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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE REELFOOT LAKE BIOLOGICAL STATION

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Once again the major activity at Reelfoot Lake was the offering of course work by the University of Tennessee at Martin. Dr. Ted James of Martin taught a course in Field Ecology, for which five students registered. This was followed by a course in Ichthyology by Mr. Raymond Bouchard of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Four students registered for this course. The facilities at hand do not permit large classes, but it is hoped that continued offerings will increase enrollment to capacity. While the number of students has been small, the quality has been quite high. Continued and expanded course work and improved publicity can only improve the situation.

Other than course work, little else was done at the

lake last summer. There were no requests for research space. This is largely due to the excessive vandalism occurring at the station. It is very difficult to maintain any sort of order when vandals seem to delight in demonstrating that they cannot be kept out of the building. If security can be improved, the facilities can be maintained with much less effort and more efficiency. This, together with increased publicity, may bring about increased use of the facilities for research purposes.

Expenditures have been minimal this year, but it will probably take all the reserve to restore the building and repair the damage done by the locals during the time when the station is not in use.



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