

general areas of education. The new school will administer programs of teacher preparation leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching degree and also will be the administrative unit for a variety of interests of the department.

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The Atomic Energy Commission has established an Office of Hearing Examiner to conduct assigned hearings. The new office has been set up to fill the commission's requirement for hearings and to keep pace with the growth of the regulatory functions of the commission. The office will be directly responsible to the commissioners. Samuel W. Jensch has been appointed hearing examiner.

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Abstracts of the 319 papers presented at the International Congress of Radiation Research held in Burlington, Vt., 10-16 August, are included in the July 1958 issue of *Radiation Research*, which is the official organ of the Radiation Research Society, published by Academic Press Inc., New York.

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Some 70 nuclear scientists and engineers from nearly 25 countries who are graduates of the International School of Nuclear Science and Engineering at the Argonne National Laboratory will hold an alumni reunion at Geneva, Switzerland, on 6 September during the second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. This is probably the first alumni reunion of any school or any training program which is totally international in character. Basic support for the alumni day has been provided by the University of Chicago, which operates Argonne under contract with the Atomic Energy Commission.

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

Conservation. The National Wildlife Federation and its state affiliates offer a number of scholarships and fellowships for work in conservation or conservation education. Activities that might be considered appropriate include: teacher training, radio and television, scouting and conservation, curricular problems, farmer-sportsmen relationships, conservation workshop techniques, textbook development, journalism, and state programs. An applicant need not necessarily be enrolled at an institution of higher learning if his project has merit in the cause of conservation. Application blanks, which must be submitted by 1 November, may be obtained from: Executive Director National Wildlife Federation, 232 Carroll Street, N.W., Washington 12, D.C.

General. The American Association of University Women has announced 40 fellowships open to women in 1959-60.

They are offered (i) to women who already hold the doctorate and (ii) to women who have completed all requirements for the doctorate except the dissertation. These fellowships are unrestricted as to field and place of study, except that one is specified as postdoctoral in the field of physics, chemistry, or biology. The stipends range from \$2000 to \$4000. Application forms may be obtained from the Director, AAUW Fellowship Program, 1634 I St., NW, Washington 6, D.C. The application deadline is 1 December, and successful candidates will be notified by 1 March 1959.

Geographic field research. The National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council will conduct, in 1959, under the financial sponsorship of the Office of Naval Research, its fourth annual program of geographical field research in foreign areas.

The objective of the program is to strengthen American Geography by stimulating greater participation by young Americans in field research in areas outside of the English-speaking areas of North America. Support will be made available not only to young geographers but also to young scientists in related fields, such as geomorphology, climatology, ecology, and pedology.

The program is designed primarily for graduate students who wish to conduct field research in connection with their doctoral dissertations, but persons who have received the doctorate within the last few years are also eligible.

The extent of financial assistance will vary according to the needs involved. The intent is to provide adequately for travel, field, and living expenses. Usually no stipend is provided. A preference will be shown for field investigations of at least 6 months duration, preferably a year or more.

Applications for support of field work which is to be initiated before 1 April 1960 must be submitted prior to 1 December 1958. Applications and requests for further information should be addressed to Foreign Field Research Program, Division of Earth Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington 25, D.C.

Scientists in the News

KEITH GLENNAN, president of Case Institute of Technology and former member of the Atomic Energy Commission, has been nominated by President Eisenhower to head the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. HUGH L. DRYDEN has been named as deputy administrator. Dryden is director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which will be the nucleus of the new civilian space agency.

Six prominent scientists will give a series of evening lectures at the second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, which will begin on 1 September in Geneva. The lectures are open to the public. They will be given on three evenings during the 2-week conference, with two speakers scheduled for each evening.

On 5 September the first lecture will be delivered by HOMI BHABHA of India, who was president of the first International Conference in 1955. He will speak on the role of nuclear power in the underdeveloped countries. On the same evening J. E. TAMM of the U.S.S.R. will speak on recent developments in the field of fundamental physics. On 10 September GLENN T. SEABORG of the United States will give a lecture on recent developments in the field of the transplutonic elements. This will be followed by a lecture by V. A. ENGELHARDT of the Soviet Union on the implications of atomic energy in the field of biology. The last set of evening lectures will be given on 12 September. LLOYD V. BERKNER of the United States will speak on international collaboration in science, and JOHN COCKCROFT of the United Kingdom will give a survey of the conference in a lecture on trends in the development of peaceful uses of atomic energy.

WALTER A. MACLINN, chairman of the department of food science at the Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers University, has resigned to become director of the Refrigeration Research Foundation, Colorado Springs, Colo. His new responsibilities will include the stimulation and encouragement of refrigeration research in university and other laboratories.

JOHN S. BOYCE, professor emeritus of forest pathology at Yale University, has been named director of the Bartlett School of Tree Surgery, Stamford, Conn. He succeeds the late Sherman P. Hollister, professor emeritus of horticulture at the University of Connecticut.

STANLEY S. BALLARD, research physicist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography of the University of California, has accepted the position of professor of physics and chairman of the department of physics at the University of Florida in Gainesville, effective this fall. He will continue his activities as vice president for meetings of the Optical Society of America and executive secretary of the Armed Forces-National Research Council Committee on Vision.

WILLIAM F. MEGGERS, chief of the spectroscopy section of the National Bureau of Standards, retired on 31 July after 44 years of continuous service with