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This semester's work for no credit within the Honors Special Studies has been a continuation of research for the Fall Semester of 1967. I have exhausted the periodical listings available concerning the chemical experiments undertaken with planaria. Enclosed is a reading list of articles and books which were read and considered for the paper "Experiments with Chemical Stimulants Upon the Learning Process of Planaria."

Throughout my reading I found no reference to the possibility that DNA and the chemical-electrical storage of knowledge might explain the phenomenon of instinct. I thought about it and considered it reasonable and logical, and hence I included it within the paper. This in itself would provide a fertile and evidently virgin area for research.

The area of molecular psychology is becoming one of the most fascinating and progressive areas of research. Along with it, proto-psychology will eventually become of more concern not only to biochemists and molecular psychologists, but the educational psychologist as well.
Research in this area has been fascinating as well as rewarding. I await expectantly the announcement of the final breakthrough which will bring man to a new mountain top.

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Reading List for Fall 1967


