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Discussion Group #5

A. A set of readings for Biology Majors
B. The nature of a good honors program
C. Biology texts

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The group discussed the types of elementary courses and textbooks used by each institution. A variety of patterns were in operation. These included: one year in general biology; a semester of zoology and a semester of botany; a quarter of general biology followed by a year of zoology or botany; and a choice between general biology, general zoology, or general botany.

An attempt to name some of the books which should be read by all biology students was made; and it was decided that it demanded greater time and cooperation. The following authors were included:

Darwin
Cparin
Cannon
Henderson
Blum
Harvey
Bernard

Mendel
Nordenschiöld
Hall (source book)
Gabriel & Fogel
Gerard
Coulter
Carlson & Johnson

A discussion was also carried on concerning Honors Programs and the opportunities that might be given to students for developing independent work. This involved assisting in laboratories, research projects, and extra reading.