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S.C.A.S. CHAIRMAN BERKNER TO RECEIVE HIGHEST AWARD OF
AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION AT APRIL 19 HONORS PROGRAM

DALLAS --

Dr. Lloyd Berkner, chairman of the board of trustees, Southwest Center for Advanced Studies, will receive the William Bowie Medal of the American Geophysical Union in April. The Bowie Medal is the highest honor awarded by the AGU.

The William Bowie Medal is for outstanding co-operation in research and contributions to fundamental geophysics. It has been awarded annually since 1939.

Doctor Berkner's selection for the 1967 award was by unanimous decision of the AGU's Award Committee, said AGU President William C. Ackerman in a letter announcing the honor. Doctor Berkner will receive the medal April 19, in Washington, D. C., at the Honors Night program of the AGU's national meeting.

Often called "father of the International Geophysical Year," Doctor Berkner played a major role in the historic program that linked geophysical research of some 60 nations. A Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, Doctor Berkner was AGU vice president, 1956-59, and was president in 1959-61.

Bowie himself was first to receive the medal carrying his name, one year before his death. A 40-year career officer in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, he also was the American Geophysical Union's chairman of geodesy from 1919 to 1922, and its general secretary, 1929-1932. As chief of the geodetic work of the Survey from 1915 to his 1936 retirement, he was the champion of more and better maps and mapping instruments. He established the single North American base for mapping of the United States, Canada, and Mexico from an initial point on Meades Ranch, Kansas.

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