

AAAS Section R (Dentistry):

Whereas the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Emergency Deficit Reduction Act of 1985 has set maximum and allowable deficit levels on a declining basis from 1986 to 1991, and

Whereas if deficit targets are not met by other means, then spending reductions are to be achieved through cancellation of budget authority using a process called sequestration, and

Whereas quality and meritorious basic scientific research is dependent upon support from the Federal Government, and

Whereas investment in basic research is vital to the growth, security, and development of the United States and the advancement of the peoples of the world,

Be it therefore resolved that the American Association for the Advancement of Science urges the Congress and the President, in order to avoid endangering funding for basic research, to find suitable means for meeting the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit targets without triggering sequestration.

Science

Editor Daniel E. Koshland, Jr., reported that innovations in 1985 consisted of establishing a board of reviewing editors to screen manuscripts and to speed the return of those papers judged less broadly interesting; initiating "This Week in *Science*" to encourage cross-disciplinary reading by highlighting papers in nonspecialized terms; planning shorter special issues to allow space to include regular features needed to hold the interest of the broad audience; providing "Perspective" as a vehicle for personal

views on a field or on a specific paper by an eminent and particularly qualified commentator; and designing a new format to emphasize interior changes and to rearrange departmental order for the readers' convenience.

Goals for 1986 are to add more pages, despite the \$1000 per page increased cost to AAAS; to publish manuscripts within 4 months of their receipt; to introduce a new feature, "Policy Forum," for debates on both sides of an issue; to expand the book review section; to print essays by researchers on current research news topics; and to feature additional articles on the physical and social sciences.

Science 86

Editor Allen L. Hammond summarized the current status of the magazine. Topping the list of achievements was the recent conferral of the National Magazine Award to *Science* 85 for articles published in the public interest. Sponsored by the American Society of Magazine Editors, the annual competition is conducted by the Columbia School of Journalism. Dr. Hammond also noted that, with the support of corporate funding, *Science* 86 will initiate a new program to place 96,000 copies of the magazine (in classroom sets of 30) in public schools located in over 80 cities nationwide.

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Summer Fellows at Work

Again this summer the AAAS has placed young scientists at work at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and at media sites across the country.

Twenty advanced science students are in the midst of 10-week fellowships with newspapers, magazines, and television and radio stations as participants in the 1986 AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows Program. The students, most of whom are at the graduate level, are working as science reporters, production assistants, and researchers.

Stephen Oliver, a petroleum engineer who is spending his summer at the *Albuquerque Journal*, writes: "The first day heralded the immense scope of science writing. I read releases from AIDS to zinc. Tuesday I was out covering a solar power conference . . . and had my first byline in Wednesday's paper. This . . . fueled my enthusiasm even more."

This is the 12th year of the Mass Media Program, whose broad purpose is to strengthen the relationship between the science community and the media, and thereby lead to a heightened public understanding of science and technology. The Fellows began their summer with an in-



The 1986 Mass Media Fellows are, left to right, front row: Jane Allison, Susan Winslow, Steven Dickman, Antoinette Reed, Karen Fitzgerald, Mary Rose Paul, Nancy Bazilchuk, and Elizabeth Moberg. In the middle row: Michel Gelobter, Stephen Prescott, Peter Dratch, Stephen Oliver, and Sandra Steingraber. Top row: John Rubin, David Fanning, Ramiro Ortiz, Janet Kahn, Russell Geoffrey, and Robert Whitehair. Not pictured is Celia Ann Hooper.

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