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SARASOTA--A New College chemistry professor has received a \$10,800 grant to do research on unusual aromatic compounds.

Dr. Rodger W. Griffin Jr., associate professor of chemistry, has been awarded the grant by the Petroleum Research Fund, administered by the American Chemical Society.

During the next 15 months, Dr. Griffin will conduct research on "Meta-Bridged Aromatic Compounds" in the college laboratories and with the assistance of certain of his undergraduate students.

Dr. Griffin said that the work will be directed to preparing new and unusual compounds and then transforming them into other molecules.

The work is primarily being done to achieve a better understanding of molecules and their electronic properties, he said.

The field of research is based on previous work that Dr. Griffin has done. He said that the first work in the field was performed in 1899 but overlooked until the 1950's, when chemists in England and at the University of Rochester in New York began a systematic study.