

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Throughout many critical periods in the history of the Laboratory, there have been times when a decision to embark on a new research direction has been facilitated by the assembly of a small number individuals who share a common interest. Typically, the new research endeavor has focused around the interests of one or two scientists who provide a complementary approach to a single important problem. Coupled with the recruitment of these young scientists, the Laboratory helps foster interest in the research by establishing courses and meetings so that the new field becomes widely accessible to the broader scientific

was also happy to be given the opportunity to continue my studies on the replication of adenovirus DNA that were started when I was a graduate student in Australia, even though no one was at Cold Spring Harbor working on this topic at the time. The Laboratory was, and remains today an attractive place for Postdoctoral Fellows to pursue research in an environment that offered fantastic research capabilities and a large measure of freedom to follow one's interests. Summer visitors in residence also added to the variety of research life, although with today's dual income families, this aspect of science at Cold Spring Harbor is becoming all too difficult to continue.

The success of the tumor virus program set the seeds for expansion of the Laboratory into other research areas that were partially related to the immediate focus of the 1970s. The philosophy of bringing a number of investigators together to attack a particular biological problem was repeated many times over. The assemblage of the "yeast group" to study the control of mating-type and the developmental control of gene expression by DNA transposition in the late 1970s and the early 1980s resulted in ensuring that the Laboratory was one of the preeminent institutions in the world that studied yeast genetics. This expansion also helped other research groups to begin to exploit the power of yeast genetics in their own research programs. The establishment of the yeast group was preceded by the Laboratory's holding a postgraduate course on the molecular biology and genetics of yeast that was begun in 1970 by Gerry Fink and Fred Sherman, a course that is stills ti

success and high productivity of the Laboratory. While we regret that our highly successfu