

size, effect of independent study by students, faculty salaries, standardized accounting practices, tuition, scholarships and loans, sources of funds, and investment policies.

Among the possible joint operations ACM may undertake are standardization of admission procedures and scholarship qualifications, pooling of library resources, joint offices for recruiting students, sharing of faculty members, expansion of cooperative arrangements for purchasing, research, faculty recruitment, and fund raising. The ten colleges may also explore the usefulness of a joint press, a summer school held on a different campus each year, a uniform calendar or a three-term-per-year plan, and interchange of lectures, concerts, and other extracurricular activities.

### Los Alamos Accident

The Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory has completed its investigation of the circumstances surrounding the radiation accident which occurred at the laboratory on 30 December 1958, which resulted in the fatal injury of one employee. A technical report describing in detail the circumstances of the accident has been prepared and is available (50¢ per copy) at the Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C. This report describes the events leading to the accident, the situation at the time of the critical burst, the removal and analysis of the solution that caused the burst, and the steps being taken to prevent a recurrence. Medical and pathological data resulting from studies now being carried on by the laboratory's health division will probably be ready for publication by midsummer.

An investigation review committee has found that the accident was directly attributable to errors on the part of the operator during a series of transfers of plutonium and organic solutions between containers in a chemical plutonium recovery process. The committee also found that the procedures for this process were such that safety of operation depended substantially on the ability and judgment of individual operators, but that the incident might have been prevented had the organizational arrangement required closer supervision to insure that normal procedures were followed.

### Woodrow Wilson Fellows

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Princeton, N.J., has announced the names of 1200 American and Canadian students as Woodrow

Wilson fellows. The foundation recruits promising students who intend to be teachers and supports them for their first year of graduate study. The project is backed by a \$25-million grant from the Ford Foundation.

It has been predicted that between 30,000 and 40,000 new full-time college teachers will be needed to train the wave of students seeking college educations in the 1960's. The current annual output of Ph.D.'s averages 9000, of which only half go into college teaching.

This year's Wilson fellows were chosen from 7000 candidates from more than 700 undergraduate colleges. New Wilson fellows will begin graduate work next fall at 80 different universities. Each fellow receives a living allowance of \$1500, plus the full cost of tuition and fees. Married students receive additional stipends.

In this year's group of winners there are 875 men and 325 women. Of these, 38 percent are planning to take courses in the humanities, 34 percent, in the social sciences, and 28 percent, in the natural sciences and mathematics.

### Nuclear Information Center

An information center has been opened by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority at 11 Charles II St., London, S.W. 1, that provides a central location where published unclassified material may be consulted with no security restrictions. Advice on sources of information is also given. A collection of unclassified reports, indexes, and abstracts of atomic energy literature, and publications on the work of the AEA, are all on file.

Adjoining the center is an 8000-print photographic library. Prints may be bought from stock or ordered to suit particular requirements. Slides in color and black-and-white may be borrowed.

### British Association for Medical Education

The Association for the Study of Medical Education in Great Britain, organized late in 1957 to serve as a forum for persons interested in the problems of medical education and as a clearing-house for information in the field, will be assisted during its initial, developmental years by a grant of £10,000 (about \$28,500) from the Rockefeller Foundation to The Royal College of Physicians, London. The major purposes of the association are to exchange information on medical education in Great Britain; organize meetings on relevant topics; maintain a bureau where information can be received, stored, and

made available to those interested; and encourage, promote, or conduct research into matters concerned with medical education. Almost all the licensing bodies and medical schools of Great Britain, as well as individual medical educators and practitioners, are members of the new association.

### Research Associateship Program

A program of research associateships, offering stipends of \$8000 and more a year and opportunities for work in the sciences bearing on space exploration, has been announced by the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The associateships, which will involve both theoretical and experimental research at NASA's Beltsville, Maryland, Space Projects Center, are being offered to two groups—those who are at the immediate postdoctoral level and those who are well-established investigators in disciplines germane to space exploration. Associateships for the first group, designated "regular," will carry the stipend of \$8000 a year, the normal period of tenure; those for the second group, the "senior" associateships, will carry stipends adjusted to match the individual's salary.

Applicants for the regular associateships must produce evidence of training equivalent to that represented by the doctorates of philosophy or science or must have completed the requirements for one of these degrees at the time of entering upon the position. In addition to the documents normally required for such an application, a plan of research to be conducted at the NASA laboratory must be submitted. Selection of the senior associates will be based on letters of recommendation and evidences of previous scientific accomplishments and scholarly activity. The applicants will be evaluated and passed on by a board appointed by the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council; in all cases they will be expected to have demonstrated superior ability for creative research.

Successful applicants in this program will work at the NASA Space Projects Center in either the space sciences division, under J. W. Townsend, or the theoretical division, under Robert Jastrow. In Townsend's division, which does experimental work, suitable areas for research would be fields and particles, planetary atmospheres, astronomy, solar physics, and meteorology. The moon and planets, astrophysics, and plasma physics will be the concerns of the associates working in the theoretical division. It is expected that later appointees will take