

Research Conference Arrangements Being Made for State Undergraduates

Promising undergraduate science students from junior and senior colleges from throughout the state will participate during coming months in a series of research conferences now being arranged for them at College Station, Austin, Lubbock, Denton and Dallas. The conferences are being supported by the National Science Foundation through a grant to the Texas Academy of Science providing expense allowances for all participants.

A&M, the University of Texas, Texas Tech and, jointly, North Texas State College and Texas Woman's University will be the host institutions. Some medical and industrial research laboratories in Dallas will also cooperate.

The first of these two-day conferences will be held at College Station Dec. 14-15, the second at Lubbock Feb. 4-5, the third at Austin March 3-4 and the fourth at Denton and Dallas April 7-8.

Students from about 20 colleges in the general areas of these research centers will be accommodated at each conference.

Laboratories will be visited, research projects reviewed, techniques discussed, and the nature, significance, requirements and rewards of present day research explained by outstanding scientists

Fish Beat Cougar Freshmen in Meet

Freshman cross country runners outmanned the University of Houston freshmen to beat them 16 points Saturday morning at the freshman-varsity dual meet here.

The Aggie varsity wasn't so fortunate, and were beaten 17 points by the Cougars.

In the freshman division Barrie Almond of Houston rounded the two-mile course in 9 minutes 41.3 seconds. Second place was taken by Johnny Faulkner of the Aggies and was followed by teammates Ronald Dingle, E. L. Ener and George Pickel.

in each of the major natural science fields.

Panel discussions, seminars and personal conferences will give participants a chance to learn more about types of graduate training required for scientific research and about scholarships and assistantships available to them in universities throughout the country.

Carter To Collect Data for Doctorate In Central America

Dilford C. Carter, graduate student in the Department of Wildlife Management here has left for Mexico and other Central American countries where he will spend six months collecting field data for his doctoral dissertation.

His problem, being done under the direction of Dr. W. B. Davis, head of the department, involves the systematic and ecologic relationships of free-tailed bats of the *Tadarida brasiliensis* complex which are thought to be involved in the spread and transmission of rabies.

Carter's headquarters will be in Mexico City and from there he will carry on extensive collections and behavioral studies of bats in various parts of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Panama. The bats being studied spend the summer in Texas and neighboring states and migrate southward in winter, but their wintering grounds and their wintering habits are not well known.

The research on bats is being supported in part by the Rob and Bessie Welded Wildlife Foundation of Sinton, Tex., the Pennsylvania State University and by private funds.

Mrs. Carter and her two children will accompany Carter as far as Mexico City where she will spend the winter. The family plans to return to College Station next April.

"This program is the first of its kind to be sponsored by the National Science Foundation through a state academy and is therefore an experiment that may determine to what extent such programs will be supported in other states in future years," Charles LaMotte, program director, said today. LaMotte is professor of biology here. "Only the most outstanding undergraduate students selected by the faculties of their respective colleges and accompanied by one or more of their professors will be eligible to participate, but they will be expected to carry some of

their first-hand observations, a lot of information and some engendered enthusiasm back to their fellow students."

Heading up arrangements at host institutions are: Dr. L. C. Grumbles, professor of veterinary microbiology at A&M College; Dr. Addison Lee, professor of botany and director of science education at the University of Texas; Dr. Joe Adamcik, assistant professor of chemistry at Texas Tech; Dr. J. K. G. Silvey, professor of biology and chairman of the Science Division at North Texas State College.

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