

Dean Barrett also listed five important needs that the advanced Science Writing Program should help meet:

"First, to increase the number of dependable science and technology writers on newspapers, press services, magazines, radio and television and industry;

"Second, to increase substantially the number of reporters and editors who, though not devoting full time to science, will be able to handle such material interestingly and accurately;

"Third, to provide a means of helping present science writers to broaden their knowledge of both subject matter and techniques;

"Fourth, to provide a modest number of individuals capable of giving science-writing instruction at other institutions, and;

"Fifth, to serve as a pilot project whose experience can be drawn upon by other institutions."

Court Voids 18-Month Limit on Dismissal Suits

A Government rule barring reinstatement to Civil Service of people who waited more than 18 months to challenge their dismissals for alleged security reasons has been struck down by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington. The court, in a 2-to-1 decision on 1 January, held the 18-month limit unreasonable. The decision may open the way for a number of former Government employees to sue for reinstatement and back pay.

The Justice Department established the 18-month rule after the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *Cole v. Young*. The decision, handed down on 11 June 1956, was that the Government could dismiss as security risks only employees in sensitive positions. During the three previous years many persons in non-sensitive positions had been dismissed under the Eisenhower security program. The decision in *Cole v. Young* meant that their dismissals had been illegal.

Marine Microbiology Laboratory

The Institute of Marine Science of the University of Texas has recently established a marine microbiology section under the direction of Carl H. Oppenheimer. The institute is situated on Mustang Island at Port Aransas, approximately 25 miles north of Corpus Christi. The laboratory provides facilities for studying the relationships of bacteria to the many environments nearby. Close at hand are attached algal flats, muddy bottom bays, accumulations of organic matter, oyster reefs, continental shelf environments, rock jetties, open beaches,

and various sources of pollution. A course in marine microbial ecology will be offered during the summer. A curriculum has been established for advanced degrees with emphasis on marine bacteriology through the department of bacteriology of the University of Texas.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Chemistry. The Division of History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society is soliciting nominations for its \$500 Dexter Award. The award is made on the basis of services that have advanced the history of chemistry in any of the following ways: by publication of an important book or article; by the furtherance of the teaching of the history of chemistry; by significant contributions to the bibliography of the history of chemistry; or by meritorious services over a long period of time which have resulted in the advancement of the history of chemistry. All information, in duplicate, should be sent before 10 March to the secretary of the division, Sidney M. Edelstein, Dexter Chemical Corporation, 819 Edgewater Rd., Bronx 59, N.Y.

Ophthalmology. The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness has announced the establishment of a special travel fund to aid younger ophthalmologists and other scientists engaged in ophthalmological teaching or research to attend the 18th International Ophthalmology Congress that is to be held in Brussels, Belgium, 8-12 September. The fund was made possible by a grant from the National Advisory Neurological Diseases and Blindness Council to a Council subcommittee. All applications for aid from the fund should be submitted before 1 March to Dr. Gordon H. Seger, Chief, Extramural Programs, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, Bethesda, Md.

Psychiatry. The Foundations' Fund for Research in Psychiatry has announced the availability of a limited number of block grants (fluid funds) for research in departments of psychiatry in medical schools and clinical facilities with established training programs. Applications should be submitted before 1 March. For further information, department representatives are invited to write to the Executive Officer, Foundations' Fund for Research in Psychiatry, 251 Edwards St., New Haven 11, Conn.

Sex. The Division of Medical Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council is accepting applications for grants-in-aid of research for consideration by the Committee for Research in Problems of Sex. The funds for support of this program are provided by the Rockefeller and Ford foundations. The committee is concerned primarily

with encouraging research on the mechanisms underlying sexual behavior, with special emphasis on the higher mammals and man. Proposals involving endocrinological, neurological, psychological, anthropological, phylogenetic, and genetic studies directed toward this objective are therefore invited. Requests that deal with the physiology of reproduction or with related biological and biochemical fields should be addressed to the committee only if they give promise of shedding light on behavioral mechanisms.

Preliminary inquiries should be addressed to Room 309, Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington 25, D.C. Completed applications for the fiscal year 1958-59 should be postmarked on or before 7 March.

News Briefs

Award of 59 unclassified physical research contracts with universities and private research institutions has been announced by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Six are new contracts, and the remainder are renewals of contracts which have been in force.

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It is possible to transplant a tooth from one part of a patient's mouth to another in carefully selected cases. Chester C. Fong and R. Gordon Agnew, both oral pathologists of the College of Dentistry, University of California, describe a technique for surgically transplanting the third molar in an early stage of root development to the site of a missing permanent first molar in the January issue of the *Journal of the American Dental Association*.

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Frank Pace, Jr., president of the International Golf Association, has announced that the proceeds of \$10,000 from the fifth International Golf Championship and Canada Cup Matches, held this year in Tokyo, Japan, will be set aside to establish a scholarship fund for Japanese students to study nuclear science at American universities. The establishment of this scholarship fund was the result of an agreement between Pace and Matsutaro Shoriki, owner and president of the Yomiuri Shimbun newspapers, which cosponsored the event with the Japan Golf Association.

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University of Cincinnati excavations in Greece at the site of King Nestor's palace have brought to light a beehive tomb from an earlier generation—probably that of King Neleus, Nestor's father—and a hitherto unknown northeast wing of the palace. These are among the major discoveries in the sixth year of the university's archeological investigations