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1 Just as we are all concerned over the lack of opportunity for many youths in our inner cities, the Fairmont Heights High School (Capitol Heights, MD) has established a Biotechnology Center. The Center functions as a magnet school for for some twenty schools in the greater Washington DC area. Approximately 150 students are currently enrolled in an intensive four year science program designed to prepare them for college study in the biological sciences.

And while many of us may be "short" on funds for new equipment, for them funds are essentially non-existent. They would greatly appreciate donations iof journals/books on SEM topics and sample specimens, both from the physical and biological sciences, to assist students in research projects and in building microscopy skills.

AND they critically need a Sputter Coater and a Critical Point Dryer. Should you have either that you would care to donate, we expect that you would receive a tax deduction. Or if you have either available and need (modest) payment, kindly contact Microscopy Today as we expect that we can find sponsors.

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Dr. John Bradley, recently of McCrone Associates, Inc, has 1 joined MVA, Inc. (Norcross GA). John will be providing analytical electron microscopy services for state of the art materials characterization, supplementing MVA's established capabilities in scanning electron microscopy, light microscopy and micro-FT-IR spectroscopy.

A new predoctoral fellowship program aimed at preparing 1 researchers to use chemical approaches to biological problems is being launched by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS). The new program is designed to encourage chemistry, pharmaceutical chemistry, and medicinal chemistry facility to participate more in NIGMS Ph.D. training efforts - with the goal "to provide chemists with training in biological science so that they can foresee the biological potential of the compounds with which they work and can apply chemical principles for the design of new compounds to answer biological questions"

A new six-axes, high resolution specimen stage for SEMs 1 has been developed by E. Fjeld Co. (Billerica MA). The sixth degree of motion provides an additional tilt axis of +/- 90° from side to side in relationship to the primary tilt of the stage. The primary tilt towards the secondary detector is -45° to +90°. The X and Y translations are typically 100-125 mm of motion, with continuous Z and 360° of rotation.

