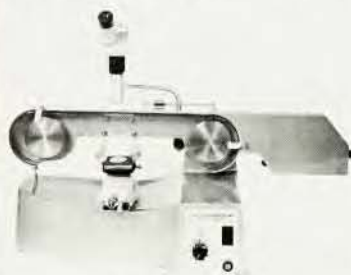


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JEROME PRESSMAN
Lexington, Massachusetts

Volunteer retirees

I read with interest your news article about volunteer retirees in science (July, page 67). However, I was disappointed at the mention in two places that the Owens Science Center is in "Prince George County, Virginia." Actually, the center is in Prince George's County, Maryland. I should know because the center, which opened in 1978, was built right next to the high school that I attended: DuVal Senior High School.

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LEONARD STRACHAN JR
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Department oversight

I wish to thank you for your excellent article in June (page 65) discussing the department of physics of the University of Texas at Austin. It should be pointed out that the physics department has been improving and expanding over a long period of time with many distinguished individuals contributing to this growth. Foremost among those who were not included in your article were George Sudarshan and Bryce DeWitt who have provided leadership in our theoretical program.

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ROGER BENGTSON
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas

We apologize for neglecting to mention Sudarshan and DeWitt by name. Members of the Texas department called our attention to them in interviews, and my failure to name them was purely an oversight and not in any sense the result of a deliberate decision or personal slight. —ws

Attention, presidors

I would like to make a suggestion that I hope will be considered by future conference session presidors. I think that, at the very minimum, the presidor should introduce the speakers. All too often I see presidors fail to do this for multiple author papers. The speaker deserves some individual recognition for his presentation. In addition, it is

often of interest to the audience to know who the speaker is. Besides an introduction, the presidor might conclude the presentation with, "Thank you, Dr. . . ."

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Corrections

January, page S-8, and July, page 104—In a story by Steven Shore for *Physics News in 1983* and a in a subsequent letter by Shrinivas Kulkarni, respectively, an error was made in identifying IRAS, launched in 1983, as the first satellite to 'discover' a comet. The SOLWIND instruments detected three sungrazing comets in 1979 and 1981 via the P78-1 satellite. Additionally, the comet that was detected by IRAS was incorrectly identified in both the original article and the subsequent letter; its correct name is IRAS-Araki-Alcock 1983d.

July, page 105—In the letter by J. Rand McNally Jr on fusion criterion, the central temperature T_0 for Alcator C should be given as 1.5, not 12.5 keV. □

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