weeks at media organizations nationwide. The Fellows research, report, and produce news pieces about science in newspapers, magazines, and television and radio stations. They learn how news is disseminated and improve their skills in communicating complex technical subjects to nonspecialists.

Scientists and journalists are strange bedfellows at best, with neither profession fully understanding or appreciating—or, indeed, trusting—the intentions of the other. AAAS educates scientists about the ways of the media, and vice versa, by encouraging scientists and journalists to work together toward a common goal. The goal in this case is enhanced public understanding of science and technology through more accurate, frequent, and in-depth coverage of science issues by the media.

The Mass Media Fellows are from diverse academic backgrounds but share a common interest: they like to write. 1990 Fellows include four medical students; a number of biologists, chemists, and physicists; a sociologist; a geographer; and an ecologist. Involved as host sites are nine newspapers (Chicago Tribune, Dallas Morning News, Oregonian, Philadelphia Inquirer, Detroit Free Press, Milwaukee Journal, [Raleigh] News & Observer, Richmond Times-Dispatch, and Washington Post); two news magazines (Time and Newsweek); two national public radio stations; three TV stations (ABC's Good Morning America, CNN, and KIRO); and a production company specializing in television documentaries.

Many of the Fellows will return to the laboratory upon completion of the fellowship; however, they will likely incorporate new activities related to science communication into their work in science and engineering. Other Fellows may choose to pursue a career in science journalism. Either way, science and technology are made more accessible—and less threatening—to a greater audience.

The AAAS Mass Media Fellows Program is supported by grants from private corporations, foundations, and associations, as well as by AAAS. Fellows receive a weekly stipend of $350 plus all travel expenses paid. Information on the 1991 program is available from the Directorate for Education and Human Resources, AAAS, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. All interested students are encouraged to apply.

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Public Science Day 1991

On 14 February 1991, AAAS will sponsor a Science Day in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the Association's annual meeting. Thousands of students, parents, teachers, and other interested adults will participate in special activities at local museums and science centers. The first planning meeting for this event was held on 25 July; over 50 people took part in the session, including administrators, curators, leaders of science organizations, and teachers at all levels from elementary schools to research universities. Persons willing to help on projects or wishing to be on the mailing list for the Washington Public Science Day may write Judy Kass, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, AAAS, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-6667.

SWARM Division Prizes for Students

The Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division (SWARM) of AAAS has awarded cash prizes and certificates for the best papers presented at its annual meeting in Colorado. Jennifer Frey (University of New Mexico) won the AAAS–Robert I. Larus Award to attend the national meeting of AAAS for her paper on “Fluctuation of a mammalian faunal element.” SWARM section awards were given to Dominic Wells (zoology), Doris Anders (environmental science), Brant Baugh (botany), and Dale Mazzoni (biomedicine). Several students won awards in the physical sciences and engineering section: David Thiessen, Yi-Ming Chen, Wayne Rawlins, and Saeed Shojai. Honorable mentions were received by Edward Grigsby, Wilbur Bergquist, Robert Wiese, Alison Roberts, Paul Mangum, Susan Morison, and Stephen Barnes. Undergraduate awards were presented to Vito Bavaro and Paige Cooper. The annual competition is open to any student presenting original research at the SWARM meeting, whether or not they live in the SWARM region. To be on the mailing list for next year's meeting, write Michelle Balcomb, SWARM AAAS, Colorado Mountain College, 215 Ninth Street, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.
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