

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1968

Philip Witonsky received a \$33,000 three-year supporting grant in Biology from the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund.

REF: NEWS RELEASE XE128.0116768  
1-3-68.

ADVANCE covered leadership of the \$3 million funding campaign; James W. Aston, C. A. Tatum, Jr., Patrick E. Haggerty and Amon G. Carter, Jr., were named chairman and vice-chairmen, respectively.

Also announced were National Science Foundation short courses for 55 teachers in Biology and Geosciences; a March 22-23 seminar in chemical research, and the December 13 launch of Pioneer 8, placing a third SCAS cosmic ray detector/analyzer in solar orbit. TAGER's office move to the campus, in its new building, was also noted; Bell Helicopter had also made flight tests in the microwave beam paths, to determine whether there would be distortion or other disturbance by low-altitude flights (there was nothing significant).

REF: ADVANCE, Vol. 4, No. 5, January, 1968, circa 1-3-68.

TUESDAY, January 23, 1968

CLIPBOARD was devoted heavily to internal participation in the funding campaign, headed at SCAS by Charles E. Helsley. Faculty and staff were essentially asked for a 1% of salary pledge over three years, amounting to a total of \$66,000. Claud S. Rupert, John R. Carpenter, and David W. Canham, Jr., were division chairmen.

REF: CLIPBOARD, Volume V, special issue, 1-23-68.

THURSDAY, January 24, 1968

~~Minutes meeting~~

#### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

There was continued discussion of a candidate for head of the Biology Division, centering on "Szybalski," who had never been otherwise identified. There was no action, ~~only~~ only a decision to "let Sprague take a look at him" and "get Mickey LeMaistre to give his views." There appeared to be some reservations about making an offer of the position.

A question was also raised whether Herbert Gutz would stay on the Biology faculty. Further discussion and action were left until the question of Carsten Bresch's successor was solved.

Fred Terman apparently was a participant in this meeting.

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The stock market had gone crazy, said Erik Jonsson, but he added "don't panic; we'll stay with the Center" (assumption, the Founders would maintain support). He thought that TAGER might be the catalyst to get "the whole area going."

President Gifford K. Johnson made a long review of the SCAS situation in education. He pointed out the geophysical program with Southern Methodist University as "excellent," saying that type of program was what Lloyd V. Berkner had wanted to do "all over," but had not been successful.

However, the idea of sending good SCAS students off campus to SCAS was considered "bad," he said. SCAS had been hurt, he said, by Lloyd's not being capable of working with academic faculty and his lack of understanding of academic finance ("use of overhead as profit is ridiculous.")

He made it clear that he did not intend to "run down" Berkner; that he (Johnson) was fond of him, thought him great in some areas, but found him lacking as an operator.

SCAS, Johnson felt, should be able to put through about 50 Ph.D.'s per year, which would require 250 students holding bachelor's degrees at a minimum. Apparently, Johnson believed that the bulk of these should be SCAS enrollees; at least, students should have a choice (for example) "whether to go to SCAS or SMU."

There was an apparent difference in philosophy, between Anton L. Hales and Dean Charles Brooks, although the program was successful at SMU. Brooks said that geology should be taught first, then geophysics, and Hales did not agree. Fred Terman concluded that neither was "right or wrong" and that each should follow his own philosophy. SMU should grant all degrees, but half should be based on work at SCAS under the Hales pattern, and half on work at SMU under the Brooks pattern.

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Johnson was hopeful that a deal could be worked out with Southwestern Medical School so that Biology Division might become a part of the school, picking up one-fourth to one-half of SCAS faculty salaries. "Sprague seems eager," Johnson said.

He also saw "a solution" in Atmospheric and Space Sciences through a tie-in ~~with~~ with Martin at SMU, as a fifth department in the Institute of Technology there. ~~Martin~~ "Martin has lots of autonomy...could implement this in a month," Johnson said.

His basic idea was that SCAS would be the research and dissertation center for the SMU Department of Space Sciences; that industry would provide students as soon as the program started, and that ~~Martin~~ Martin would give complete autonomy to Francis S. Johnson in operation of the SCAS part of the program.

There would still be opportunity to work with North Texas State University in physics, Johnson believed, and there were possible ties with Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist or the University of Dallas in Mathematics and Mathematical Physics.

A. Earl Cullum, Jr., said that SCAS should recruit its own students, and use funding for technicians to reimburse them. Because 20 of 25 post-doctorals were foreign, Cullum said, that program should be halted... "the southwest is not being helped a bit."

Fred Terman said that the ideas discussed could be done in steps, without "upheaval" in getting into education ("not ~~such~~ revolutionary, like a transfer of SCAS to The University of Texas"). Above all else, he said, it would give SCAS a ~~purpose~~ purpose for being.

C. A. Tatum, Jr., asked about Chaim Richman's Pion Dosimetry project. Terman thought it could be tied in with the Southwestern Medical School.

The main problem, said Gifford K. Johnson, was ~~in~~ in Mathematics and Mathematical Physics, where research support was low, and it appeared Ivor Robinson might decide to leave. He did not think Robinson's departure would start a general "faculty exodus."

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS (CONT)

President John Moseley <sup>of Austin College *was*</sup> at this time ~~was~~ heading a committee studying the role of private colleges and universities, and Gifford K. Johnson saw this as a reason for a "moving together" of the private institutions.

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Terman spoke in favor of getting state aid for private graduate education, as well as for state institutions.

There was urgency, Johnson said, because it was time to start work on a 1969 budget. Also, a major proposal for Geosciences Division (THEMIS) needed to have ~~student~~ evidence of students. He asked that Terman help on expanding the SCAS-SMU geophysics program; that Francis S. Johnson expand relations with Dean Thomas Martin and SMU's Institute for Technology in Space Sciences, and that he might "push" Southwestern Medical School on the Biology question, after talking ~~from~~ further with Wilson Stone.

Erik Jonsson agreed on these steps (as did ~~the~~ the board), saying "these can be done incrementally (sic, Ralph N. Stohl hand notes) and gently."

REF: MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD  
OF GOVERNORS, 1-24-68

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1968

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CLIPBOARD covered plans for a February 11 (seventh anniversary) open house, and shipment of experiments for an Indian Ocean seismic study involving Anton L. Hales, Dave Admondson, Lee Bacon, and Joe Fincher. Rodleigh W. E. Green, who had been at SCAS but returned to the Bernard Price Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, was also in the joint project team.

Bill Odom, electrical engineer, had transferred from the Division of Atmospheric and Space Sciences to Biology Division as technical officer.

Death of Leopold ~~Infeld~~ Infeld, Einstein collaborator and SCAS visitor from October, 1965 to February, 1966, had died in Poland on January 16. *was noted, he*

Editor Lois Kathryn Bennett was victim of a practical joke by John Snowden Robottom. Robottom sent in a fictional news story about a seminar by Prof. E. L. Dutton, Provost of the Hudson Bay Institute of Ice Technology.

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The story told of making structures out of ice, then melting them for transfer by pipeline or ocean-going bulk carrier to equatorial regions, where they were to be re-assembled.

CLIPBOARD survived only for five more issues, being published irregularly until May, 1969.

REF: CLIPBOARD, Vol. VI, No. 1, 2-7-68.

The "Progress Through Chemistry" seminar of March 22-23 was featured in ADVANCE, but the main coverage was on work planned by James B. Urban in palynology and by Emile A. Pessagno, Jr., in paleontology, with several photographic illustrations from the electron microscope used in both studies. (As a note, Urban, his wife and son were killed in a Buffalo, Wyoming air crash of October 17, 1980, after he had left a full-time appointment at ~~the~~ The University of Texas at Dallas to operate his own oil-drilling equipment).

REF: ADVANCE, Vol. 4, No. 6, February, 1968.

Patricia Atmar wrote a review story about SCAS, announcing the open house of February 11 (seventh anniversary, which was February 14, 1968).

REF: NEWS REEEASE XE128.0126768, 2-7-68.

Announced in the Richardson Daily News was the decision of the Richardson Independent School District board to name a new high school, planned at Spring Valley Drive and Yale, in east Richardson, for Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner. The decision was made February 5, with the Berkner name replacing a preliminary designation, Richardson East High School.

REF: Richardson Daily News/FA NEWS RELEASE XE128.0136768, 2-7-68.

**THURSDAY, February 22, 1968**

News release was made concerning Brian <sup>A.</sup> Tinsley's scheduled flight aboard a P-3A NASA aircraft, for observations by an atmospheric spectrometer on a route from Houston to the Pacific coast and back. An attempt was made to reach NASA-Manned Spacecraft Center public relations people (by Al Mitchell). No one was on hand on the traditional Washington's Birthday, so release was made. Some telephone "squawks" resulted, on the basis that NASA had not reviewed the story in advance; there was

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no contractual review requirement, and the flight program was scheduled to go the next day or as soon as possible thereafter; Mitchell took the view that the scientist had rights to release his own news. The sputtering died down, and there was never another incident concerning copy review, although many other stories were serviced in ~~the~~ later years. Much of this copy was handled through Pete Waller at NASA-Ames, thence to Cape Kennedy/Canaveral, especially in connection with Pioneer and Apollo flights.

REF: NEWS RELEASE XE128.0146768,  
2-22-68

SUNDAY, February 25, 1968

Tommy Ayres had joined the reporting staff of the Dallas Times Herald and a regional desk had been set up for the north Dallas, Richardson, Garland areas. ~~Tommy~~ Ayres became interested in SCAS and produced a page feature with several photographs, centering on science, but attempting to link education with research.

Unfortunately, Ayres "did too much" on SCAS subjects over several weeks; he was told by his editors to get off the subject.

REF: Dallas Times Herald, ANALYSIS,  
2-25-68/FA NEWS RELEASE XE128.0156768.

Circa THURSDAY, March 7, 1968

ADVANCE featured the SCAS name "up in lights" on the northerly wall of the LTV Tower in downtown Dallas; this was in connection with the \$3 million funding campaign. Also announced was linkage of Austin College to TAGER-TV. An added repeater station near Melissa was needed to make the 46-mile microwave "hop" from the SCAS site.

Lillian Berkner visited the Berkner Memorial Library, and was pictured.

Reports on the environment of Mars and Venus were made by Francis S. Johnson at a New Orleans meeting of the Institute (American of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and a review story was published.

A color photograph (Fred Conger's photograph) was provided for exhibit in the Hall of Honor at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Berkner had headed

of Lloyd V. Berkner

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the National Academy of Sciences committee which recommended establishment of NCAR in 1958.

REF: ADVANCE, Vol. 4, No. 7, March, 1968.

MONDAY, March 18, 1968

A program story on the "Progress Through Chemistry" seminar was released, with some concentration on Doug Domeier of the Dallas Morning News, who interviewed the principal visiting speaker, Dr. Charles C. Overberger; he was chairman of Chemistry at the University of Michigan and past president of the American Chemical Society.

REFS: NEWS RELEASE XE128.0166768,  
3-18-68.  
ADVANCE, Vol. 4, No. 8, April, 1968.

Circa > SUNDAY, March 24, 1968

There is a confusion in ~~dating~~ of Vice President Ralph N. Stohl's hand-written notes concerning exact dates of Meetings of the Board of Governors during this period. It is not likely that a meeting was held on a Sunday, nor is it likely that two long sessions were held within 10 days of each other, in either February or March. Therefore, the following highlights come from two sets of notes concerning meeting(s) held within this period. The notes appear to have been dated by another person after Stohl took them.

MINUTE<sup>(S)</sup> OF MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Jack Williams of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, had asked for reports (made to SCAS) by consultants, and had already contacted President Tom Jones of the University of South Carolina. President Gifford K. Johnson reported that Jones had referred Williams to Fred Terman on the "North Texas graduate education ~~problem~~ problem."

Johnson did not wish to turn over the reports to Williams directly, but hoped to get the chance to have ~~them~~ appear before the <sup>(S)</sup> the consultants Coordinating Board.

Tom Jones was present at the board meeting. Speaking directly to the board he said, about his telephone talk with Williams: "Williams' parting words were '...have to help North Texas, either by putting several together or by creating a new university!'"

Johnson observed that Williams was inclined to dismiss SCAS as one of the elements in

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North Texas planning. Jones said "There are many ways to skin a cat...can't keep this out of politics." He apparently referred again to Williams, saying that the Coordinating Board was going to support the medical school; maybe hire some SCAS people, not others.

Jones concluded "...must go political route, because in the end it's going to be a political decision." It is not clear whether Jones was offering this conclusion, or was again referring to comments by Williams.

Visitors from LTV (Ling-Temco-Vought) had talked to Dean Tom Martin of the Southern Methodist Institute of Technology about "what SCAS was doing for SMU," said Gifford K. Johnson.

He also reported that <sup>a</sup>Chancellor James Moudy of Texas Christian University had written a letter in which he said he did not wish to be critical of Lloyd V. Berkner, but if Berkner's ideas had gone through, SCAS would have been a competitor of TCU (which translated into TCU concern about competition for private money). If TCU and SCAS could help each other, he said he was all for it.

Jones commented again on post-doctoral education, saying that the National Academy of Sciences was completing a study on the subject. He saw somewhat of a conflict between education and research in the post-doctoral field.

There had been no real discussion of SCAS offering undergraduate education in all planning up to this point. Therefore, it may have been a bit surprising when Jones said: "When SCAS gets undergraduate education, there should be an honors program and undergraduates should be involved in research at the outset."

NAS' study on post-doctorals would take Berkner's basic views, Jones said; ie., that post-doctorals need an apprenticeship to become effective..."what it takes to become a Nobel prize winner; association with good people."



CIRCA SUNDAY, March 24, 1968 (CONT)

**MINUTES OF MEETING(S) OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS (CONT)**

President John Moseley had come out with an idea for a Federation of Independent Universities in the North Texas area. While it was agreed that the TAGER participant group might be the basis for such a "super" private university, Tom Jones advised that state schools should also be included.

Willis Tate of Southern Methodist and James Moudy of Texas Christian would be "tough to sell" on the Federation idea, said President Gifford K. Johnson; but he also reported that Moseley said it was time to move... "say your piece now or hold your peace."

If the Federation plan could "go", Johnson said, "Jack Williams will have to accept it as a community effort." Johnson said state university interests in the area were ~~fighting~~ fighting each other, and if private institutions federated, there would be good reason for state institutions to merge.

Johnson wanted Moudy to head the Federation, with a new provost at SCAS also holding that title in the organization, and actually serving as operating head of the Federation graduate programs.

Tom Jones thought the Federation might preclude SCAS hopes for state funding. He saw state support of \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year per SCAS graduate student, but with SCAS staying private (either alone, or within the Federation), he predicted that only \$1,000 per year could be generated per graduate student.

Johnson asked for a board position on the Federation idea, and ~~Mr.~~ Eugene McDermott (after Jones had said the move might preclude getting state support) made a three-word answer: "Then forget it!"

Cecil H. Green posed the question: "Which route (Federation or independent status) will get state money fastest and in greatest quantity?"

Johnson finally said "Let's go with the Federation, but without saying we preclude SCAS ever going state."

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Discussion turned to The University of Texas at Austin, and the possible future relationship with SCAS. Jones said that the "main reason for a SCAS-UT relationship was political." Otherwise, UT ranked 30th to 40th nationally over-all, and he regarded UT as "not ~~■~~ so good."

President Johnson predicted that the Coordinating Board's master plan would solve easy ~~problems~~ problems in state education and put off tough ones... "and SCAS is a tough one."

He believed that Williams was "scared" that SCAS would turn out 50 doctoral graduates with present funding, and might turn out 200 or more with an additional \$1 million.

*Coordinating Board Chairman*  
A John Gray had said Dallas needs in education at graduate level were highest in the ~~state~~ state, Johnson commented, ~~two~~ two years earlier. But now, with UT-Arlington moved into the UT System, SCAS would also have to become a component, Gray believed.

Tom Jones saw UT-Arlington as not compatible with the UT System, and said he looked for UTA to have the status of a ~~California~~ California state college in spite of its "political name."

It would be best to fill out the SCAS program in graduate education, get a viable plan, and go to Jack Williams frequently... "push him to yield, and he should yield a little more with each meeting."

There was talk about using Fred Terman's counsel to make a plan for Williams and ~~the~~ the Coordinating Board. Erik ~~Jonsson~~ Jonsson commented "Terman has spent his life ~~fighting~~ fighting state schools...SCAS must not be scuttled."

Jones said only two choices were apparent. SCAS could remain "a yeast for the brew" of state educational plans or become part of "the strong state university." Gifford K. Johnson commented that at \$2.2 million a year, SCAS would be out of business in two years on a private basis.

"Is there urgency?" Jones asked. "Yes, money-wise," said Cecil H. Green.

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"It's too late to start talking if (you're) out of money," Jones said. "We've been talking for two years," returned Gifford K. Johnson.

"But not to <sup>the</sup> right people..." said Jones.

A. Earl Cullum, Jr., came back to the idea (recommended by Wilson Stone and Fred Terman earlier) that all SCAS Biology faculty should be put on the Southwestern Medical School faculty as soon as possible, to create a salary reimbursement.

Tom Jones said he thought the idea was good, but that no risk should be created to any plan for SCAS "going state." If the transfer idea did not succeed, he said, then "prune Biology and start in on something else."

In summary for this session, Gifford K. Johnson said ~~■ SCAS did not need Biology~~ (and it did fit in TAGER programs and plans) so he felt SCAS should continue to seek a deal with Southwestern Medical School; otherwise, go ahead with the Federation plan, (generally, the TAGER participants), while avoiding any promises not to "go state."

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of TM GOVERNORS, circa 3-24-68.

TUESDAY, March 26, 1968

A joint news release of The Association for Graduate Education and Research of North Texas (TAGER) covered planned September expansion of the network to Austin College in Sherman, plus addition of five industry classrooms; these were at Texas Instruments in Sherman, Bell Helicopter, Mobil Research and Field Laboratory in Duncanville, Sun Oil Research Laboratory in Richardson and Atlantic Richfield Company Research Laboratory in Plano.

NEWS RELEASE

REF: XE128.0176768, 3-26-68  
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--END CHRONOLOGY, JANUARY-MARCH, 1968--

TUESDAY, April 9, 1968

Photographs were sent to Fred Eckhardt of World Book Encyclopedia, centering on Yuval Ne'eman at SCAS, and on the microfossils pictured in ADVANCE, Vol. 4, No. 6. The request was based on planned news releases on science, by the Field Enterprises Educational Corporation.

REF: NEWS RELEASE XE1280166768,  
4-9-68

At about this date, Vol. 4, No. 8 of ADVANCE was published, with the major story on plans for fall expansion of TAGER television to six industrial sites. A photograph of Collins Radio workmen adding to the microwave antenna system was published. This was the first published photograph using a 400 millimeter lens purchased for the News and Information service from Robert L. Hume, contract photo finisher for SCAS. The lens was mildly historic, having been used for several seasons to make Cowboy football action shots in the Cotton Bowl (by <sup>H</sup> Hume). It was adapted for use with the first (Pentax) 35 millimeter camera used by SCAS.

Reviews of projects, and ~~coverage of~~ a panel discussion by Biology faculty members, taped for TAGER ~~USE~~, were also covered. In the discussion, faculty members agreed that the future in molecular biology would lead to: fabrication of a living cell, alteration of genetic material in the human body to correct defects, and understanding of how the brain works.

Rudolf Hausmann, panel ~~moderator~~ moderator, predicted: "...we will create synthetic life. We will start biological engineering, and a revolution in human history equal to making tools and changing man's outer environment."

Also reported was a successful flight of an x-ray scanner, by balloon from Mildura, Australia, at 130,000 feet. The experiment was designed by Kenneth G. McCracken of the University of Adelaide, who had headed the SCAS cosmic radiation studies, and was a forerunner of the developing black holes concept in astrophysics.

REF: ADVANCE, Vol. 4, No. 8,  
April, 1968

~~THURSDAY, April 11, 1968~~

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Pictured in CLIPBOARD was Mrs. Lloyd V. Berkner, receiving a ~~proclamation~~ proclamation of the Richardson Independent School District Board concerning the naming of the district's

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third senior high school for Lloyd.

Also reported was the death of Wilson Stuart Stone, Vice Chancellor of The University of Texas at Austin, who had been consultant to SCAS over a span of several months, relative to possible linkages of UT-Austin/UT System and SCAS.

The SCAS Annual Report for 1966-67 received a Paper and Printing Trades award for achievement, as reflecting the highest standards of graphic arts.

REF: CLIPBOARD, Vol. VI, No. 2,  
4-11-68

*Companion*  
Companion releases on the Texas-Toulouse cosmic radiation studies (involving placing of a large detector in the Mount Blanc vehicle ~~tunnel~~ tunnel between France and Italy) were done by SCAS and Texas A&M University; these linked the work of W. R. (Bob) Sheldon at SCAS and Nelson M. Duller of TAMU. The TAMU release was written by Bob Fenley, who had gone from the Dallas Times Herald science desk to join the news service. Fenley later returned to UT-Health Science Center, Dallas, as development officer, then as head of the news service.

REF: NEWS RELEASE XE128.0196768,  
4-11-68

MONDAY, April 15, 1968

An 11 by 14-inch color print of Lloyd V. Berkner was forwarded to Walter Orr Roberts of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado. The picture was placed in memorial display at NCAR, which Berkner had helped to found.

REF: FA NEWS RELEASE XE128.0206768,  
4-15-68 (memo and purchase requisition)

FRIDAY, April 19, 1968

Information on the cosmic radiation studies by Kenneth G. McCracken, in Australia, and SCAS (Frank R. Allum) was being passed back by amateur radio. McCracken had put in his own station, and the approximate 7 a.m. contacts (local time in Richardson) were through the station operated by Lavon Lewis, the then physical plant engineer at SCAS.

REF: NEWS ADVISORY, XE128.0216768,  
4-19-68

MONDAY, April 22, 1968

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Vice President Ralph N. Stohl's hand notes of this meeting indicate that the next-~~previous~~ *earlier* meeting(s) of the Board of Governors may have held in February, rather than March.

Richardson Heights developer George Underwood had offered \$7,000 an acre for 20 acres along Campbell Road, expressing intent to develop zoning and construction of commercial nature; ie., bank, professional offices and a motel. Bill Campbell and municipal planner Marvin R. Springer both thought \$8,000 was a minimum price. Dallas Mayor and SCAS Founder Erik Jonsson said "hold for a while," and the discussions ended.

A "hold" was also put on sale of the gift shopping center, because there was a \$25,000 mortgage on the property; SCAS hoped the donors would first clear this.

The fiscal year deficit was moving up, partly "due to \$100,000 in Biology," said President Gifford K. Johnson. Plans for adding a new building at \$460,000 were in abeyance until *final* results were in from the 1968 Funding Campaign. Computer operations had built an \$82,000 deficit by the end of January. *TEXAS* Instruments was still buying some computer time, but Texas Christian University had withdrawn research computations after SCAS had raised time prices.

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Fred Terman was "helping greatly as an intermediary" in furthering both the Geosciences program with Southern Methodist University and the plans for a space sciences program involving Dean Thomas Martin and Francis S. Johnson of SCAS.

Two large (THEMIS) proposals in Geosciences and Space Sciences were still in the works, but SCAS was not in a favorable position for funding because of the no-degree-granting situation and policy.

A Department of Defense field visit was expected relative to these classified proposals.

These programs were also linked to co-operation with SMU, and the board was concerned about a letter paragraph in which Willis M. Tate had made a comment that was considered

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~~unfavorable~~ unfavorable. .

Gilbert M. Plass of the Division of Atmospheric and Space Sciences had been named chairman of physics at Texas A&M University, Gifford K. Johnson reported; this was looked on as favorable, in that it gave SCAS "good ammunition" with Education Commissioner Jack Williams (who later served as TAMU president) *and chancellor*.

Lloyd V. Berkner and Lauriston C. Marshall's research project on History of the Earth's Atmosphere was at a standstill, Johnson said. Francis S. Johnson did not have time to handle it, and a trial of another faculty member "didn't work."

Plans were reviewed for the *Spring* Annual Meeting of Trustees and Advisory Council scheduled Tuesday, April 30.

There was ~~strong~~<sup>no</sup> hope for the linear accelerator proposal (sic), with indication from Washington that the SCAS site was within a group of 31 at ~~semi-final~~ semi-final review time. Actually, the proposed installation was not a linear device; it was eventually sited at the Fermi ~~Laboratory~~<sup>Laboratory</sup>, at Batavia, Illinois.

*was* Johnson said that the 1968 Funding Campaign ~~was~~ "slow," with \$1.8 million received in pledges and gifts, and only 45 percent of past donors responding instead of a desired 60 percent. (A final audit report on April 16 showed the ~~receipt~~ receipt of \$1,492,067.88, and payments of \$81,507, but additional contributions of \$73,100 made after the audit date.)

REF: 1968 Campaign, SCAS Close Out File, Auditor's Statement, Phil R. Allen, 4-16-68.

There were new references to Waclaw Sybalski (who had not been identified fully in earlier Stohl notes, but was then and ~~still~~ was for many later years a member of the University of Wisconsin College of Medicine faculty). Sybalski had visited SCAS and Southwestern Medical School, where he had faculty ~~friends~~ friends. In Johnson's opinion, his friends had raised doubts that the SCAS Biology group could be utilized by the medical school.

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The visit ended with Sybalski asking for an endowed chair in Biology. There was a letter

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exchange with <sup>Erk</sup>Erki Jonnson, in which he said this could not be done. Sybalski replied that it was beyond his capacity to handle administration, scientific leadership of the group, his personal research, and increased educational efforts.

Yvonne Lanni had also reported a talk with Sybalski at Atlantic City, during a conference; Sybalski had said there was one other thing that SCAS could not meet, but this was not defined in Gifford K. Johnson's report.

Carsten Bresch was much in favor of giving ~~Sybalan~~ Sybalski the endowed chair, saying (Johnson reported) that SCAS would be in the top five Biology groups nationally, where it was presently in the top 30, if Sybalski could succeed him as head.

"Without Sybalski we go down; in fact, disintegrate," Bresch had said to Johnson.

Sybalski had also told Johnson he might come if Johnson were staying at SCAS, "but you aren't."

There was discussion about asking Charles A. LeMaistre to "push" for Sybalski, but Johnson did not want Le Maistre to push on Charles Sprague, and Sprague did not "wish to do business" with ~~SCAS~~ SCAS at this time, in Johnson's opinion.

A. Earl Cullum, Jr., said the core of the problem was really that the Southwestern Medical School faculty in biology was "worried about the SCAS faculty" and didn't ~~want~~ want program competition.

<sup>K.</sup> Jack Williams had visited Dallas and met with Morris Hite, Andy DeShong and Bill Heroy, Jr., concerning higher education in the area, Johnson reported.

*Chamber of Commerce*  
Williams had told the Dallas men that he wanted an urban university, bringing The University of Texas at Arlington, Texas Woman's University and North Texas State University together, but adding a downtown Dallas location.