

community health projects. The full extent of these activities are also undocumented but will be available to this committee, if it wishes, as soon as our information has been gathered.

The Student American Medical Association is an autonomous national organization with chapters at 87 medical schools, and has 21,000 active medical student members and 35,000 affiliate intern and resident members.

This year (past 12 months) we have had an approximate income of \$455,000, with roughly \$153,410 (or 33.7%) coming from pharmaceutical companies. This income can be broken down as follows:

1. Scientific and convention programs-----	\$46, 410
2. Advertising in THE NEW PHYSICIAN-----	102, 900
3. Sustaining memberships-----	4, 100
Total-----	153, 410

A further breakdown of the scientific and convention programs may be found in Appendix A with a short description of each program.

THE NEW PHYSICIAN is the Journal of the Student American Medical Association and since September of 1968 has been edited solely by medical students. It is distributed to 21,000 medical students and 35,000 interns and residents. The subscription rate for students is \$5 for the entirety of their medical school and house staff careers. Subscriptions for other individuals are \$10 and together with student subscriptions (5,000 per year for incoming freshmen) account for about 10% of the journal's income. In fact, it has been necessary for SAMA to supplement THE NEW PHYSICIAN income with general funds in excess of \$20,000 each year for the past several years to meet the expenses of the Journal.

The total advertising income for THE NEW PHYSICIAN for the 12 months ending in March of 1969 was \$207,432 with \$102,901 (or 49.6%) coming from pharmaceutical companies. The advertising policy of THE NEW PHYSICIAN has been to only advertise those drugs which have been approved by the AMA Council on Drugs and have met with the advertising standards of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The AMA has provided this help without cost in the past. Our last House of Delegates specifically instructed our Executive Council to create specific standards for all advertising in THE NEW PHYSICIAN, and we will set these standards this summer after consultation with the appropriate organizations and informed groups including the AMA Council on Drugs, the A.Ph.A., the staff of the *Medical Letter*, the FDA, and the P.M.A.

The editors this year have changed the format of the journal considerably, and income has decreased due to exclusion of advertising in the text and possibly due to the controversial topics discussed in many issues. There has been no pressure on the editorial staff of THE NEW PHYSICIAN by the pharmaceutical industry.

The income from drug company sustaining memberships (\$4100) is used solely to support the work of the national SAMA committees, which include Medical Education, Community Health, International Health, Legislation and Medical Trends, and Minority Group Admissions.

In addition to the direct income above, one pharmaceutical company has sponsored a large party at each national SAMA convention for several years. Our 1969 House of Delegates voted this year to approve Resolution #25 (Appendix B) which ended all funding by our organization of other contributors for social activities at regional or national SAMA conventions. These monies, the delegates felt, should be diverted into educational programs such as the "Symposium on Medicine and Society," which was a series of speeches delivered by experts on topics pertinent to future physicians (Appendix C). The sponsor, when informed of the delegates' decision, readily agreed to the reallocation of funds for educational purposes.

Another company has directly sponsored "Conversations in Medical Ethics" each year at our national conventions. This year's "Conversation" dealt with "Prolonging Life" and has been scheduled for similar presentations by 22 SAMA chapters across the country.

Pharmaceutical companies have contributed drugs to most local SAMA community health projects, and several companies are discussing with us further ways to aid in the areas of medical education and community health.

The Nigeria/Biafra Medical Relief Program sponsored by the Standing Committee on International Health, has collected about \$75,000 worth of free pharmaceuticals from pharmaceutical firms.