

A student edition of Vol. I, *Physics in Perspective: The Nature of Physics and the Subfields of Physics*, is available for \$5.00.

A four-year, \$470 000 National Research Council grant to the University of

Western Ontario will help the development there of a proposed Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Chemical Physics.

Gary R. Gruber has been named Director of Public Relations for the New

York Academy of Sciences. Formerly assistant professor of physics and director of astronomy at Hofstra University, Gruber will continue to hold the title of senior research associate in physics at Hofstra.

the physics community

New APS aid for PhD's seeking academic jobs

PhD physicists have a new service to help them in the search for academic employment. The APS Doctoral Employment Information Service, run by the American Institute of Physics for the American Physical Society, starts operation this fall. It expands and replaces the Physics Post-Doctoral Information Pool (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, February 1972, page 68).

The individual physicist looking for academic employment, as well as academic institutions that need to fill vacancies requiring specialized knowledge can benefit from the Service. For the individual it offers wide exposure of his talents and reduces the number of applications that he must send out. For institutions it provides uniform, comprehensively indexed compilations of vitae.

Nine volumes of resumes and supporting data will be published by the Information Service. Eight of them will be classified on the basis of participants' research fields, and a ninth will list individuals interested primarily in teaching. Supplements to these volumes will be issued on a regular basis. Indexes listing physicists by research field and by PhD-granting institution, as well as an alphabetical index designed to permit fast and easy access to information, will enhance the utility of these resource books as an important base for employment consideration by academic institutions.

The Information Service will distribute complete sets of these materials to all domestic PhD-granting institutions at a nominal, non-obligatory charge. Institutions that grant bachelor's and master's degrees will be able to purchase separate resource volumes at cost. The material will also be made available for sale to industrial, governmental and non-profit laboratories as a supplement to their campus recruiting activities.

The Doctoral Employment Information Service complements but does not replace the AIP Employment Referral Service, which maintains files of information on the education, specialization and experience of registrants and which at the request of an employer searches its files for registrants meeting specific technical qualifications. The

Referral Service forwards information on all such candidates to employers for their employment consideration and negotiation.

The academic placement rate increases gradually during the fall months to a maximum in the period from December through February. Individuals who enroll by 15 October will have their materials included in the initial distribution scheduled for 1 November.

Both PhD physicists and candidates who expect to receive doctorates by September 1974 are eligible to register for the Service. Applications, brochures and other information have been distributed to physics departments and placement offices at institutions throughout the country. They also may be obtained from the Doctoral Employment Information Service, American Institute of Physics, 335 E. 45th St, New York, N. Y. 10017.

Marsh White awards: SPS calls for proposals

The Society of Physics Students has instituted the Marsh W. White Awards "to support projects designed to promote interest in physics among students and the general public." The Awards are named in honor of Marsh W. White, a former executive secretary and president of Sigma Pi Sigma, the honor society of the Society of Physics Students, and a past president of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Proposals for awards in 1974 must be submitted to the SPS National Office by 15 November. The maximum budget for proposed projects in 1974 will be limited to \$100 although the budget limit is expected to be increased in future years. Several awards will be made each year to SPS chapters.

Four AIP societies to use separate renewal invoices

Renewal invoices for AIP society dues and journal subscriptions are being handled differently this year. In the past a single joint renewal invoice has been used for all member societies, but starting this year a number of societies are utilizing the invoices to ask their

members how they feel about specific society-related questions, to gather statistics and to solicit voluntary contributions.

For 1974 AIP will mail separate renewal invoices to members of the American Physical Society, the American Association of Physics Teachers, the Optical Society of America and the Acoustical Society of America. The mailing of these separate society invoices will vary according to mailing dates selected by the societies.

The traditional joint renewal invoice is being mailed only to members of the Society of Rheology, the American Crystallographic Association, the American Astronomical Society, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine and the American Vacuum Society.

In some cases individuals who are members of two or more societies may receive more than one invoice, each requiring attention.

AAS transfers an award and establishes a new one

The American Astronomical Society has transferred one of its awards to the American Association of University Women, and it has established a new award for outstanding work in observational and instrumental astronomy.

Following the recommendation of a select committee, the AAS has completed the transfer of the Annie J. Cannon Prize to the Educational Foundation of the AAUW, which will administer the award in the future. The Cannon Prize will hereafter be awarded as a research grant to a woman astronomer under 35. The Annie J. Cannon Prize Committee of the AAS will continue to function as an advisory committee to the AAUW Educational Foundation in matters relating to this award.

The Newton Lacy Pierce Prize was established recently through a grant from Mrs Beatrice Hess, the widow of the late N. L. Pierce. The award will be given to an astronomer under 35 for excellence in observational and instrumental astronomy. The recipient must be a resident of North America and must give a lecture to the Society at the time of the award. The Prize consists of \$1000, travel expenses and lecture publication costs. □