

no longer afford that luxury," they say.

The Council of the American Physical Society gave two reasons for directing the editors to limit the page budget. The council wants to prevent the journal from growing so large as to be unwieldy; and it wants to reduce deficits caused in part by a reluctance of some authors' institutions to honor page charges.

Society of Physics Students: 7500 Members in 365 Chapters

Students across the country appear to have responded favorably to the new Society of Physics Students (PHYSICS TODAY, September, 1968, page 59). By the end of March, the society counted more than 7500 members in 365 chapters, making it the third largest physics organization in the US.

(The American Physical Society is first with about 25 000 members; the American Association of Physics Teachers is second with about 13 000.)

According to Cecil Shugart, SPS director, new SPS chapters total 35, including five former AIP student sections that had been dormant. 29 new chapters of Sigma Pi Sigma, the honorary division, have been installed, bringing the total to about 170.

Maryland Plans to Train 23 Negro College Teachers

A summer institute aimed at upgrading physics teaching in Negro colleges is planned at the University of Maryland. The National Science Foundation has provided \$35 000 for 23 college teachers to participate in modern physics classes and laboratories and seminars on teaching problems.

The new program is part of Maryland's effort to prepare more Negro faculty members and help bring up to date those already teaching. The predominantly black colleges, which still educate most Negro college students, have few physics teachers. This shortage means few Negro students are exposed to physics and fewer still go on to graduate work.

The university physics and astronomy department already sponsors a summer research program for ten college teachers and an academic-year institute for five teachers. Those interested in the new program should contact Richard Mead. □

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