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Wrong accelerator

In your May 20th-anniversary issue of PHYSICS TODAY one minor perturbation attracted my attention. In D. Allan Bromley's summary of progress in nuclear physics, the illustration on page 33 obviously is not Chalk River's 3.5-MeV Van de Graaff. Rather, it has the appearance of an air-insulated Cockcroft-Walton set.

As a collector of accelerator illustrations, I would be interested in knowing which C-W set is depicted.

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One small problem—the caption of the accelerator picture in my article was mixed up and is that appropriate to a picture you didn't use. The actual figure is of the NRC Ottawa 600-kV Cockcroft-Walton accelerator that ceased operation in 1948—not of the Chalk River 3.5-MeV Van de Graaff.

D. ALLAN BROMLEY
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Finding Oppie's hat

Harry Barton's account in your 20th-anniversary issue of my part in getting PHYSICS TODAY started was so warm and flattering that I hate to correct the record. But credit for finding the cover photo of Oppie's Hat Rampant on a Field of Cyclotron Plumbing belongs to Miriam White, who was with us for a short while in the first days of the magazine. She knew of it and of its aptness and got hold of a copy.

As it symbolized Physics Today then, it symbolizes Physics Then today.

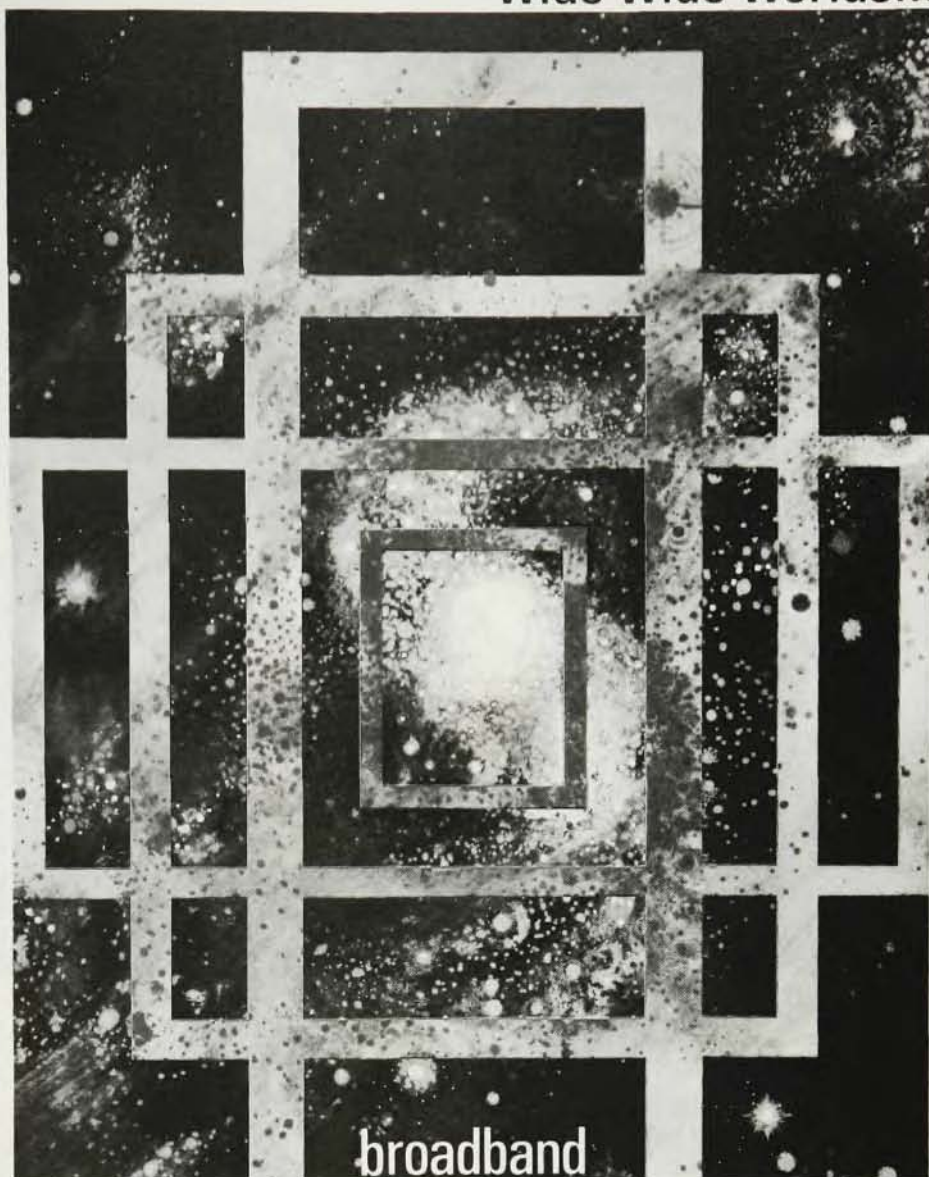
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Rare-earth shapes

I do not wish in any way to detract from the merits of the Berkeley group on the shapes of the rare-earth nuclei which you describe in the March "Search and Discovery."

However, in all fairness, it should be mentioned that the existence of higher moments in the nuclear shapes has

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