

the physics community

AIP to operate job-matching pools for postdocs and junior faculty

Placement activities for physicists are being expanded by the American Institute of Physics. The American Physical Society is financially supporting the centralized operation of postdoctoral and junior-faculty job-matching pools for specialized fields in physics, by the AIP Manpower Division. The pools will be similar to the matching pools for experimenters and theorists in particles and fields, which was initiated and operated last year by Northeastern University (*physics today*, January, page 94). The pools will be operated in close association with the AIP Placement Service so that all physicists seeking employment will have maximum exposure to job openings.

Robert H. March wins science-writing award

The American Institute of Physics-US Steel Foundation 1971 Science Writing Award in Physics and Astronomy for a scientist has been awarded to Robert H. March. March, a professor of physics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, won the award for his book *Physics for Poets*, published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company last year.

The award will be presented to March on 23 September at the annual AIP Corporate Associates meeting to be held at Rockefeller University. March will receive \$1500, an engraved steel Moebius strip and a certificate. McGraw-Hill will also receive a certificate. A similar award for a journalist was presented earlier this year to Kenneth Weaver (*physics today*, May, page 64).

March, a high-energy physicist, received his PhD in physics from the Uni-

AIP's Education and Manpower Division, formerly headed by Arnold Strassenburg, was divided on 1 July into an Education Division at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, still headed by Strassenburg, and a Manpower Division at AIP headquarters, to be directed by Raymond W. Sears, who has been Placement Consultant at the Institute since January.

Arnold Benton, formerly of Brookhaven National Laboratory, will be responsible for operation of the job-matching pools in the Manpower Division.

To better meet today's employment market, traditional open job listings will be supplemented by "closed" job

versity of Chicago in 1960 and has been associated with the University of Wisconsin since 1961. He wrote *Physics for Poets* as an outgrowth of his physics course for students in the humanities and social sciences at Wisconsin. The book, which stresses 20th-century physics and covers the fields of classical mechanics, special relativity and quantum theory, was written, as March explains in the introduction to the book, with the conviction that physics, like poetry, should be concerned with the beauty of the universe.

Astronomical Society is founded in Canada

The Canadian Astronomical Society was founded in Victoria, B. C. on 15 May 1971. The initial membership of the new society, which is the first professional society of astronomers in Canada, is expected to consist of 150 government, university and industrial scientists. An executive has been elected to draw up a constitution, set up bylaws and elect officers from its own group. Members of this executive are A. H. Batten, Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria; Gilles Beaudet, University of Montreal; Helen S. Hogg, University of Toronto; P. M. Millman, National Research Council, Ottawa; René Racine, University of Toronto; W. L. H. Shuter, University of British Columbia, Vancouver and J. B. Tatum of the University of Victoria.

Student or regular membership is open to all Canadian scientists engaged in research or education directly related to astronomy or astrophysics. Further details can be obtained from René Racine, David Dunlap Observatory, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

listings for employers who wish to detail their job openings without identification. Equipment is being installed at the Placement Office for a skills and specialization bank covering all registrants. A rapid file search or screening operation can be performed to locate candidates with the requisite specialization, skills, interest and experience for a particular job opportunity. Screening parameters can be adjusted in real time to obtain a suitable number of candidates for each job opening. The current AIP placement form is being revised to provide a more complete inventory of candidates' qualifications in pure and applied physics and adjacent fields of science and engineering.



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Acoustical Society chooses Kryter as president elect

The Acoustical Society of America chose Karl Kryter, the head of the Sensory Science Group at Stanford Research Institute, to be its new president elect, and Robert S. Gales of the Naval Undersea Research and Development Center, as vice-president elect. Kryter has worked in audition, psychoacoustics, speech communications and electrophysiology. Gales has contributed to hearing aids, audio-masking measurements and underwater sound detection, noise measurement and voice communication.

John C. Johnson of the Ordnance Research Laboratory at Pennsylvania State University, formerly president elect, is now president of the society. The former vice-president elect, Kenneth N. Stevens of MIT, is now vice president. New executive councilmen of the ASA are James L. Flanagan of Bell Telephone Laboratories and Mary L. Harbold of Temple University. □



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