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Missoula, Sept. (00) -- The fundamental mechanism of allergy is being subjected to a three pronged attack at Montana State University, trustees of the Stella Duncan Memorial Fund were told by Dr. John Munoz at the annual meeting of the board in Missoula. As director of the Stella Duncan Memorial Institute at the University, Munoz indicated that a long and little known trail may extend ahead of his researchers before they have the answer to the cause of asthma, hay fever and related allergy ailments that plague mankind.

At present, studies of the institute are directed toward the role that antibodies play in anaphylaxis, substances that may be released after an antigen combines with an antibody, and substances that might inhibit the reactions of allergy. The program had its beginning in bequests from the late Stella Duncan Johnston, an MSU alumna, who was an asthma sufferer. In recent seasons, the expanding importance of the institute's work has brought other grants from the National Institutes of Health, the American Cancer Society and the Smith, Kline and French Foundation. Currently located on the lower level of the MSU Health Center, the institute will occupy greatly enlarged laboratory space as soon as the new Health Sciences building is completed on the campus, Munoz said.

The trustees who heard the report included John J. Burke, Butte, chairman; Judge William J. Jameson, Billings, vice-chairman; Dr. H. K. Newburn, president of MSU; Dr. Gordon B. Castle, of the MSU Zoology Department, and S. Kendrick Clark, of Missoula, secretary. After hearing the report of Dr. Munoz, the trustees gave approval to an institute budget request for \$17,375 for operations during the current fiscal year. On motion of Dr. Castle, the present officers of the fund were reelected to serve through June 1961.