

Bemmels Attends Science Confab

Dean Bemmels attended a Planning Commission yesterday in Topeka in which representatives of the Kansas Academy of Science, the Kansas Association of Physics Teachers, the Kansas Association of Biology Teachers, the Kansas State Teachers Association and the State Department of Education met to plan for a conference next fall in Topeka in which the problem of teaching new science programs in the public schools will be discussed.

Some of the new courses such as the PSCS and BSCS Biology and CHEM and CBA Chemistry are drastic revisions from the present methods used in Kansas Public Schools today, and therefore one of the aims of the conference will be to familiarize various administrators, school board members, and science teachers with these new courses and their importance in light of the rapid accumulation of knowledge and increased technological development in the area of scientific achievement.

The new courses will employ new texts, new laboratory procedures, and for the most part completely new teaching methods. The emphasis of this program is to encourage the experimental approach to the acquisition of knowledge, and to lay stress on the faculty for original thinking in place of the cook book approach to scientific investigation.
