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WE HEAR THAT

George Porter, Firth professor of chemistry at the University of Sheffield, in England, has been appointed to succeed Sir Lawrence Bragg as director of the Royal Institution. Professor Porter's appointment will be effective when Sir Lawrence retires in September 1966.

J. William Byrd, professor of physics at East Carolina College in Greenville, N. C., has been appointed to head the College's Department of Physics. He succeeds Charles W. Reynolds, who will work full time as director of the College's Division of Science, a position which he has held for the past two years.

Charles Susskind, professor of electrical engineering at the University of California in Berkeley, has been named assistant dean in charge of the new Office of Research Services in Berkeley's College of Engineering. The new office replaces the Institute of Engineering Research on the Berkeley campus and combines the Institute's activities with supervision of the University's Richmond Field Station.

Harry Polachek, former technical director of the US Navy's Applied Mathematics Laboratory at the David Taylor Model Basin, has accepted a position as specialist in mathematics and computer technology with the US Atomic Energy Commission's Division of Research.

Jay Burns, previously director of the Laboratory of Applied Sciences at the University of Chicago, has been appointed associate professor in the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University.

Davis Rosenbaum, previously associated with the Minneapolis-Honeywell Company in Newton, Mass., has been appointed an assistant research professor of physics in Boston University's College of Liberal Arts.

Raphael H. Widman, previously associated with TRG, Incorporated, has joined Airtron, a division of Litton Industries, as a staff scientist in Airtron's Solid-State Materials Laboratory.

Jurgen Buchau, formerly a member of the Ionospheric Institute in Breisach, Germany, has been appointed a senior physicist in the Electronics and Physics Division of the Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation.

Arthur H. Williams has been promoted from associate director of the Systems Development Division at Operations Research Incorporated to director of the company's Defense Systems Analysis Division. He was also elected a vice president of the company.

Paul M. Gross, Pegasus professor of chemistry at Duke University, was re-elected president of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies at a recent meeting of the ORINS Board of Directors. Eric Rodgers, dean of the Graduate School and professor and chairman of the Department of Physics at the University of Alabama, was elected vice president of the ORINS, and William G. Pollard, the Institute's executive director, was reelected treasurer. Lawrence K. Akers was promoted from assistant chairman to chairman of the ORINS Special Training Division.

Jack E. Houston, who will be awarded his PhD next month from Oklahoma State University, has been appointed assistant professor of physics at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

John C. Slater, graduate research professor of physics and chemistry at the University of Florida has been appointed director of Florida's University Computing Center. He succeeds John E. Maxfield, who continues to serve as chairman of Florida's Department of Mathematics.

William P. Swanson, research assistant professor at the University of Illinois, will spend the summer months working with the staff of the Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY) in Hamburg, Germany.

Malcolm E. Hults, associate professor of physics at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., will become head of the University's new Physics Department on September 1.