

DISCUSSION OF THE FERMILAB SUMMER PROGRAM

Dr. E. L. Goldwasser, Deputy Director of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, discussed the Summer Program. He emphasized the need of minority students for role models in the form of professional scientists. Too few exist and the basic purpose of the Summer Program is to develop more. It is felt that substantial improvements were made in the Summer Program in 1974 and that the students had better Laboratory experience than in previous years. At the same time, it is recognized that there is still room for improvement, particularly in the areas of housing and stipend and work is in progress to improve these areas.

The level of the Summer Program is 20 to 25 students and the present plan of the Laboratory is to continue at that level. Although it would be desirable to enlarge the program, the Laboratory is operating on a very tight budget. The Atomic Energy Commission could help the program by providing some separate funding, so that there was reduced conflict with other Laboratory programs. It has not been easy to find the money even to keep the program at its present level.

The Laboratory has also tried to get foundation support for fellowship programs, but has been unsuccessful. It is planned to make further efforts in this direction.

It was suggested that there should be further conferences like this one on a more regular basis, with one scheduled for next summer when the students are here. Dr. Goldwasser agreed that Fermilab will sponsor such a conference.