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SYMPOSIUM ON GRADUATE EDUCATION BEGINS THURSDAY MORNING - SECOND DAY OF GRC'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE

"Regional Development of Graduate Education in the Southwest" will be discussed at a Graduate Research Center symposium beginning Thursday morning in Dallas. The symposium, extending through Friday noon, is a major part of the GRC's Fifth Anniversary Celebration.

Five days of events at the GRC campus and in Dallas got underway this morning (Wednesday morning) as the Center's blue-ribbon Board of Trustees and Advisory Council convened at the Founders Building in Richardson for a joint spring meeting.

An appreciation dinner tonight (Wednesday night) at the Statler-Hilton will honor Dr. Lloyd Berkner, who headed the GRC as both president and scientific director during most of the five years since its charter was issued on February 14, 1961. Doctor Berkner has resigned both posts, but is chairman of the Board of Trustees and will remain as a GRC faculty member.

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President Gifford K. Johnson will open the graduate education symposium Thursday morning exactly one year, within the hour, from the time he took office as the GRC's second president. He will keynote the program in his talk "The Next Five Years -- Introduction." Sessions will begin at 9 a.m., in the Statler-Hilton Embassy Room.

Dr. Jesse E. Hobson, Executive Director of TAGER (The Association for Graduate Education and Research) will be chairman of the Thursday morning session, which will present six speakers on the subject of "TAGER -- A Giant Step Forward." All speakers are from Dallas.

Doctor Hobson will speak on "Concept of TAGER" at 10:15 a.m. TAGER was established

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in August, 1965, as a separate corporate entity, by Graduate Research Center, Southern Methodist University, and Texas Christian University, together with Austin College at Sherman, Bishop College, the University of Dallas, and Texas Wesleyan College at Fort Worth. It is designed to provide a means for combining faculties and other academic resources, and thus to offer graduate study through doctoral and post-doctoral levels in science and engineering, on an accelerated basis.

President Willis M. Tate of Southern Methodist will speak at 10:30 a.m. on "TAGER administrative Organization and Function."

"The Assembly of a Regional Faculty" will be the subject of Chancellor James Moudy of Texas Christian University, who speaks at 10:45 a.m.

President Leigh Secrest of the TCU Research Foundation will report on "Formation of the Graduate Program" at 11 a.m.

"A Trial Program in Geology and Geophysics," discussed by Prof. James E. Brooks, Chairman of Geological Sciences at Southern Methodist, will describe the pilot-model operations in which combined SMU-GRC faculties began doctoral teaching for Southern Methodist students in 1964. Professor Brooks will speak at 11:15 a.m.

Open discussion by invited educators, scientists and industrial guests of the symposium will follow. A summary of the morning program will be made by Chairman Cecil H. Green of the TAGER board of trustees, who is also a Center founder.

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Dr. John Ashton will be one of two national speakers in the afternoon session on "Regional Co-operation in Education," and will be session chairman. He is Director, Division of Graduate Programs, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C. Doctor Ashton will begin the session at 2 p.m. as he speaks on "The Role and Present Status of the Federal Government in Graduate Education."

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President Kenneth S. Pitzer of Rice University will speak on "Graduate Education in the Universities of the Southwest" at 2:20 p.m.

"Building Graduate Education in Texas" will be discussed by Dr. Norman Hackerman, Vice Chancellor of The University of Texas, at 2:40 p.m.

Also coming from Austin will be Dr. Lester E. Harrell, Jr., Acting Commissioner of the Higher Education Co-ordinating Board, to speak at 3 p.m. on "Graduate Education to Meet the Needs of the Southwest."

Two members of the Graduate Research Center faculty will report on the Center's newest fields of interest and activity. "A Regional Facility, the High-Field Magnet" will be covered by Prof. Lauriston C. Marshall. Scheduled to become operational in July, the Center's Magnet Facility will be a research tool unique in the Southwest, with no counterpart closer than Washington's Naval Research Laboratory. Nine universities and three industries have joined the Center in planning the facility as the first unit of a Materials Sciences Laboratory. Professor Marshall will direct the laboratory. He will speak at 3:55 p.m.

Prof. Carsten Bresch will speak on "Regional Co-operation in Biology." Head of the Center's Biology Division, the first unit of a Molecular Sciences Laboratory, Professor Bresch has directed the assembly of a faculty and staff of 52 in Biology during the past 18 months. The division is beginning a seven-year program of investigations in molecular sciences, principally genetics, for the National Institutes of Health.

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Closing the speaking program Thursday will be the second Washington visitor, Dr. Joseph E. Rall. He will speak on "The Relationship of Graduate Education and Research." Doctor Rall is Director of Intramural Research, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, National Institutes of Health.

Friday morning's seminar session will include a four-member panel of speakers on the subject of "Teaching by Television."

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A national, participating audience of about 300 has been invited to take part in the Thursday-Friday symposium. Doctor Berkner will be the general chairman.

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Friday afternoon's celebration program will move back to the GRC campus at Campbell Road and North Armstrong Parkway. President Gifford K. Johnson will announce plans for further development of industrial laboratory sites on the campus. A ceremony will show development of the Dallas-Collin county line area as a scientific community.

Civic leaders of North Texas will visit the Center on Saturday morning, and be guests at a noon luncheon. Open houses will be held on Saturday and Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

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