

ASA chooses Blackstock as president-elect

New officers of the Acoustical Society of America took office at the close of the Spring Meeting held in Ottawa in May.

David T. Blackstock of the Applied Research Labs of the University of Texas is the new president-elect. He received a BS in 1952 and an MA in 1953 from the University of Texas, then worked at the Bioacoustics Branch of the Wright Air Development Center from 1954 to 1956. After he earned a PhD at Harvard in applied physics in 1960, he joined the Nonlinear Acoustics Research Department of General Dynamics/Electronics. In 1963 he became associate professor of electrical engineering at the University of Rochester. He left there in 1970 to accept his present position as a faculty research scientist at Texas. The former president-elect, David M. Green of Harvard University, has become president. Blackstock will succeed him.

Alan Powell of the David W. Taylor Naval Research and Development Center has become vice-president-elect. Born in England, he was educated at Loughborough College (DLC degree 1948), the University of London (BSc 1949) and the University of Southampton (PhD in engineering 1953). He taught at Southampton 1951-53,



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then rose from associate professor to professor of engineering while he was head of the aerodynamics lab at UCLA from 1957 to 1964. After working at the Taylor Center for three years, he became its technical director in 1967. Powell will serve as the Society's vice-president after Floyd Dunn, University of Illinois. Dunn, the former vice-president-elect, has become vice-president.

Elected to the Executive Council were Herman Medwin of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, and Lawrence R. Rabiner, Bell Laborato-

ries, Murray Hill. They will replace J. E. Barger and W. D. Ward.

AIP to facilitate journal donations

The American Institute of Physics has established a program to facilitate the donation of physics journal and book collections to colleges and universities. AIP will keep a file of names of institutions that wish to receive donations. The APS Committee on International Scientific Affairs will assist in finding institutions outside the US.

The effort has been organized by Lewis Slack, AIP Associate Director, Educational Services, to provide a channel for the many inquiries AIP gets from physicists and their families interested in assisting schools, particularly those in developing and third-world countries, which are often eager to receive books and back volumes of scientific journals.

Representatives of institutions desiring donations and others who know of such institutions should write to Slack, AIP, 335 E. 45th St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Descriptions of their needs will be filed to be matched with offers from donors as they are received. A variety of ways of defraying the costs of shipping from donors is being explored. In some cases in which distances are not large, transportation might be provided by recipients; with international donations, especially to government-supported schools, a country's embassy or consulates might do the shipping; in still other cases funds from third parties might be identified.

in brief

The Polytechnic Institute of New York, the University of Dayton and California State University at Northridge have been given an NSF grant to help other colleges set up re-entry programs for women interested in careers in science. The three schools will select over 100 potential colleges for women's re-entry programs.

The University of California, Davis, has a new interdisciplinary graduate program in Earth Sciences and Resources for students with undergraduate training in the physical sciences, engineering or mathematics. Information is available from Kenneth Verosub, Graduate Group in Earth Sciences and Resources, Department of Geology, U. C. Davis, Davis, California 95616. □



A physics tutoring clinic for students not majoring in physics has been operating at the University of Maryland for five years, and the founders, retired faculty members Milton and Zaka Slawsky, report considerable success. The Slawskys (they are twins) established the corps of volunteer retired physicists as tutors in 1975. Comments and letters from students indicate that this service has helped them overcome their fear of physics courses and learn to use mathematics as the language of physics.