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is **Fred H. Pollak**, professor of physics at the University. The Maybaum Institute is a center for research in optics, electronics, lasers, materials and energy-related areas.

At the Colorado School of Mines, **F. Edward Cecil** has joined the faculty as assistant professor of physics.

Newly appointed assistant professors in the Indiana University department of physics are **Steven E. Vigdor** and **Donald H. Weingarten**.

The 1976 Physics Prize of the German Physical Society has been presented to **Werner Lauterborn** (Göttingen University) for his contributions to the understanding of cavitation in liquids.

obituaries

William Nordberg

William Nordberg, director of applications at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, died 3 October 1976 at the age of 46.

A native of Austria, Nordberg earned his PhD at the University at Graz and immigrated to the US in 1953.

Nordberg worked in the meteorology division of the Army Signal Engineering Laboratories until 1959, at which time he went to NASA's Maryland facility to head the physical measurement section in the satellite applications system division. He was appointed chief of the laboratory of meteorology and earth sciences in 1969 and accepted his final post in 1974.

Nordberg was known for his contributions to the remote sensing of Earth and its environment from satellites. Among the honors he received, Nordberg was presented NASA's highest award, the Distinguished Service Medal, in 1975.

John I. Lauritzen Jr

John I. Lauritzen Jr, a physicist at the National Bureau of Standards, died 11 October 1976; he was 50 years old. At the time of his death, Lauritzen was senior scientist in the NBS Institute for Materials Research.

After receiving his doctorate from the California Institute of Technology, Lauritzen joined NBS in 1956 as a physicist in the electricity division at the Institute for Basic Standards. He then worked for the polymers division and, in 1968, he took up a post with the director of the Institute for Materials Research. His research interests included theoretical work on polymer crystallization. □