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VISITING PROFESSOR FROM NEW MEXICO
JOINS GRCSW COMPUTER SCIENCES LABORATORY

Dr. James H. Abbott, of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, has joined the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest faculty as visiting professor.

His work will be in the Laboratory of Computer Sciences, headed by Prof. Carl F. Kossack.

Appointed for one year, Prof. Abbott will devote a major portion of his time to basic research, and will assist Prof. Donald B. Owen, head of the division of Mathematical and Stochastic Systems, in divisional planning.

Appointment of a southwestern university faculty member to the research and academic arm of the GRCSW gives practical effect to the Center's aim to provide -- here in the region -- intellectual environment and research facilities for scholarship at the advanced level. In providing the means for work beyond the Ph.D., the Center furthers its goal of checking the "brain drain" from the Southwest.

With the M.S. from Southern Methodist University and the Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Prof. Abbott has served as mathematics instructor at SMU and at Texas A & M University. He has also taught mathematics at Purdue University, served there as consultant in the statistical laboratory, and directed mathematical work in Ph.D. dissertations at Purdue.

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From Purdue he went to the University of New Mexico in 1960, where his duties including acting as reviewer for the American Mathematical Society, referee for the Illinois Journal of Mathematics, and for the Annals of Mathematical Statistics. He also served as visiting lecturer of the Mathematical Association of America to secondary schools, and directed work in the University's doctoral program in mathematics.

Prof. Abbott is a member of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the American Statistical Association, the American Association of University Professors, and Sigma Xi.

He is co-author of a mathematics textbook published by McGraw-Hill, and has written papers and articles that have appeared in such publications as The Annals of Mathematical Statistics, Directorate of Research Analysts, and the Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics.

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