

support of the instructional function at schools of pharmacy and veterinary science.

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy is in the process of studying program costs in schools of pharmacy. This is one part of a project designed to further delineate the needs of our schools, and is considered as an essential first step in strengthening our programs in pharmacy. To date, figures from 29 schools are available, 24 State schools and five non-State schools. The study covers the academic year 1965-66.

The average total expenditure for all schools was \$443,733, and the range was from \$124,963 to \$1,554,390. Net cost—or gain—information is available on 27 of the 29 schools. Twenty-four of the 27 schools showed deficits; the average deficit was \$327,705, with a range of \$63,178 to \$1,192,211, and a median of \$281,544.

The average cost of the undergraduate program per undergraduate student for all schools was \$1,300 with a range of \$631 to \$2,294, and a median of \$1,516. The average cost per graduate student—20 colleges reporting—was \$2,272, with a range from \$1,158 to \$14,883, and a median of \$2,799.

Lastly, the cost per undergraduate student on the basis of total expenditures of the 29 schools was \$1,988.

On the basis of the formula given in H.R. 15757, it is not possible to determine the institutional grant funds needs for schools of pharmacy. However, using the formula for the current basic improvement grants provision and the estimated enrollments given in table D, the need would be \$9.9 million in fiscal year 1970. Based on the average estimated enrollment for fiscal year 1970-73, the need would be about \$10.7 million per year for the 4-year period, or about \$146,000 per school per year.

As you are well aware, under H.R. 15757, schools of pharmacy would not be eligible for participation until fiscal year 1970. Thus, our request for inclusion in the institutional grant provision may be viewed as a request for "legislation for the future;" it would not affect the 1969 budget. We ask your serious consideration of our needs. But please be assured that we in pharmacy are mindful of the many demands of the current period and that priorities must be given consideration. However, we are hopeful that the urgencies now with us will have lessened by fiscal year 1970.

Certainly, we would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge with appreciation the inclusion of our schools in the special project grants provisions of the bill. These will be helpful, in view of the several purposes for which they can be used but, as stated earlier, our schools have no source of broad Federal financial assistance such as the institutional grants with which to meet the exigencies which arise and which could not be met immediately by a project grant.

Research facilities

Title IV would extend the research facilities construction program for 4 years through fiscal 1973, authorizing "such sums as may be necessary." The AACP supports this extension and hopes that the funds available in the years ahead for this essential program will more nearly meet the demands than do funds currently available and those expected during 1969.