

the physics community

Albert Bartlett elected vice-president of AAPT

Albert A. Bartlett, professor of physics at the University of Colorado-Boulder, has been elected vice-president of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Kenneth E. Davis, professor of physics at Reed College and formerly president-elect, is the new president of the AAPT. The 1975 vice-president, Robert Karplus of the University of



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California at Berkeley, is now president-elect.

Bartlett received his BA from Colgate University in 1944, and was awarded his PhD in physics from Harvard University in 1950. He is interested in nuclear physics and was a staff member at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories during 1944-46. Bartlett also worked at the Nobel Institute of Physics in Sweden in 1963-64. He joined the faculty of the University of Colorado-Boulder in 1950, becoming a full professor in 1956.

Herbert D. Peckham of Gavilan College in Gilroy, California, has been elected to a three-year term on the AAPT executive board. Marion N. Whitehead (California State University at Hayward) continues in her position as treasurer of the AAPT.

Executive committee announces changes at AIP

At the 15 December 1975 AIP Executive Committee Meeting, several changes at AIP in 1976 were announced.

The publication and translation of the *Chinese Journal of Physics* was suspended (with the completion of Vol-

ume 23, calendar year 1974 for the Chinese original) because of a currently low number of subscribers. The AIP translations advisory board will continue to monitor the journal, so that the decision may be reviewed in the future.

The Manpower Division has been reorganized into two divisions following the retirement of its director, Raymond Sears. The Manpower Statistics Division concerns itself with the collection and publication of data on physics students and physicists. Beverly Fearn Porter, formerly deputy director of the Manpower Division, has become director of the Manpower Statistics Division. The new Manpower Placement Division keeps abreast of the employment situation, maintains a placement office and a referral service. Lewis Slack, associate director for General Activities, is serving as acting director pending selection and appointment of a new director.

The staff of the Public Relations Division will be expanded by the addition of another professional to increase the number of news releases about research reported in member-society and AIP journals, and to operate press rooms at more society meetings.

The Education Division, which is located at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, will be renamed effective in June. The activities of this division have been reduced since the expiration of its last NSF grant. The Society of Physics Students, at present an affiliate of the AIP, will become an AIP division on 1 July. Dion Shea headed both the Education Division and the SPS; he continues as the director of the SPS.

Audiotape interviews with women in science

Women in Science, a package of audiotaped interviews with six women scientists, is now available from the American Association of Physics Teachers. The interviews are accompanied by thirty-three 35-mm slides and an article about each scientist.

The producer of *Women in Science*, Dinah Moché of Queensborough Community College, has chosen women who exemplify a variety of personal backgrounds as well as a wide spectrum of scientific activity. The six women are: Gwendolyn Albert, environmental engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers; Betsy Ancker-Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology; Carolyn Leach, head of the endocrine laboratory at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center; Diana McSherry, research biophysicist and executive

vice president of Digisonics Corp; Virginia Trimble, associate professor of physics at the University of California, Irvine and associate professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Maryland, and Chien-Shiung Wu, professor of physics at Columbia University.

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Sinclair succeeds MacAdam as editor of JOSA

Douglas C. Sinclair became the new editor of the *Journal of the Optical Society of America* on 31 December. He succeeds retiring editor David L. MacAdam, who has served as *JOSA* editor for 12 years.

Sinclair received his PhD in 1963 from the University of Rochester, where later he was appointed assistant professor. In 1967 he became technical director at Spectra-Physics, Mountain View, California, and in 1969 he returned to the University of Rochester, where he is now associate professor at the Institute of Optics. Sinclair's research interests include laser instrumentation and the design, fabrication and testing of image-forming optical systems.

in brief

New officers of the German Physical Society are as follows: Hans-Joachim Queisser (Stuttgart) as president and O. Koch (Leverkusen) as vice-president. A. Lompe (Munich) continues as treasurer.

The University of California at Los Angeles has initiated an interdisciplinary program leading to a Doctorate in Environmental Sciences. Candidates for this degree collaborate in investigating an environmental problem, each candidate drawing upon his own background in a conventional scientific discipline. Students are trained to write environmental impact statements, to work for government regulatory agencies, and to testify before legislative committees. The papers of astrophysicist Karl Schwarzschild (1873-1916) have been catalogued and microfilmed by the AIP Center for History of Physics. Those interested in purchasing copies of the catalog or microfilm should write to the Center for History of Physics, AIP, 335 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.