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The University of Dayton News Release

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DAYTON, Ohio, February 15, 1989--The University of Dayton has received a $223,013 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for partial support of the Chautauqua National Center located on campus.

The center markets and administers three-day forums on recent advances in science for undergraduate college teachers at field centers, satellite centers and special sites around the country. Approximately 72 courses will be offered at the various sites between January and August 1989. In 1988, college science teachers from 35 states participated in the forums.

As a field center, UD is offering short courses in such areas as "Critical Thinking in Science Teaching," "Microcomputers as Laboratory Tools," and "Elections: Presidential and Congressional" that will analyze the media coverage from the recent election. UD is the only field center in Ohio.

"This program is an excellent vehicle for faculty development," said George Miner, a UD physics professor who is the director of the Chautauqua National Center.

The NSF grant will allow the national office to enhance the quality of courses, prepare and distribute marketing brochures, improve the mailing list and create an advisory committee for better planning, according to Miner.

"The creation of a national advisory committee will give our program the ability to identify the hot new subjects in order to include them in our curriculum," Miner said. "This will help us ensure that the science majors in this country's universities will not receive an obsolete education."

For a brochure or information on registration and fees, contact George Miner at (513) 229-2327.