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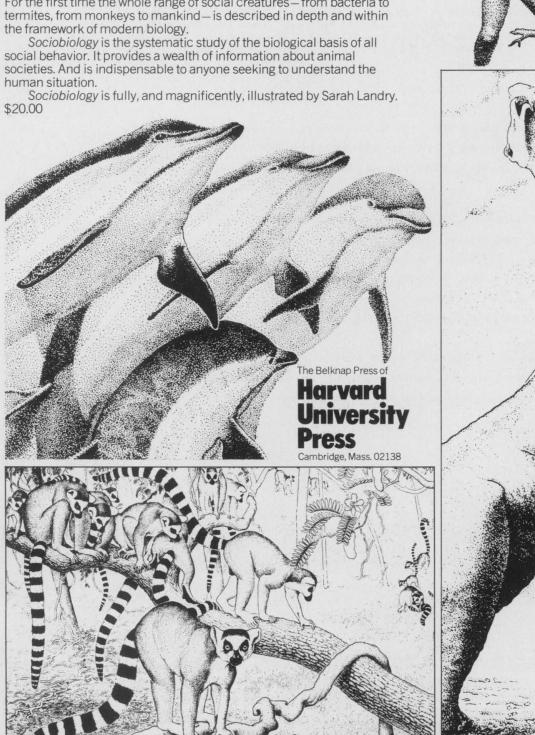
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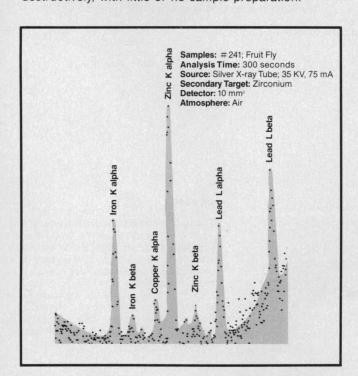
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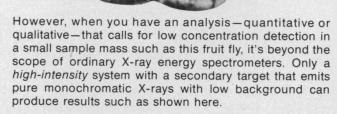
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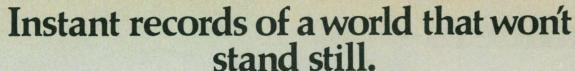
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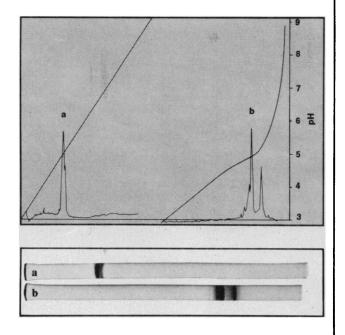


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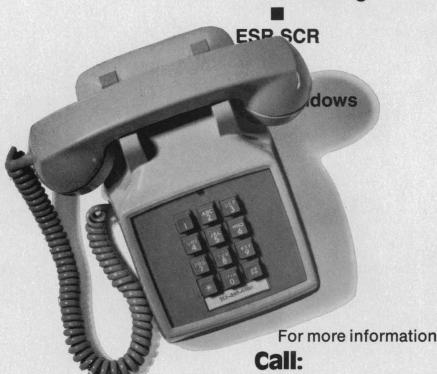
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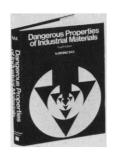
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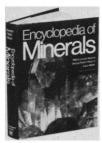
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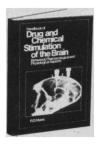
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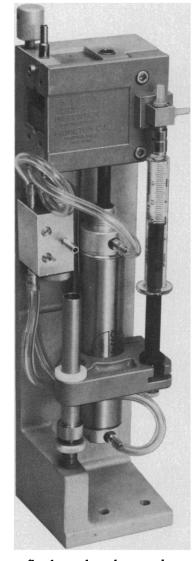
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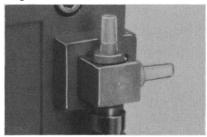
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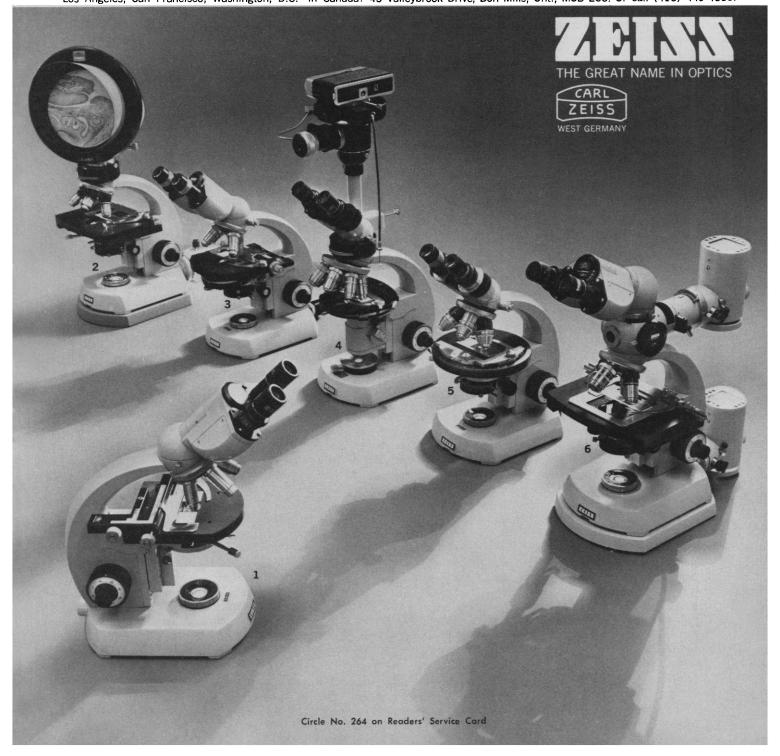
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fruits. To what extent they kill more than they eat, as dogs do, is less clear. Lorenzo (3) reports that 53 of 116 lamb deaths examined on a large ranch in New Mexico were due to predators, with coyotes causing three-fourths of the predator deaths. He found no evidence of dog predation, but comparison of photographs in the Four Corners report (4) and the Ohio Farmer article (1) shows that injury from the two sources can be quite similar.

The practice of shooting stray dogs on sight is growing. Often this merely maims the animal and is certainly an injustice to dogs that are not killers. Tighter regulations, strictly enforced, and the spaying of female dogs not used for breeding purposes, are imperative. So is more accurate knowledge than is available at the present time.

Both dog and sheep are virtual symbionts with man. One has been his companion, guardian, servant, and friend; the other, a source of food, wool, and a material essential to the music of Kreisler and Casals. It is ironic that man has not yet been able to reconcile the management of these two animals.

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#### Ultraviolet Viewer

Our recent reports on ultraviolet patterns on flowers and butterflies (1, 2) have generated frequent inquiries about the techniques that we use for rendering these ordinarily invisible patterns visible to humans. As previously described (2), a television camera equipped with an ultraviolet transmitting lens and filter can serve for direct examination of these patterns, which appear as black and white images on the monitor of the camera. Conventional portable video systems, suitable for field use, include both camera and tape recorder. For investigators interested merely in viewing the images, rather than in recording them, the recorder constitutes an unnecessary burden. It is heavy, consumes battery power, and is useful only as it provides a housing for the batteries. We have found that a convenient ultraviolet viewer can be made simply by mounting a battery

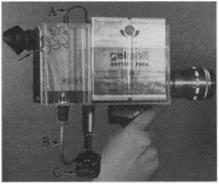


Fig. 1. Television camera (Sony DVC-2400), with attached plastic housing containing battery pack (12 VDC battery from Sony AV-3400 Videocorder). Connection of battery leads (A) to camera cable (B) is made through plastic housing, where one of the leads is provided with a switch (arrow). A light-emitting diode above switch gives on-off indication. Optional connection to external monitor is possible through plug (C).

power source directly on a portable video camera, which can then be used by itself.

For our purposes we use Sony portable video cameras (models AVC-3400 and DVC-2400). The batteries (Sony BP20), together with associated electrical hardware, are enclosed in a fabricated box mounted directly on the housing of the camera. The resulting self-contained ultraviolet viewer is compact and manageably light in weight (Fig. 1). Resolution on the camera's monitor decreases with the uncoupling of the recorder, but image quality is acceptable and full resolution can be restored if desired (3). Without the recorder power consumption is markedly reduced (a fully charged battery provides upward of 2 hours of viewing) (4).

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   The camera's vertical and horizontal deflection cir-
- cuits use free-running oscillators locked into fixedphase relationship by synchronization pulses from the recorder that effect a scanning system having 2:1 interlace. Without this synchronization each scan is independent, and the vertical resolution is half that of the interlaced frame. Interlace can be restored with an oscillator and appropriate divider circuits, which can be mounted with the battery
- pack on the camera housing.

  4. Our Sony equipment was bought before the "Save the Whales" boycott went into effect.

#### Of Ouantities and Oualities

The article by Victor F. Weisskopf "Of atoms, mountains, and stars: A study in qualitative physics" (21 Feb., p. 605) exploring the qualitative approach to the material phenomena around us based on a quantum mechanical understanding of the atomic domain is like a particularly elegant Persian rug. To see the design of nature constructed from a few "simplebut subtle" motifs is to appreciate what is most attractive about the scientific endeavor and to rue how rarely articles like this are written.

And, as if not to insult the gods with the weaving of a perfect rug, two minor errors in the formulas occurred. The formula for the earth's radius,  $R_{\rm E}$  (p. 609), should be

$$R_{\rm E} \sim \left(\frac{N_{\rm E}}{A}\right)^{1/3} R$$

instead of

$$R_{\rm E} \sim \frac{N_{\rm E}}{A}^{1/3} R$$

Also the expression for  $\sigma$  (p. 609) should be  $\xi' \gamma R y / \pi f^2 a_0^2$  instead of  $\xi' \lambda R y / \pi f^2 a_0^2$ . CHARLES R. CONNELL

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Weisskopf's article is a fine discussion of the basic properties of atoms, mountains, and stars. Without the help of detailed calculations, he derives some important results. However, one point needs to be clarified. Weisskopf gives a simple calculation for finding what he calls the minimum mass of a star, but what he has actually computed is the minimum mass of a main sequence star. Main sequence stars are objects that are going through the hydrogenburning stage of stellar evolution. During the preceding phase of gravitational contraction, nuclear reactions involving the destruction of deuterium, lithium, beryllium, and boron may also produce some energy. The minimum mass on the main sequence is obtained by finding the mass at which the hydrogen burning is just sufficient to support the luminosity of the star. According to my calculations (1), the value of the minimum mass for Population I main sequence stars is approximately 0.07 solar mass  $(M_0)$ . Weisskopf has redone this calculation without using detailed evolutionary models.

Luminous stars of mass less than 0.07  $M_0$  can and do exist. Two examples are the members of the visual binary system Wolf 424 (2). Each member in this system

has a mass slightly less than 0.07  $M_{\odot}$ . Several other luminous stars which are thought to have masses less than 0.07  $M_{\odot}$ have been observed in recent years. These stellar objects shine for periods as long as 1 billion years before they become too faint to be seen with our telescopes. The source of their energy output is the gravitational potential energy and the destruction of deuterium, lithium, beryllium, and boron. Because of electron degeneracy, the contraction phase of these stars comes to an end, and they eventually become extremely

The approximate numerical value of the minimum mass of a star is 0.01  $M_{\odot}$  (3). Stars are formed from interstellar clouds with different masses, and the minimum mass is the mass that a star must have at the time of its formation in order to survive as a separate entity. The number of luminous and nonluminous stars with masses in the range of 0.01 to 0.07  $M_0$  is thought to be very large, and they may even make a significant contribution to the total mass of the Milky Way Galaxy and other galaxies (3, 4).

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I highly appreciate the kind words and the corrections which the two contributors have expressed in the above letters. Of course I agree with them, and I am sorry that the errors which Connell mentions were overlooked and that I did not explicitly state, as Kumar points out, that my considerations apply only to "ordinary" stars, that is, those on the main sequence. Even so, I find it remarkable that the lower limit for the mass of a luminous star, according to the more general considerations of Kumar, is only a factor of 100 away from the fundamental number  $(hc/GM^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

May I take this opportunity to point out a further numerical error in the article. At the bottom of the third column on page 611, in the expression of the lower limit of  $N^*/N_0$ ,  $\pi^2/2$  should be replaced by  $\pi^2/4$ . The following sentence then should read: "The number of protons in a star must be at least  $0.35 \eta^{3/4}$  times the number  $N_0$ ."

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If the Foundation does its job, troubles are unavoidable. It would be a timid agency indeed that never supported anything that was not criticized. Nor can it expect every grant to turn out successfully; nobody bats 1000, in grant making or in baseball. From time to time critics have contended that certain NSF grants are a waste of public money, or worse. Such charges—and there are likely to be more in the future—cause temporary trouble for Foundation officers, but they are one of the hazards of the business. And well-informed criticism can be a valuable means of keeping staff and advisers alert to the problem of maintaining a high level of quality.

Trouble can also be expected on the more general grounds of purpose and priority. It took an act of faith to establish an agency of the federal government with basic research as its central purpose, faith that greater scientific understanding would lead to practical improvements in public welfare. This faith prevailed in 1950, but it has never been truly popular, and in the Foundation's first annual report James Conant, then chairman of the National Science Board, warned that basic research is a long-term investment, that practical applications would not come rapidly. Since then, historical analyses supported by NSF have provided substantial evidence of the complex interlinkages between research and application, the necessity of combining research results from several fields, and the often long delay between a critical research finding and its practical application.

To some critics this pace is too slow. As NSF has grown, efforts to lead or push it into applied areas have increased. Political reality or scientific interest may sometimes require the Foundation to engage in these efforts. But such work is a major function of other agencies and a secondary one of the Foundation. Its primary contributions cannot be in seeking solutions to immediate problems, but in supporting and improving basic research and the capacity of the nation to conduct research of high quality.

Despite gradually more penetrating analyses of the economic benefits of research, appropriating several hundred millions a year for uncommitted research is still partly an act of faith. Not everyone agrees, however; there will continue to be those in government who want to push the Foundation toward more immediately applicable work, and this conflict will probably still be with us when the Foundation celebrates its 50th birthday. But creative tension is not always a bad state of affairs for a vigorous and healthy institution.—Dael Wolfle, *University of Washington, Seattle 98195* 



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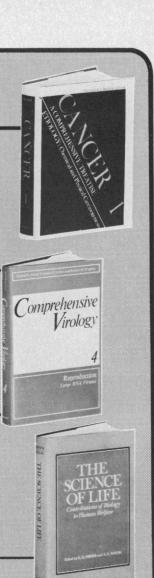
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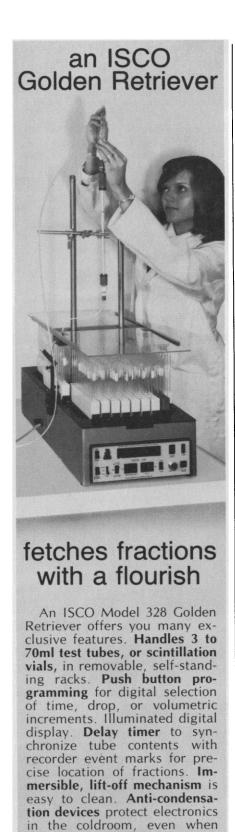
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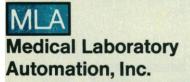
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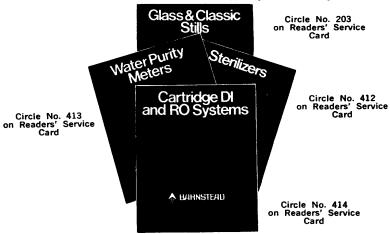


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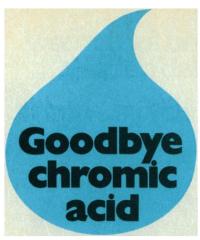
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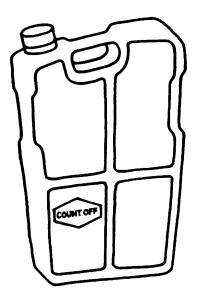
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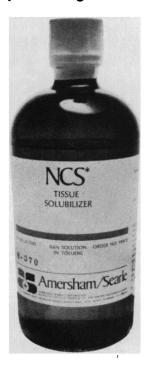
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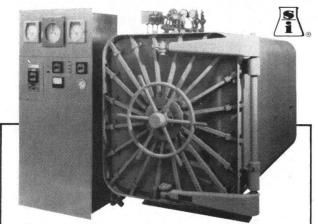


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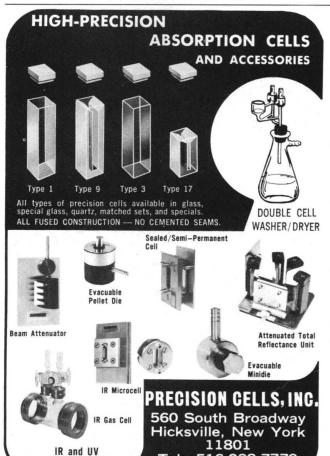
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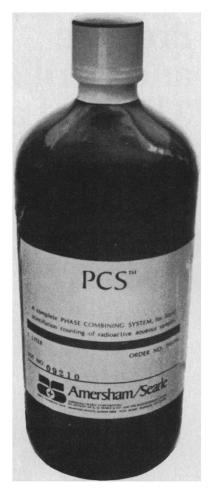
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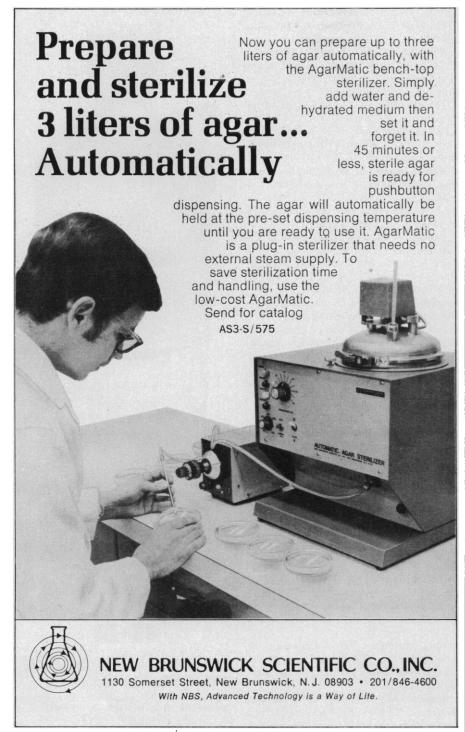
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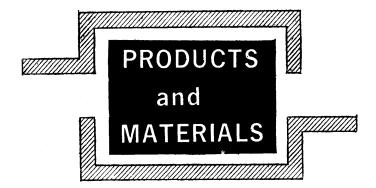
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New Mexico desert, but that won't be ready until the early or mid-1980's.

In spite of these continuing difficulties, the prevailing view of nuclear engineers seems to be that no real technological barriers exist to the safe and economical disposal of nuclear waste. But the continuing muddle over what to do with spent fuel and what to do with the final radioactive dregs of nuclear power generation are doing nothing for the technology's image.

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**Donald W. Denna**, 44; associate professor of horticulture, Colorado State University; 15 January.

Alden H. Emery, 73; chemist and former executive secretary, American Chemical Society; 14 March.

Paul H. Margolf, 78; professor emeritus of poultry science, Pennsylvania State University; 13 February.

**Bernard D. Tebbens**, 65; professor of public health and engineering; University of California, Berkeley; 10 February.

C. Mildred Thompson, 93; dean emeritus, Vassar College; 16 February.

Adolph E. Waller, 82; professor emeritus of botany, Ohio State University; 28 January.

Edward H. Watson, 72; retired chairman, geology department, Bryn Mawr College; 21 February.

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Nathan A. Womack, 73; first chairman, surgery department, University of North Carolina School of Medicine; 2 February.

George M. Worrilow, 70; former dean, College of Agriculture, University of Delaware; 27 February.

Bernice M. Wright, 66; former dean, College for Human Development. Syracuse University; 17 February.

Erratum: Excerpts of an address by Benno C. Schmidt (16 May, p. 716), chairman of the President's Cancer Panel, erroneously implied that the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory is an officially designated "comprehensive cancer center." Although the laboratory receives support from the National Cancer Program, it is not a "comprehensive center."—B.J.C.

#### RESEARCH NEWS

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ized and separated with flow systems, but the Livermore group is finding that chromosomes are also distinguishable. The investigators stained chromosomes isolated from cultured Chinese hamster cells with ethidium bromide. This dye combines specifically with DNA so that the chromosomes are separated on the basis of differences in their DNA content. The technique does not completely resolve the chromosomes but the resolution was sufficient to detect a chromosomal rearrangement in a mutant line of hamster cells.

Van Dilla thinks that the method is a highly promising approach to karyotyping and to purifying individual chromosomes for biochemical and biological characterization. The Livermore investigators are now attempting to apply the same procedures to human chromosomes. This will obviously be more difficult since humans have roughly twice the number of chromosomes as hamsters. In an early experiment, the investigators resolved chromosomes prepared from cultured cells from a human male (24 different chromosomes) into 7 groups. Again, karyotyping appears to be more limited by availability of suitable methods for preparing chromosomes than it is by the instrumentation.

Numerous additional applications of flow systems are being investigated. For example, the techniques provide a rapid, quantitative means of determining the amount of antigen or antibody on individual cells and thus for studying immune responses. Flow techniques should also prove valuable for studying lectin binding by cells. Lectins are widely used to probe the differences between normal and malignant cells.

The availability of commercial instruments will no doubt accelerate the applications of flow systems to biomedical research. Becton, Dickinson Electronics Laboratory (Mountain View, California) is now producing the FACS-1 after the prototype developed at Stanford. Bio/ Physics Systems manufactures a series of systems with capabilities ranging from simple cell counting to multiparameter analysis with sorting. And Particle Technology, Inc. (Los Alamos) is also starting to produce flow instruments. Developments that will further stimulate research include incorporation into the instruments of lasers tunable over a wide range of wavelengths and of lasers emitting infrared or ultraviolet light. The potential impact of flow systems on biology, according to Mullaney, equals that of the electron microscope.—JEAN L. MARX