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CHANGES IN CHAIRMANSHIPS OF COMMITTEES: James Mulligan (St. Louis University) has consented to replace David Davis as our representative to the ABS.

Michael Fox (Washington University, St. Louis) has consented to replace Milton Diamond as chairman of the Membership Committee.

Dale Lott (University of California, Davis) has consented to replace Jack Hailman as chairman of the Education Committee.

Both Dr. Mulligan and Dr. Fox will assume office at the end of the calendar year, while Dr. Lott will assume office in September.

NEW PRIMATE FACILITY: Plans are progressing for accepting the generous offer of Japanese Primatologists to send a complete troop of Macaca fuscata (Arashiyama B) to the United States for release and study under essentially free-ranging conditions. This troop, once established intact under conditions simulating those of the site of origin and with a very full record of genealogy and behavioral history, will provide a unique situation for certain types of behavioral research. Ethologists and primatologists who visualize special research opportunities with this troop that could not be carried out with the more usual type of primate facility are invited to communicate with Dr. John Emlen, Department of Zoology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 53706, before September 20, 1969.

NIMH SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH IN ANIMAL BEHAVIOR: "The National Institute of Mental Health has, for many years, supported a broad program of research across the behavioral sciences. The scope of this program has not been restricted to research offering immediate solutions to applied clinical problems. The Institute's position, which has continually been upheld by the National Advisory Mental

Health Council and outside groups which have examined the Institute's support programs, has been to focus on behavioral questions in an effort to strengthen our knowledge of behavioral processes per se. Only in this way can we produce a foundation of knowledge from which to develop adequate solutions to major mental health problems."

"The relationship of research on animal behavior to the ultimate solution of mental health problems is an important one. Comparative studies of the behavior of subhuman species are necessary in order to establish what part of man's behavior is unique and what part is common to primates, to mammals, to animals in general. This approach is needed to understand the origins of man's behavior and hence, what facets of his behavior are more readily subject to change as a function of environmental influences."

"Within the Institute's research support programs, the Behavioral Sciences Research Branch supports a significant number of research projects dealing with animal behavior. Studies of animal behavior currently supported range from those with specific physiological involvement; e.g., studies relating nervous system and neuroendocrine function with behavior in mammals and some lower forms to ethological studies of animal behavior in the field."

"The development of primate research centers by the National Institutes of Health has been valuable for advancing research on monkeys, chimpanzees, and other primates. A similar effort devoted to other species which have not been so well studied is in order. Institute staff have been attempting to devise means of aiding existing animal behavior research centers in better utilizing existent facilities. While much important research is being done in animal behavior stations at various universities, much more could be done with the facilities at hand."

"The Institute welcomes research applications from investigators wishing to study animal behavior either in laboratory or field settings, especially those which may be carried out at existing field stations."

Richard T. Louttit, Ph.D.  
Chief  
Behavioral Sciences Research  
Branch

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AT BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY:

"The faculty of Bucknell University has approved an inter-disciplinary undergraduate major in Animal Behavior sponsored by the departments of biology and psychology. The core curriculum consists of courses in Developmental Morphology, Experimental Psychology, Animal Physiology, Animal Behavior, Learning Theory and Conditioning, Bio-

chemistry, Ecology and Evolution, Physiological Psychology, and Advanced Statistics and Experimental Design. Because Bucknell uses a 4-1-4 plan, the month of January is free for students to work either in the field or in the laboratory and special projects in animal behavior will be undertaken during this period. Professor Douglas K. Candland is chairman of the inter-disciplinary committee responsible for the program."

Douglas K. Candland

MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING: There will be a Midwest Regional Meeting of the ABS, in Madison, Wisconsin on November 7th and 8th. As in the past, emphasis will be on the reports of research in progress rather than of research that is completed. Inquiries should be sent to Dr. Leonard M. Passano, Department of Zoology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 53706.

CALL FOR FILMS: AAAS MEETING, DECEMBER, 1969: Anyone planning to present a behavioral film at the forthcoming meeting of ABS - AAAS - in Boston, Massachusetts in December, please send an abstract to Dr. R.A. Boolootian (Address below) not later than August 28, 1969. The abstract should not exceed 250 words and should include the title of the film, the running time, whether the film is in color or black and white, and whether it is sound or silent.

MOTION PICTURE FILM WORKSHOP: A five day workshop to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, in April or May, 1970, is being planned. This workshop is for behavioral biologists interested in motion picture film production. Specific lectures, lessons, and experiences will provide biologists with the technical details necessary for them to produce their own films. Participants will have to provide their own transportation and per diem costs. All other expenses will be covered at no cost to the participants. Those who wish to attend the workshop should write to Dr. R.A. Boolootian (Address below) for an application form, before October 15, 1969.

DIRECTORY OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENTISTS USING MOTION PICTURE CAMERAS: A directory of behavioral scientists who use motion picture cameras as a research tool, is being compiled. If you are in this category, please send your name, address and title of projects to:

R.A. Boolootian, Chairman  
ABS Film Committee  
Institute of Visual Medicine  
Box 24787 Westwood Village  
Los Angeles, California 90024

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