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lated. It is very difficult to build strong physics groups in those parts of the country where hundreds of miles separate one physics center from another, and I myself have seen several departments collapse because of their isolation. I used to plead with my colleagues to come and accept appointments but they would not come. They will come to Stony Brook because here they can find colleagues not only on this campus but at Brookhaven, Columbia, and a half dozen other nearby schools".

"We also want to remain in contact with other rapidly moving fields than our own," said theoretical physicist Peter Kahn, "and the environment here is excellent for this purpose".

For the future, Pond is thinking of a "canonical" department, with the diversity of research interests that characterizes existing centers of excellence. Paralleling the development of experimental particle physics will be further growth in atomic, solid-state, and nuclear physics. Interdisciplinary programs are also contemplated with the new Earth and Space Sciences Department, headed by Oliver A. Schaefer, formerly of Brookhaven, and also with the Chemistry Department.

Les Houches summer school

High-energy astrophysics will be the subject of the 1966 session of the Ecole d'Eté de Physique Théorique, an institute of the University of Grenoble which is supported in part by the NATO Advanced Study Institute Programme. The session will be held at Les Houches (Haute Savoie), France, from July 4 through August 27. An effort will be made to present those aspects of high energy physics and statistical mechanics which are necessary for a careful discussion of astrophysical theories.

The program will include elementary particles in astrophysics by H. Y. Chiu; elementary processes by H. Reeves and probably V. L. Ginzburg; general relativity by S. Chandrasekhar; properties of matter at high density by A. G. W. Cameron; accelerating mechanisms by E. Schatzman; origin of cosmic rays probably

by V. L. Ginzburg; observations of supernovae by E. M. Burbidge; observations of Q. S. S. and radiogalaxies (lecturer to be announced); theories of supernovae, Q. S. S., and radiogalaxies by G. R. Burbidge; and cosmology by E. L. Schücking. The directors of study will be E. Schatzman and P. Veron. Both French and English will be used in class.

A solid background in quantum mechanics and statistical mechanics is a prerequisite and admission will be limited to 35 participants. It is hoped that a number of National Science Foundation travel grants will be available for United States citizens. Further information and application blanks can be obtained from the secretariat of the school, Ecole d'Été de Physique Théorique, 46 Avenue Felix Viallet, Grenoble (Isère), France, or from Professor Cécile DeWitt, Department of Physics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. Completed blanks must be received in Grenoble no later than March 1.

New lab at Penn State

A Space Sciences and Engineering Laboratory for graduate education and research has been established at Pennsylvania State University with a \$600 000 grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The new lab will also serve as a collecting point for information on space research at Penn State and will provide scientists with administrative and technical help. Heading the facility is Paul Ebaugh, assistant dean for research in the College of Engineering. Technical and scientific direction will come from an interdisciplinary committee of University scientists and engineers.

Fellowships

The Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics is offering some ten visiting fellowships for 1966-67. Awards are based on applicants' fields of scientific interest and achievements with no citizenship or national-origin restriction. Recipients may engage in research of their own choosing in laboratory astrophysics, and there are

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