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2. Designation of Science Laboratories

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President Stewart recommended to the Board of Regents that the zoology laboratory, Room 128 of the Sciences and Mathematics Building, be designated as the Walter Carl Roddy Laboratory in memory of the late Dr. Walter Carl Roddy and that the electron microscope laboratory, Room 109 of the Sciences and Mathematics Building, be designated as the William Zuckerman Laboratory in memory of the late Dr. William Zuckerman of Tyler.

Walter Carl Roddy Laboratory

On June 4, 1973 Dr. Walter Carl Roddy became the first biologist to join the Texas Eastern University faculty and will always be remembered for his exuberant personality and vitality

for life and everything living. Dr. Roddy was proud of the fact that he was a biologist. Because of this pride and enthusiasm he was able to communicate his love of living things to his students.

Highly respected by his professional colleagues, Dr. Roddy was appointed by the Entomological Society of America to the President's Committee to Advise on Improving Education in Entomology.

On the campus he was the founding sponsor of the Texas Eastern University Chapter of Beta Beta Beta National Biological Society and the university representative chosen to work with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in stocking Mike Harvey Lake. He also worked to develop a scientific plan for appropriately caring for the lake as a teaching laboratory.

It is generally believed that the most important legacy a teacher can leave is through his students. Moreover, no one in the teaching profession can receive a higher compliment than a student stating he or she was "the best teacher I ever had." This statement has often been repeated in the case of Dr. Roddy. Indeed, his colleagues recognized him as an extremely competent teacher and biologist.

At the time of Dr. Roddy's death on May 12, 1977, the TEU community experienced an irrevocable loss--a tragic loss of friend and colleague. However, many of his ideas incorporated in the design of the Phase II science facilities will continue to serve as a memorial to him and his contribution to Texas Eastern University. It is therefore fitting that the zoology laboratory (Room 128), as it is to be utilized in the teaching of the courses which Dr. Roddy previously taught on our campus, be designated as the Walter Carl Roddy Zoology Laboratory.

William Zuckerman Laboratory

Dr. William Zuckerman, son of a Rumanian shoemaker, came to the United States of America at the age of six years at which time he and his parents settled on the lower east side of New York City.

As a young man of very modest means, Dr. Zuckerman was confronted with numerous difficulties in his pursuit of education. After completing the seventh grade he was forced to work during the day (for five cents an hour) and attend school at night. He often studied by light of a street lamp or candle because of the lack of electricity, but through his determination he was able to earn his Doctor of Medicine Degree. He later served in both World Wars treating many well-know individuals. Following World War II, he was Chief of Medical Facilities during much of the space research under Werner Von Braun and on-the-site development of the lunar vehicle. After his retirement from the Army in 1952, Dr. Zuckerman worked at the East Texas

Chest Hospital (now the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler) until his retirement in 1963 at age 70.

During his life Dr. Zuckerman was a firm believer in the American dream; that is, the belief that any man in the United States can set his own goal in life and with work and determination achieve that goal. The \$25,000 contribution given for this laboratory was earned by this man who strived for an education in order to use it to serve others in his chosen field of medicine. It is the wish of Mrs. Zuckerman, who desires to make this \$25,000 contribution to Texas Eastern University, that the funds be utilized to furnish and equip the electron microscope laboratory, Room 109 of the Sciences and Mathematics Building, and that the laboratory be named in memory of Dr. William Zuckerman. Moreover, Mrs. Zuckerman and other family members recognize that through the use of this laboratory, Dr. Zuckerman's labors will continue to serve others.