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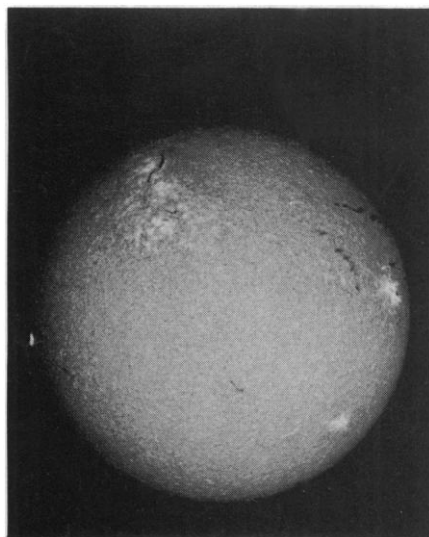
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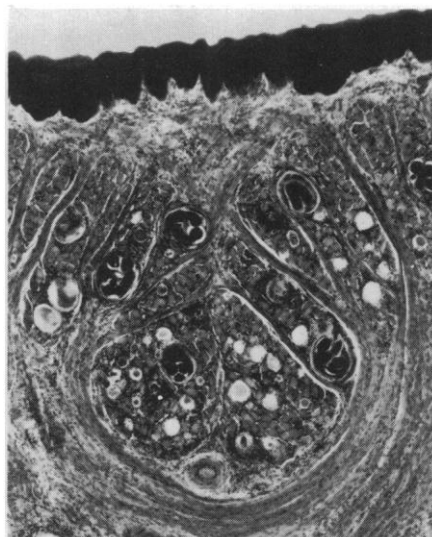
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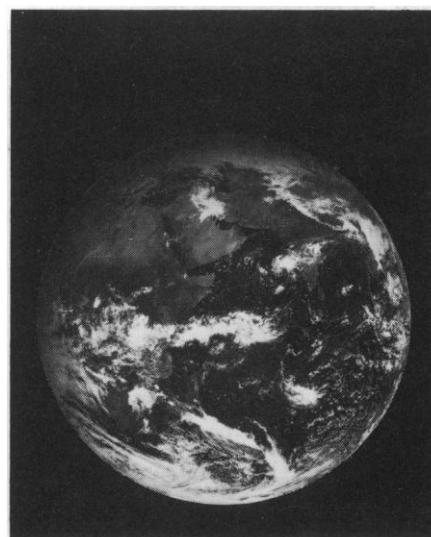
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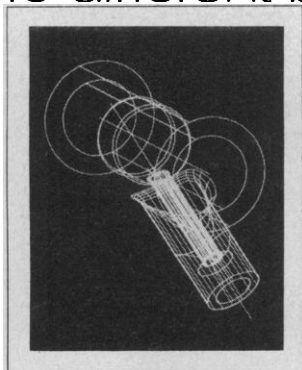




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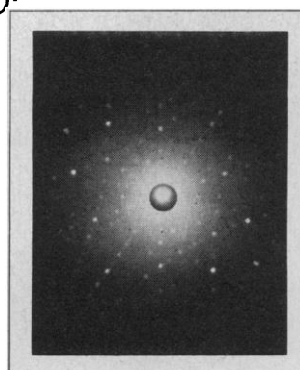
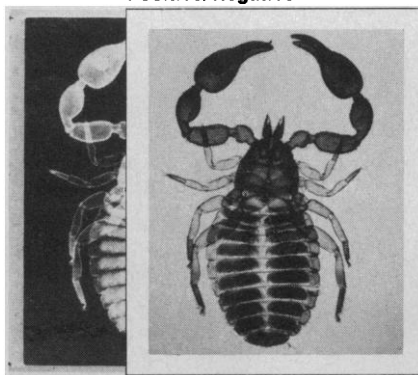
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Organic chemistry is one of the great triumphs of the human intellect. Success in identifying, determining the structures of, and synthesizing about 5 million organic compounds is a marvelous achievement. But the large number of these substances brought with it an enormous problem of nomenclature and access to data about them. Many of the chemicals have been given more than a score of names; one of them (polyethylene) has a thousand. Hundreds of different substances may have the same elemental composition. The only unique characteristic of a compound is its structure. The structures of almost all of the known chemicals are now in a database and may be searched through CAS ONLINE. It is possible to identify within the file substances that share structural features.

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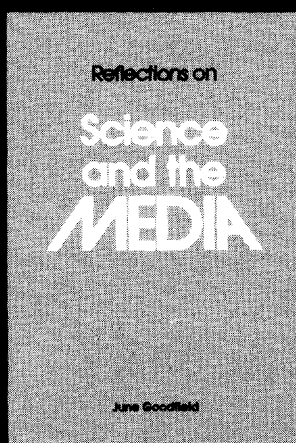
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Dr. Goodfield shows that these failures spring in part from the differing constraints under which the two professions operate: Scientists are often re-

luctant to talk about their research openly because they fear the complexities will be ignored or oversimplified; journalists tend to seek out that which is easily told and easily understood. The author also shows that both professions must come to some agreement about their mutual obligations to the public which supports them. *Reflections on Science and the Media* is a strong plea for such an understanding.

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BALANCE SHEET	31 December			Year ended 31 December	
	1981	1980		1981	1980
Assets					
Current assets			Excess of (expense)/revenue before		
Cash	\$ 485,697	\$ 235,910	contingency for potential income	(1,585,823)	(2,891,817)
Accounts receivable	3,124,383	2,015,916	taxes and investment activity		
Inventory of publications—at cost	103,740	90,445	Contingency for potential income		
Prepaid expenses	1,990,488	1,852,068	taxes (note A)	—	(195,000)
Total current assets	5,704,308	4,194,339	Excess of (expense)/revenue before		
Investments—at market (note B)	11,814,085	11,729,672	investment activity	(1,585,823)	(2,696,817)
Property and equipment	1,106,632	1,028,660	Interest and dividends	1,193,642	966,524
	<u>\$18,625,025</u>	<u>\$16,952,671</u>	Capital distribution of publicly		
			traded investment fund shares	412,770	173,044
Liabilities and fund balances			Excess of revenue/(expense) before		
Current liabilities			net gain on sale of investments	20,589	(1,557,249)
Accounts payable and accrued			Gain on sale of investments—Net	289,074	188,730
expenses	\$ 2,183,019	\$ 2,196,737		309,663	(1,368,519)
Unexpended grants and contracts	213,809	193,933	Bequests and other special gifts	104,880	51,731
	2,396,828	2,390,670	Net excess of revenue/(expense)	414,543	(1,316,788)
Deferred dues and subscriptions			Increase/(decrease) in unrealized		
revenue (note A)	11,319,812	9,482,999	appreciation on investments	(601,038)	892,140
Total current liabilities	13,716,640	11,873,669	Decrease in fund balance for		
Fund balances (note B)			the year	(186,495)	(424,648)
Restricted by donor:			Fund balance, beginning of year	4,824,241	5,248,889
Research	169,930	160,063	Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$4,637,746</u>	<u>\$4,824,241</u>
Special purpose	50,709	44,698			
Building fund	50,000	50,000			
	270,639	254,761			
Unrestricted and Board restricted:					
Equivalent to investment in fixed					
assets	1,106,632	1,028,660			
Reserve for future life member					
subscriptions to <i>Science</i>	200,000	200,000			
Unrealized appreciation					
on investments (note B)	859,017	1,460,055			
Other	2,472,097	2,135,526			
	4,637,746	4,824,241			
Total fund balances	4,908,385	5,079,002			
	<u>\$18,625,025</u>	<u>\$16,952,671</u>			

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE AND UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

	Year ended 31 December	
	1981	1980
Revenue		
Member dues (note A)	\$5,159,100	\$4,367,027
<i>Science</i> Subscriptions (note A)	1,716,237	1,607,518
<i>Science 81</i> Circulation (note A)	6,539,215	3,367,857
Advertising in <i>Science</i>	5,157,963	4,806,121
Advertising in <i>Science 81</i>	3,118,433	816,489
Publication sales	1,380,297	823,388
Meeting and exposition	212,996	175,706
Grants, contracts, and related		
activities (note A)	1,528,243	1,425,862
Contributions and other	341,830	326,615
	<u>25,154,314</u>	<u>17,716,583</u>
Expense		
Executive office	936,100	731,085
Office of Administration	1,978,994	1,633,492
Office of Comptroller	516,547	428,975
Editorial center— <i>Science</i>	8,495,900	7,588,802
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Meetings and publications center	838,082	777,804
Science education office	366,867	213,108
Public sector programs office	783,689	794,813
Office of communications		
and membership	871,236	670,797
International science office	454,005	566,922
Opportunities in science office	412,197	316,748
Development office	88,637	70,531
Office of information systems		
and services	58,166	—
	<u>26,740,137</u>	<u>20,608,400</u>

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The Association is a nonprofit membership corporation incorporated in 1874 under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Association follows the accrual basis of accounting. The Association is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Code section 501 (c) (3) with the exception of certain unrelated business income.

Grants and Contracts

Grants are made to the Association each year by the National Science Foundation and other organizations. At December 31, 1981 and 1980, grants and contracts awarded to the Association for which expenditures had not yet been incurred and/or cash had not yet been received were approximately \$7,727,000 and \$1,233,000 respectively.

Dues and Subscription Revenue

Dues and subscriptions are recognized as revenue based on elapsed subscription periods. Deferred dues and subscriptions revenue represent the portion of payments received which are applicable to future periods.

B. Investments

All investments are carried at quoted market value.
A summary of investments at market value is as follows:

	31 December	
	1981	1980
United States Treasury bills	\$3,832,221	\$4,098,072
United States Treasury notes	4,067,125	3,486,250
Publicly traded investments fund—		
listed New York Stock Exchange	3,914,739	4,145,350
Investments at market	11,814,085	11,729,672
Investments at cost	10,955,068	10,269,617
Unrealized appreciation	<u>\$ 859,017</u>	<u>\$1,460,055</u>

The unrealized appreciation, in the aggregate, is reflected in the fund balance as a single item.