

potential of drugs, which was formerly funded through the NRC committee.

Though technically defunct, the drug dependence committee is still operating, with the Academy providing a temporary base while an attempt is made to set it up as an independent, nonprofit entity sponsored by a half-dozen or so scientific societies. The group appears to be getting a favorable response, including a firm "yes" from the American Chemical Society, and it hopes to be formally reestablished by the first of the year.

The Drug Research Board was founded in the aftermath of the passage of the Kefauver drug amendments in the early 1960's and established itself by producing the massive study on the safety and efficacy of therapeutic drugs required by the legislation. The committee has served as a forum for tripartite discussion of problems between industry, government, and academic scientists. It has sometimes been criticized as having excessive regard for industry concerns but has taken initiatives which led to agreement on a number of legislative and regulatory issues.

The American Medical Association is taking the lead in quiet, behind-the-scenes effort to rally support among professional organizations for establishment of an independent national commission on drugs to study and make recommendations on the sort of drug-related problems the Drug Research Board handled.

The NRC's own plans to offer expertise on narcotics and other drug problems are at this point unclear. The Assembly of Behavioral and Social Sciences is in the process of organizing a Committee on Substance Abuse and Habitual Behavior. This committee will be supported mainly by NIDA it appears, but the intention is that the panel look at habitual behavior in a broader context than the now-abolished Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence employed. Abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and gambling, for example, will be studied, in addition to narcotics use.

The Assembly of Life Sciences executive committee seems not to have committed itself on whether or how it will replace the three departed committees, but is said to have the matter on its agenda for its November meeting. The inclination seems to be to wait until a cluster of requests on the subject comes in and then determine what sort of a committee to set up. Some outsiders suggest that now that the three committees no longer exist in the NRC, it will be necessary to reinvent them.

—JOHN WALSH

## APPOINTMENTS

**William J. Sullivan**, provost, Seattle University, to president of the university. . . . **Alfred B. Rollins, Jr.**, vice president for academic affairs, University of Vermont, to president, Old Dominion University. . . . **Frederick E. Blumer**, vice president for academic affairs, Nebraska Wesleyan University, to president, Lycoming College. . . . **Laurence C. Smith**, president, Westmar College, to president, University of Albuquerque. . . . **Dennis O'Brien**, dean of the faculty, Middlebury College, to president, Bucknell University. . . . **Richard P. Richter**, vice president, Ursinus College, to president of the college. . . . **Donald H. Hangen**, dean of marketing and management, Northern Michigan University, to president, Corning Community College. . . . **Donald Wilson**, vice president for academic development, Olivet College, to president, Castleton State College. . . . **John A. Aragon**, director, Cultural Awareness Center, University of New Mexico, to president, New Mexico Highlands University. . . . **Paul W. Hoffman**, professor of psychology, Manchester College, to president, McPherson College. . . . **Gerard M. Mahoney**, superior, Vincentian Residence, Niagara Falls, to president, Niagara University. . . . **Donald R. Gerth**, vice president for academic affairs, California State University, Chico, to president, California State College, Dominguez Hills. . . . **Robert V. Iosue**, vice president for academic affairs, C. W. Post College, Long Island University, to president, York College of Pennsylvania. . . . **Robert C. Good**, dean, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, to president, Denison State University. . . . **Joseph F. Volker**, president, University of Alabama, Birmingham, to chancellor, University of Alabama System. . . . **Truman O. Anderson**, dean, School of Basic Medical Sciences, Medical Center Campus, University of Illinois, to executive dean, College of Medicine at the university. . . . **Daniel C. Tosteson**, dean, biological sciences division, University of Chicago, to vice-president, Medical Center at the university. . . . **Alexander M. Schmidt**, commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, to vice chancellor for health services, University of Illinois Medical Center, Chicago. . . . **Conny E. Nelson**, assistant vice president for academic affairs, University of Nebraska, to vice president for academic affairs, University of North Dakota.

## RECENT DEATHS

**Merton B. Anderson**, 73; former professor of pathology, Howard University College of Medicine; 7 August.

**Mary J. Brown**, 80; former professor of biology, Oakland City College; 25 August.

**Albert F. Bush**, 60; professor of engineering and public health, University of California, Los Angeles; 29 August.

**Allan M. Cartter**, 54; former chancellor, New York University; 4 August.

**Bohuslav B. Divis**, 33; associate professor of mathematics, Ohio State University; 26 July.

**James H. Eakin, Jr.**, 53; chairman of agronomy extension, Pennsylvania State University; 31 July.

**Luigi Gorini**, 72; former professor of microgenetics and microbiology, Harvard University; 13 August.

**Stephen P. Hatchett**, 61; former professor of biology, American University; 22 August.

**Evelyn E. Henley**, 63; former head, anesthesiology department, Howard University; 28 August.

**Paul F. Lazarsfeld**, 75; professor emeritus of social science, Columbia University; 30 August.

**Hugh R. Leavell**, 73; retired professor of public health practice, Harvard University; 7 August.

**William B. McLean**, 62; retired technical director, Naval Undersea Center; 25 August.

**James Olds**, 54; professor of behavioral biology, California Institute of Technology; 21 August.

**William J. Pistor**, 76; chairman emeritus, animal pathology department, University of Arizona; 5 August.

**David Rahm**, 45; professor of geology, Western Washington State College; 4 August.

**Willard C. Rappleye**, 84; former dean, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University; 19 August.

**Frederick L. Redefor**, 71; former professor of education, New York University; 2 August.

**Robert H. Schiffman**, 53; dean of graduate studies and research, California State University, Northridge; 28 August.

**J. S. Scott, Sr.**, 90; former president, Wiley College; 3 August.

**Elizabeth B. Torrey**, 75; former dean, School of Nursing, Yale University; 14 August.

**Benjamin P. Watson**, 96; former professor of obstetrics and gynecology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University; 8 August.