

ties were questioned, it came to light that 4 of the facilities contained over 186,000 square feet of unoccupied space which had not been initially reported," the authors state. Also, "the FDA did not report and GSA failed to detect the existence of over 450,000 square feet of unoccupied space at the National Center for Toxicological Research at Pine Bluff, Arkansas." Despite these major discoveries, the investigators felt that a great deal of additional unoccupied or under-used space remained unreported.

Properly, GSA cannot be blamed for all of these problems, according to the report and to one Administration official. For one thing, GSA has a reputation above which it cannot seem to rise. "They're thought of as real estate managers and the providers of routine services," the official said. "Not many agencies feel that GSA is qualified to determine the best uses of technical scientific buildings." Officials at NASA in particular express the belief that GSA is not adept at finding the best use for technical facilities.

Fear of Forced Relocation

Also, according to one official, there is a more general fear that if an agency reported its available laboratory space, it would wind up surrendering control of the space, and possibly be required to move its employees great distances for the sake of consolidation. "If there is a solid technical reason, the professionals will probably accept a move," the official said. "But if the move is just because unoccupied space exists in another lab, and the lab is in another city, many of the competent people might drop out in order to stay in the same place." The official added that many departments also would rather have new research facilities than be required to modify old ones.

The congressional investigators felt that agency concern about disclosing unoccupied laboratory space could be allayed if the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology assumed the responsibility for surveying and managing it. William Raney, a senior policy analyst in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and executive secretary to the Council, told *Science* that the Council would consider this sometime this year.

As for the GSA, it determined as a result of its inventory that a large volume of unoccupied space did not exist—despite the congressional findings that the space has increased by 70 percent—and on 19 January canceled its entire inventory program.—R. JEFFREY SMITH

APPOINTMENTS

Norman J. Doorenbos, professor of pharmacy, University of Mississippi, to dean, College of Science, Southern Illinois University. . . . **Richard J. Goss**, chairman of developmental biology, Brown University, to dean of biological sciences at the university. . . . **David J. Gocke**, professor of medicine and microbiology, College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, to dean of the medical school at the college. . . . **David B. Hershenson**, chairman of psychology, Illinois Institute of Technology, to dean, College of Allied Health Professions, Boston University. . . . **F. Aloysius Wood**, professor of plant pathology, University of Minnesota, to dean of research, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. . . . **Oscar Gawron**, professor of chemistry, Duquesne University, to dean, Graduate School at the university. . . . **John T. Vaughan**, chairman of large animal surgery and medicine, Auburn University, to dean, School of Veterinary Medicine at the university. . . . **W. Ann Reynolds**, professor of anatomy, University of Illinois Medical Center, to dean, Graduate College at the university. . . . **Henry H. Roenigk, Jr.**, assistant professor of medicine, Case Western Reserve University, to chairman of dermatology, Northwestern University Medical School. . . . **Bruce W. Calnek**, acting chairman of avian and aquatic animal medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, to chairman of avian and aquatic animal medicine. . . . **William R. Drucker**, dean, University of Virginia School of Medicine, to chairman of surgery, University of Rochester Medical Center. . . . **Paul L. La Celle**, professor of medicine and radiation biology and biophysics, University of Rochester Medical Center, to chairman of radiation biology and biophysics at the university. . . . **Tag E. Mansour**, acting chairman of pharmacology, Stanford University School of Medicine, to chairman of pharmacology. . . . **Gregory A. Davis**, professor of geological sciences, University of Southern California, to chairman of geological sciences at the university. . . . **Ian W. Shepherd**, senior lecturer in physics, Manchester University, to chairman of physics, Michigan Technological University. . . . **Jacques Zakin**, professor of chemical engineering, University of Missouri, Rolla, to chairman of chemical engineering, Ohio State University. . . . **Wesley D. Anderson**, professor of veterinary anatomy, University of Saskatche-

wan, to chairman of veterinary anatomy, Ohio State University. . . . **Frank Parker**, professor of dermatology, University of Washington, to chairman of dermatology, University of Oregon Health Sciences Center. . . . **Joshua A. Fierer**, professor of pathology, Creighton University, to chairman of pathology, University of Illinois Medical Center. . . . **James S. Meditch**, chairman of electrical engineering, University of California, Irvine, to chairman of electrical engineering, University of Washington. . . . **A. John Christoforidis**, clinical professor of radiology, Ohio State University, to chairman of radiology, Medical College of Ohio. . . . **William Rife**, chairman of humanities, North Central College, to chairman of chemistry, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. . . . **Nicholas L. Rohrman**, associate professor of psychology, Florida State University, to chairman of psychology, Colby College. . . . **Martyn E. Richardson**, pediatrician, St. Louis, to chairman of pediatrics, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. . . . **Sachchida N. Sinha**, associate professor of pediatrics, University of Illinois Medical Center, to chairman of pediatrics at the university. . . . **James Wei**, professor of chemical engineering, University of Delaware, to chairman of chemical engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Erratum: In the review of *The Solar Output and Its Variation* (page 1429, 31 March 1978 issue), the editor's name is omitted. The editor is Oran R. White.

Erratum: The correct legend for the cover of the 31 March 1978 issue of *Science* is as follows: Hind-foot prints of a 6-hydroxydopamine-treated rat. Although typically akinetic when it is induced to walk by atropine, the rat's gait is characterized by short steps that may be analogous to that of some Parkinson patients. Here the rat has just been placed on the ground, where it first assumed a broad base of support with the hind legs, then brought its feet closer together and walked forward. [Timothy Schallert, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign]

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