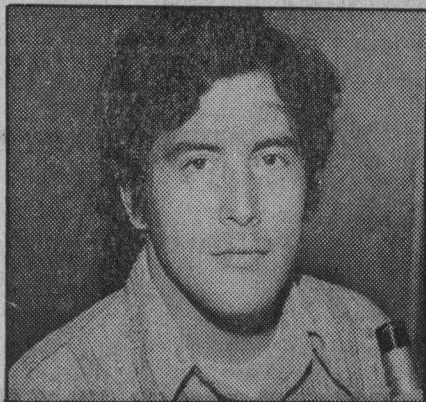
SANTA CRUZ — A UCSC biology professor has taken an appointment with the National Science Foundation in Wash., D.C.

Clifton A. Poodry, associate professor of biology and a fellow of Crown College, has been at work since December in his new position as a program director with the NSF. He will review some 400 scientific proposals each year, and make the final recommendations on how more than \$10 million in research funds will be distributed to scientists nationwide.

E. Paul Broglio of the NSF's personnel and administration office, says the position is rotational, and is filled from the top ranks of scientists in academia.

Poodry has been at UCSC since 1972. Born and raised on the Seneca reservation in upper New York state, he earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo. When he earned his doctorate from Case Western Reserve, he became one of only a dozen Native Americans to earn a Ph.D. in science.

The main thrust of his work in developmental biology is the study of cellular interaction at the cell surface, to find out which molecules are involved in cell adhesion, according to David Rubin, a



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post-doctoral biology researcher at UCSC. Certain cells "recognize" other cells, he said, and one of the goals of Poodry's research is determine how this recognition occurs.

His work has been supported by the NSF, the National Institute of Health, and the UC Cancer Research Coordinating Committee. For the past seven years, he has served as an advisor to the program he will now head for the next year.

The appointment will last one to two years.