



Fungus Control Effort

Jack Parker, left, a senior fisheries major in the Department of Wildlife Management, determines the solubility of one of the fungicides being tested at the college in an effort to control a fungus that has been destroying bass eggs at some state fish hatcheries for the past several years. Parker's laboratory work is supervised by George Moskovits, right, as assistant professor in the department.

Fisheries Student Joins Fungus Fight

A fisheries student at A&M has joined biologists of Texas seeking to control a fungus that is cutting heavily into the production of bass in state fish hatcheries.

Jack Parker of Freeport, a senior in the Department of Wildlife Management, is carrying out a segment of a research project being conducted by the college for the Texas Game and Fish Commission.

The college's project with the Game and Fish Commission is concerned with the control of parasitism in state fish hatcheries, and Parker's phase of the project is a search for a compound that will kill the fungus on fish eggs.

This fungus, which has the

scientific name of "Saprolegnia parasitica," has been destroying bass eggs at some fish hatcheries in Texas for the past several years.

When Parker discovers a compound that will kill the fungus, then he must conduct extensive tests to determine the effects of the compound on the egg.

Parker, whose laboratory work is carried out under the supervision of George Moskovits, assistant professor in the Department of Wildlife Management, is one of 10 outstanding seniors at A&M selected to do basic research in the Undergraduate Research Participation Program of the National Science Foundation.

Architects to Study P. Ed. Structures

Whether limited shelters could serve in physical education in many instances in lieu of expensive gymnasium structures will be determined in research.

The Architectural Research Division of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (a part of the A&M System) has been awarded a grant by the Education Facilities Laboratories, Inc. to conduct a study on the feasibility of using limited shelters for physical education.

Educational Facilities Laboratories is a nonprofit corporation established by the Ford Foundation in 1958, with an appropriation of \$4.5 million, to help American schools and colleges with their physical problems by the encouragement of research, experimentation, and the dissemination of knowledge regarding educational facilities.

The project will include an analysis of what is being taught in physical education and how existing facilities are actually being used, according to Ben H. Evans, coordinator of the Architectural Research Division of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

Existing evidence points to the conclusion that many of physical education activities could be conducted without costly, overdesigned, gymnasiums, even in moderately cold climates. The research will attempt to determine the limits of environmental conditions which might be tolerated by a physical education class and to investigate ways by which the resulting conditions might be realized.

The study will involve a survey and analysis of existing structures in schools and in industry that relate to the problem to determine what contributions those structures offer toward the solutions of physical education problems.

Elements and devices for controlling the environmental factors will be sought. The elements may be architectural, mechanical, or natural, such as trees, shrubs and

other landscaping materials. The Architectural Research Division will use its architectural wind tunnel, lighting dome, sun lamp and other facilities in the investigation of the effectiveness of such elements.

At the conclusion of the study the results will be reported in a special Texas Engineering Experiment Station report.

Dr. Wayne C. Hall Invited to Present Paper At Meeting

Dr. Wayne C. Hall, professor and head of the Department of Plant Physiology and Pathology, has been invited to present a research paper at the Fourth International Conference on Plant Growth Regulation to be held at Yonkers, N. Y., Aug. 10-14.

Attendance at the conference has been restricted to approximately 100 world authorities in the plant hormone field representing 30 countries, including Russia.

The meeting will be conducted in coordination with the Ninth International Botanical Congress at Montreal, Canada, Aug. 19-29, and is sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Science Foundation and American industry.

Hall's paper, entitled "Studies With C-14-labeled Ethylene," was co-authored by Dr. C. S. Miller, an assistant professor in the Department of Plant Physiology and Pathology, and F. A. Herrero, who recently resigned from his position as a research scientist in the department to return to his home in Argentina.

Hall also has been appointed as a consultant on a team to conduct comprehensive reviews at state agricultural experiment stations.

These reviews are conducted by the Division of Experiment Stations, Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, at the request of the state experiment stations.

The first review has been scheduled on cotton research at the Arkansas Experiment Station at Fayetteville, beginning Oct. 6.

Hall and other members of the team will review the current cotton research and will make recommendations for improvement.

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