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DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL STUDY ON POSTDOCTORAL EDUCATION WILL SPEAK
AT CENTER'S ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 9

Dr. Richard B. Curtis, director of The Study of Postdoctoral Education, has accepted an invitation to speak in Dallas on that subject. He will address trustees and the advisory council of the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies at the SCAS annual meeting on Oct. 9.

The Study of Postdoctoral Education is a continuing program of the National Research Council, under the National Academy of Sciences, and headquarters at Washington, D. C. Its advisory committee includes 14 nationally-known educators, under chairmanship of Dr. Sanborn C. Brown of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The SCAS began offering postdoctoral appointments to leading young scientists as it began operations in 1962. Twenty-seven have been at the SCAS this calendar year. Basic intent of the postdoctoral program, which is often likened to medical internship and residency, is to attract young scientists to the southwest and create a pool of teaching and research manpower for universities and industry, especially in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

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ROBINSON OF SCAS WILL HELP ORGANIZE TWO DECEMBER SCIENCE MEETINGS

Prof. Ivor Robinson, who heads the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies Mathematics and Mathematical Physics division, has been named to an organizing subcommittee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting.

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The AAAS meeting, Dec. 26-31, is expected to bring 8,000 to 10,000 participants to Dallas.

Professor Robinson is also an organizer for the Fourth Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics, which will be held in Dallas Dec. 16-20. The earlier meeting is expected to bring nearly 200 mathematicians and astronomers here from across the world.

Both meetings will include sessions on the recently-discovered pulsars. These are stars or star-like systems that send out powerful radio waves from vast distances. Unlike the similar quasars, which were first publicly discussed at the opening Texas symposium here in 1963, the pulsars transmit in such rhythmic fashion that some early observers thought they might be indicators of civilized life at other places in the universe.

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WERBIN RESEARCH IN BIOLOGY RECEIVES AEC GRANT

Assoc. Prof. Harold Werbin, Biology division, Southwest Center for Advanced Studies, has received a \$20,000 Atomic Energy Commission grant for research in radiobiology.

The research will center on effects of radiation on genetic material in bacteriophages. Specific study will be made in photoreactivation, the processes of natural repair of ultraviolet damage by enzymes that require light "dosage" as an energy source.

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