Preface

Madison Avenue has been using the “think tank” or “Brain storming” approach for decades in the solution of difficult problems. Although the discussion of the same or similar problems by specialists in different disciplines works equally as well in science, the technique has not been in wide use. The symposium can stimulate this type of cross-fertilization of ideas and is gaining popularity, especially in Quaternary studies.

Information and speculation concerned with various aspects of the Chiroptera is accumulating perhaps at a greater rate than that of any other mammalian group. These unique mammals have always intrigued the paleo- and neomammologists, but new techniques and approaches have been applied in recent years. It is for these reasons that bats were chosen as the topic of a symposium held at the 1969 meeting of the Texas Academy of Science on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington, Texas.

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