

phenomena during the upcoming period of maximum activity.

Robert A. Frosch, the NASA Administrator, pointed out in his budget statement that "here is also flexibility in the runout to include new missions," such as a gamma-ray observatory, advanced

Spacelab astronomy experiments and a comet or asteroid mission. Wash told us that if NASA receives a commitment for a comet or asteroid mission by FY 1982, it would propose a spacecraft that would not only rendezvous with the Tempel II comet, but also, earlier in the mission,

send a probe that would go through the tail of Halley's Comet. Wash also observed that a Venus orbital-imaging radar mission currently has high priority in FY 1981 budget planning; any further delay in initiating funding would delay the mission several years. —CBW

the physics community

AAPT elects Kelly as vice-president

William H. Kelly, chairman of the department of physics at Michigan State University, has been elected the new vice-president of the American Association of Physics Teachers. His predecessor, Robert G. Fuller, professor of physics at the University of Nebraska, is the new president-elect. Fuller in turn has succeeded James B. Gerhart, professor of



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physics at the University of Washington, who is the AAPT president for 1979. All three took office during the AAPT annual meeting held in New York on 29 January–1 February.

Kelly received his BSE (1950), MS (1951) and PhD degrees (1955) from the University of Michigan, and immediately thereafter joined the Michigan State faculty. He has also worked at the Engineering Research Institute, University of Michigan; the reactor division of the US Naval Research Laboratory; the department of nuclear chemistry at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Besides physics education, his research interests include nuclear reactions, nuclear structure and gamma-ray spectroscopy.

Kelly was chairman of AAPT's Committee on Professional Concerns and was a member of the organization's Committee on International Education and

Council on Physics in Education. He was associate chairman for undergraduate programs at Michigan State from 1968 to 1975.

NYU inaugurates science-policy center

Herbert I. Fusfeld has been named director of the new Center for Science and Technology Policy of New York University's Graduate School of Public Administration. The Center's purpose is to contribute to the development of more effective national policies for the generation and use of science and technology, especially through the stimulation of broader cooperation among government, industry and the academic world. To this end, the Center will sponsor research, seminars and conferences dealing with specific science and technology problems on national and international levels.

Fusfeld, who holds a PhD in physics from the University of Pennsylvania, has been director of research for the Kennecott Copper Corporation since 1963.

Wyckoff becomes vice-president of ACA

American Crystallographic Association members have elected Harold W. Wyckoff, an associate professor in the depart-

ment of molecular biophysics and biochemistry at Yale University, as their vice-president for 1979 and K. Ann Kerr, an associate professor of chemistry and physics at the University of Calgary, as their secretary for 1979–1981.

Wyckoff received his PhD in biophysics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1955 and then spent a year each as a research associate biologist at MIT and as a National Institutes of Health fellow at Cambridge University. He was a research physicist at the American Viscose Corporation from 1957 to 1963, when he began teaching at Yale. His research interests concern the structure and function of biological macromolecules, especially enzymes, as determined by x-ray diffraction analysis. Wyckoff succeeds Jenny P. Glusker (Institute for Cancer Research, Philadelphia), who moves up to the presidency. Glusker in turn succeeds Philip Coppens (SUNY, Buffalo).

in brief

The NSF Advisory Committee for Physics will meet 10–12 May at NSF, 1800 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting will be open, except for a possible closed session for discussion of specific projects.

Henning E. von Gierke, president-elect of the Acoustical Society of America, has been elected to a five-year term as co-chairman of the International Commission on Biological Effects of Noise. Jerry V. Tobias, a member of ASA's committee on psychological and physiological acoustics, was elected chairman.

The 1978–79 Graduate Programs in Physics, Astronomy and Related Fields, a listing and description of US and Canadian graduate programs compiled by the Society of Physics Students, can be obtained from Back Numbers, AIP, 335 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017. Cost is \$7.50 for students and \$10 for all others. Complementary copies are being sent to SPS chapter advisers and departments offering a bachelor's degree or higher in physics, astronomy or a related field. □

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