ported financially by the Association, the National Science Foundation, and private foundations and corporations. Private funds for this year's program have been provided to date by the Atlantic Richfield Foundation, Dow Chemical Company, Exxon Corporation, General Electric Foundation, and IBM Corporation.

The program was established in 1974 as a part of the Association's public understanding of science activities. Its purposes are to help the media by providing scientific and technical expertise to their organizations, and to allow students in the natural and social sciences and engineering to see—and experience—firsthand how science and technology get translated to the general public.

The Fellows, chosen through a highly competitive nationwide selection process, are spending 10 to 12 weeks writing news and feature articles, helping to produce radio and television programs, and conducting interviews. Several of the Fellows are working on science and technology issues as daily reporters at general circulation newspapers.

Joan Graf (Tufts University), Science Fellow at the *Washington* (D.C.) *Star*, describes her activities: "Currently, I'm working on two pieces, one on the resetting of atomic clocks on 30 June (they're adding a leap second) and an article on Dutch Elm disease—a perennial concern in a city that treasures its street trees. I've proposed a piece on sun-related disorders (including light-sensitive reactions to sunlight and common drugs and foods that act as photo-sensitizers as well as sunburn, skin cancer, and so forth). It was given an enthusiastic go-ahead by the metro-editor. . . ."

Others are serving fellowships at magazines such as *Business Week* and *Newsweek*, while still others are working at commercial and public radio and television stations. Richard Brandt (University of Delaware) at *Business Week* writes: "I got to develop my telephone interviewing techniques as one of the 'reporters' for a cover story on trends in research in the next decade; it meant filing memos with the editors on integrated optics, ceramics in automobile engines, carbon fiber airplanes, synchrotron radiation studies of catalysts, the ability to forge ceramics like steel, remote sensing in geology, splitting hydrogen from water, and developing synthetic ligaments and tendons."

Craig Decker (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) at WOSU Radio (Columbus, Ohio) writes: "One of my goals for the summer is to select and prepare my stories so as to illuminate some general themes about science-society interactions. In particular, I hope to do stories and features which illustrate how values and politics influence science and vice versa, and which clarify the nature and role of value conflicts in local and national planning and policy making in technological areas. My first opportunity to get into these issues will be a four-part series I'm doing on local energy planning in Columbus."

The Fellows will reconvene at an evaluation meeting in Washington, D.C., in September to trade tales of their summer fellowships and discuss the media experience that the program provides.

Applications for the 1982 program will be available in the fall from the Office of Public Sector Programs at the AAAS address.

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Fall Energy Seminars Planned

Regional Energy seminars have been scheduled in Colorado and Georgia this fall. "Oil Shale Development in the Western States: Risks and Opportunities" will be held in Boulder, Colorado, on 21 September. "Georgia's Energy Future: Issues and Alternatives for Policymakers" will be held in Atlanta on 1 and 2 October. These will be the third and fourth seminars in a series supported by the U.S. Department of Energy for 1981.

For further information contact Patricia S. Curlin, program administrator, Regional Energy Seminars, at the AAAS address, or call 202-467-4310.

Eugene, Oregon, Hosts Annual Pacific Division Meeting

The University of Oregon at Eugene hosted the annual meeting of the AAAS Pacific Division, held 14–19 June. Two 1-day short courses opened the sessions, one for high school teachers on Mount St. Helens and the other for college teachers on passive solar heating of buildings. The solar course proved especially popular with community college instructors. Next year the Division and the AAAS Office of Science Education will offer a larger slate of short courses, this time with the option of college credit.

Several symposia drew substantial numbers of participants to the Eugene gathering. One centering on the biological effects of the Mount St. Helens eruption departed from the recent emphasis on the volcano's geological features. David Wagner of the University of Oregon organized the symposium in which scientists from the Forest Service, universities, and the timber industry reported on the reappearance of flora and fauna after the explosion. A frequent remark was the relative rapidity with which certain species had reestablished themselves. The Mount St. Helens symposium also included aerial reconnaissance of the mountain.

A popular symposium on health issues in air-quality control drew upon experts throughout the United States from a wide variety of workplaces and scientific disciplines. Put together by Russell Sherwin of the University of Southern California Medical School and Bernard Hanes of California State University at Northridge, the symposium featured speakers from medical, chemical, industrial, legal, and environmental fields.

Among the "firsts" at the Pacific Division meeting was the group of contributed papers offered by Section J (Psychology), the newest Section to be activated in the Pacific Division. Many of the psychology papers reported research on women and minority groups. There also is interest in starting an industrial section, possibly with the Santa Barbara meeting in 1982. The Division also initiated a public lecture in conjunction with the Eugene meeting and expects to offer other public speakers in subsequent years.

The presidential address by Beatrice Sweeney of the Botany Department at the University of California, Santa Barbara, was part of the Division banquet, where awards for superior graduate student papers also were announced. About 700 persons attended the Eugene meeting, and more than 300 papers were presented.

Robert Bowman of San Francisco State University will be Division president next year when the Pacific Division

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