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Origin of the moon

THE origin of the moon can be explained as part of a process, thought to have begun 4.6×10^9 years ago, during which the terrestrial planets-Earth, Mars, Venus, and Mercury-also formed (page 341). Planetesimals, small orbiting bodies, collided and merged; eventually only larger bodies, the planets, were left orbiting in nonintersecting paths. Boss explains how the moon may have formed when a planetesimal roughly the size of Mars crashed tangentially into the primitive Earth. Material from planetesimal and protoearth jetted off, went into orbit, and coalesced to become Earth's moon. Formation of the moon by a giant impact is thus conceived as but one event in the grand process by which the solar system formed.

Homeotic mutation eyed in *Drosophila* ommatidia

homeotic mutation, causing "something to change into the likeness of something else," has been identified in a single cell type in the eyes of mutant fruit flies (page 400). The compound eyes of Drosophila contain hundreds of ommatidia-structural units with eight photoreceptor cells positioned below four lens-secreting cone cells. Individual cells can be traced from early developmental stages to maturity. In each ommatidium, nuclei of five photoreceptors move through the epithelial layer to form a cluster at the apex; they are later joined by nuclei of three additional photoreceptor cells after which eight axons emerge from these cells to enter the optic stalk. The photoreceptor cluster ultimately sinks into the epithelium to a permanent position below the nuclei of four cone cells that have risen apically in pairs. Tomlinson and Ready showed in developing ommatidia of sevenless mutants that cells in the photoreceptor seven (R7) position did not produce axons at the appropriate time and their nuclei did not sink with those of other cells in the photoreceptor cluster. Instead, the nuclei remained with

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nuclei of cone cells, and the cell in the R7 position matured into a cone cell and became a member of the cone quartet. The defect, altering the fate of each cell in the R7 position, appears to reside in the cell's ability to respond appropriately to environmental cues rather than in the nature of the signals sent. The cellular machinery acting during development to produce the homeotic effect can now be analyzed.

AIDS virus binds to T4 molecule on lymphocytes

THE molecules that bind the AIDS virus to lymphocytic cells have been identified: they are the envelope glycoprotein of the virus and the T4 molecule of the helper-inducer subset of lymphocytes (page 382). Blocking, coprecipitation, and chemical crosslinking experiments directly implicate these two molecules (whose roles for some time had been inferred) in the binding process. McDougal et al. suggest that a vaccine against the viral envelope glycoprotein or therapies that intervene in the interaction of virus and cell may effectively curb viral infection, replication, or pathologic effects in AIDS.

Liquid crystals

IQUID crystals have more molecular organization than liquids and less than solids and thus may represent a fourth state of matter (page 350). Compounds that can form liquid crystals undergo stepwise breakdown of order during melting from solid to liquid form; at each step, a distinctive thermodynamically stable state, called a mesophase, is attained. Goodby describes the microscopic structural features of liquid crystals that affect the macroscopic forms assumed and the combinations of variables that characterize liquid crystals in each mesophase: their degree of organization, their propensity to form helices, their optical activities, and their electrical properties. Liquid crystals for which the helical pitch is temperature-sensitive have been used in thermometers; others have been used in watch and calculator displays. More applications of these crystals will result from further understanding of the structure and properties of their ordered phases.

Artificial blood vessel

N artificial artery with features like those of natural arteries in muscles has been assembled from fibroblasts, collagen, endothelial cells, smooth muscle cells, and a Dacron mesh (page 397). Weinberg and Bell constructed the model artery and found that it could withstand physiologic pressures, that its cells could, like those of normal vessels, secrete collagen, von Willebrand factor, and prostacyclin and that an endothelial layer evenly lining the inner surface of the tube made the model impermeable to large molecules. In other respects the model was not like a natural vessel: its integrity depended on the presence of the Dacron mesh, and it did not contain elastin, a major connective tissue protein. The model can be used for studies of blood vessel functioning and as a prosthesis if it can be integrated into the host's vascular system without immunologic rejection.

Seabirds monitor pollution

FABIRDS feeding at the ocean surface (cover) unwittingly ingest petroleum, plastic particles, and other pollutants along with their food (page 373). Using gas chromatography, Boersma analyzed stomach contents of seabirds that characteristically regurgitate whatever they have ingested when captured by predators (including researchers). Samples contained fossil fuel hydrocarbons; levels of pollutants in stomach samples correlated with levels of pollution where the birds had been feeding. Since seabirds "spot sample" the ocean, feeding intermittently over large areas, stomach-content analyses may prove useful in efforts to monitor and protect the marine environment.

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Evolving State-University-Industry Relations

the scientific community faces a combination of uncertainties and irreversible change the like of which has not been experienced in several decades. Passage of the Gramm-Rudman legislation, which is aimed at a balanced budget, makes the level of federal support for academic research a chancy business. Already pressures had developed and were increasing for expanded university interaction with industry. This will continue.

Federal appropriations fluctuate, and some unforeseen event could change the picture. But the emphasis on applications has deep roots and will endure. Faltering ability to compete in international trade and attendant industrial unemployment will not be alleviated soon. An earlier confidence that support of basic research would inevitably guarantee applications and prosperity has faded. Governor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona voiced the opinion of many governors and other politicians when he said, "... the application of scientific knowledge is the basis for economic expansion and diversification, the key to formation of new businesses and the competitive survival of old ones." Babbitt further stated that there is a "new awareness that the fruits of university research and development activity have little economic value unless they are systematically harvested in the marketplace."

When the history of this era of science and technology is written, the role of the National Governors' Association will have special attention. This organization was ahead of the federal government in recognizing and indoctrinating in its members the need for greater academic-industrial interactions. Another key element was a study by David Birch of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He found that small companies-that is, those with fewer than 20 employees-generated two-thirds of all new jobs. Many of the governors concluded that state and local policies could lead to new companies and new jobs through the use of science and technology.

In an effort to create new companies and new jobs, many states have begun to provide funds for a variety of programs to foster application of research. In a 1983 report, the U.S. Office of Technology Assessment estimated that states and localities had formulated about 150 programs. Today there are perhaps as many as 500 programs, and virtually all the states are involved. No two states are fostering identical programs, although some common features have emerged. These include research parks located close to universities, incubator facilities on campus or close by, various kinds of financial support for start-up companies, encouragement of faculty to initiate commercial enterprises, cofunding with industry of academic-industrial research centers, and extension services to companies in the state.

Incubators create favorable environments for small companies. They usually involve low-cost space, services, and technical, business, and marketing advice. Interactions among the fledgling entrepreneurs are helpful as is access to university facilities and personnel.

In attempting to foster R&D in their states and create jobs, state governments are faced with questions of where to allocate limited funds. One approach is to depend on the judgment of private enterprise. If a group of companies is willing to provide funds to enter into collaborative efforts with a university or group of universities, the state administrators feel relatively comfortable about furnishing funds that match or partially match.

For public universities and particularly land-grant schools, agricultural extension services have a long history. A natural counterpart is technical and business services to small companies. Only a few states have adopted such programs, but in Ohio and Pennsylvania they have proven to be effective. Though relatively low in cost, they bring the expertise of the state universities closer to their publics and have a substantial potential for increased political clout.

In their efforts to involve their campuses in job creation and entrepreneurial activities, state administrators are likely to make mistakes. Some will raise unrealistic expectations while interfering with educational processes. However, a great many experiments are being conducted. Some will turn out well, and their successful procedures may serve as models. In any event, a significant change in state-university-industry relations is in progress. The strong campus bias of the 1960's and 1970's against applications and industry has diminished and will not be reestablished soon.-PHILIP H. ABELSON



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