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**TOP HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE STUDENTS WILL HAVE TWO-WEEKEND
SCIENCE ORIENTATION PROGRAM AT SOUTHWEST CENTER**

High school seniors who are top-notchers in science will convene at the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies Friday evening, for the opening of a two-weekend Science Orientation Conference.

Each will be an applicant for one of several research traineeship awards offered by The Clark Foundation of Dallas. Each will be the nominee of his high school science teacher or another scientist. Most of the nominees will be from schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Applications for the Clark awards close Friday. The awards carry with them 10 weeks of summer research participation at the SCAS, and a \$600 stipend.

The exact number of awards to be made has not yet been announced. In 1968, more than 80 students competed for eight Clark traineeships and a total of 18 summer appointments.

Selection of the 1969 summer trainees will be made by SCAS faculty committees and announced February 3. Deadline for acceptances is February 17, and the training program begins June 9.

As his summer in research closes, each trainee will face a "written report due" date of August 12. The report will cover the research project in which he has taken part, including his own critical evaluation of experimental results.

SCIENCE ORIENTATION FOR CLARK APPLICANTS -2-

The Science Orientation Conference will begin at 6 p.m. Friday with registration and an open-door tour of the SCAS laboratories. At an informal dinner, SCAS President Gifford K. Johnson, the heads of the research divisions, and Col. Walter Kerbel, executive secretary of The Clark Foundation, will speak.

Students will discuss the SCAS' research in mathematics, biology, computer sciences and Earth sciences on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in group sessions with faculty members.

On Friday, January 17, space sciences discussions will re-open the program, at 7 p.m. A "coke party" and registration for individual discussions between students and faculty members will follow.

Saturday, January 18, is reserved for the individual student-faculty career talks, further open door exploration of the SCAS, and a concluding luncheon.