

WE HEAR THAT

S. S. Stevens of Harvard University's Psycho-Acoustic Laboratory has received the American Psychological Association's Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award, consisting of a scroll and \$1000. The award was made last September in recognition of Professor Stevens' work in the "new psychophysics" in which sensations such as loudness and brightness have been shown to grow as power functions of stimulus magnitude.

R. W. Kavanagh has been promoted from research fellow to assistant professor of physics at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Paul J. Flory has resigned as executive director of research and as a trustee of the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh in order to give full time to polymer research at the Institute.

Vincent R. Learned has been appointed manager of the Electronic Tube Division of Sperry Gyroscope Company, Great Neck, N. Y.

Roy S. Anderson, formerly of the University of Maryland, has been appointed professor and chairman of the Department of Physics at Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

Kamalakar R. Dixit, a past president of the Indian Physical Society who was formerly head of the Physics Department at Gujarat College, Ahmedabad, and of the Institute of Science in Bombay, is currently a visiting professor of physics at Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N. Y.

Richard L. Ingraham, formerly with the Instituto Tecnico de Aeronautica, São José dos Campos, Brazil, and **Kaiser S. Kunz**, from the Schlumberger Corporation, Ridgefield, Conn., have joined the staff of the New Mexico State University Research Center in University Park as research professors.

G. H. Wannier has been appointed professor of physics at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Among those recently appointed to the faculty at Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland are **Osman K. Mawardi** from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as professor of engineering, **Glenn M. Frye**, formerly with the Atomic Energy Commission, as associate professor of physics, **William Tobocman** from Rice University as visiting associate professor of physics, and **Thomas L. Jenkins**, formerly of the University of California's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, as assistant professor of physics.

Irving Weiman has been named associate division manager of the Solid State Division of Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., Pasadena, Calif. **Myer Geller**, formerly of Hughes Products, has joined the division as a senior scientist, and **Henry H. Hilton** has been named senior physicist in the firm's Fluid Physics Division.

George W. Crawford, formerly of Davidson College, has been appointed associate professor in the Department of Physics at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. **James D. Lawrence** from the University of Virginia and **Robert Q. Macleay** from the University of Missouri have joined the Department as assistant professors.

Milton Green, formerly with the US Army Signal Research and Development Laboratories at Fort Monmouth, has been appointed senior research engineer at the Burroughs Corporation Research Center, Paoli, Pa.

J. Donald Roll, S.J., chairman of the Physics Department and director of the Seismological Station at Loyola University, has received one of the three Merit Awards for 1960 presented by the Chicago Technical Societies Council for outstanding contributions in science and technology by individuals in the Chicago area. Father Roll was nominated by the Physics Club of Chicago.

Henry J. Gomberg, director of the University of Michigan's Phoenix Project, spent part of November and December in Turkey, Greece, and Israel, where he reviewed and discussed each country's program on the peaceful uses of atomic energy. Prof. Gomberg's visits were requested by the three governments under the terms of an agreement between the Phoenix Project and the International Cooperation Administration.

Ralph P. Ruth, formerly with The Bendix Corporation in Detroit, has been appointed senior scientist at the Hoffman Science Center, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Norman F. Ramsey of Harvard University and **John H. Williams** of the University of Minnesota were named in November as members of the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission. Prof. Ramsey is a former science adviser to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Prof. Williams served last year as an Atomic Energy Commissioner, and both were physicists at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory during World War II.

Igor Alexeff, who recently returned from the University of Zurich, Switzerland, where he was a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow, has joined the Thermo-nuclear Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tenn. At Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, **C. J. Craven**, associate professor of physics at the University of Tennessee, has been named a principal scientist and will divide his time between his university post and the ORINS University Relations Division, where he is assisting with the "traveling-teacher" program.

Robert T. Nieset, director of the Biophysics Laboratory at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., has been appointed chairman of the Department of Physics in Tulane's College of Arts and Sciences. He succeeds **Joseph C. Morris**, who resigned the chairmanship to devote more time to his duties as vice president of the university.

Philip Morrison, professor of physics at Cornell University, and **Earl Ubell**, science editor of the *New York Herald Tribune*, received awards of \$1000 for the best science writing of 1960. The awards were presented on December 27 in New York City during the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Morrison was chosen as the winner in the magazine section of the AAAS-Westinghouse Science Awards for his article, "Cause, Chance, and Creation", which appeared in the April 30 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*. Mr. Ubell was selected for his newspaper story, "How Joke Begot Theory of Universe", which was printed in the *Herald Tribune* on April 11.