

APS publishes memoir of astrophysicist Beatrice Tinsley

APS has published a memoir of Beatrice Tinsley (1941–81), who was an astrophysicist and professor of astronomy at Yale University. The book, *My Daughter Beatrice*, is by her father, Edward O.E. Hill. Hill says in the foreword that he decided to write this memoir when Sandra Faber of Lick Observatory informed him of the medal and prize that had been established in Tinsley's honor by the American Astronomical Society. He then realized that his daughter would be widely remembered as a scientist and that many people would want to know more about her as a person.

In 1984 Hill circulated photocopies of his typescript to a few of Tinsley's friends in astronomy and astrophysics, who in turn shared it with their friends. Last fall the APS Committee on the Status of Women in Physics recommended that APS publish the book as part of the society's program to encourage young people, particularly women, to choose careers in physics and to help their families and teachers understand the preparation and struggles, risks and rewards, such a choice involves.

APS Deputy Executive Secretary Miriam A. Forman, an astrophysicist at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, says that Tinsley is remembered as a brilliant astrophysicist and professor of astronomy. "In her tragically brief career she revolutionized the study of the evolution of galaxies. She was famous among astronomers for her prodigious creativity, and also as a gracious friend, dedicated teacher, mentor and colleague," Forman says.

In the book's introduction Faber writes: "Fatally afflicted in mid-career by melanoma, she had by that time already produced a body of research worthy of a full lifetime's effort.... Her influence extended far beyond the halls of Yale and was felt, literally, wherever galaxy evolution was an active subject."

In the book, her father gives a parent's view of his daughter's growth

from a bright and sensitive child into a world-famous astronomer. Hill quotes extensively from letters Tinsley wrote from the time she was seven years old until just before her death. Her own words to her family give an intimate look into all stages of the development of a scientist, including a very candid view of her struggles between home and career.

The introduction by Faber and obituary by Richard B. Larson of Yale University and Linda L. Stryker of Arizona State University, Tempe, put

Tinsley's life and personal contributions into the context of her scientific achievements.

Although the book will eventually be available in bookstores, it may be ordered now by writing to Tinsley Book, Department PT, American Physical Society, 335 East 45th Street, New York NY 10017-3483. The price is \$11.00 (\$9.95 plus \$1.05 postage and handling) for the first copy, and \$9.00 each for any additional copies. Checks should be made payable to APS/Tinsley Book.

Data on industrial interns amended

A recent story about the APS Industrial Summer Intern Program (PHYSICS TODAY, September, page 67) neglected to mention the seminal role of Werner P. Wolf of Yale University, who first conceived and directed the program. Wolf encountered some opposition when he first suggested the program, but in November 1978 the APS Council unanimously endorsed his proposal, and the program ran for the first time during the summer of 1979. Sidney Millman (AT&T Bell Laboratories) served on the selection committee during the early years of the program.

After the story about the summer intern program went to press, some employers and physics-department heads provided additional information on students placed last summer:

Exxon Production Research (Houston, Texas): David R. Kirk (Texas A&M University)

General Electric Company Research and Development Center (Schenectady, New York): Richard Steinberg (State University of New York at Binghamton)

IBM (Yorktown Heights, New York): Michael A. Miller (Gustavus Adolphus College)

Xerox Corporation (Webster, New York): David Ansager (Purdue University), Karen Foote (Eastern Illinois University), Nanda Palmieri

(Manhattan College).

Ansager, Foote and Palmieri were erroneously reported as working at Xerox in Palo Alto.

Long-term memberships

W. W. Havens Jr, APS Executive Secretary, and Harry Lustig, APS Treasurer, have announced that five-year memberships and journal subscriptions are now available to members at five times the current annual prices.

Five-year memberships, to begin on either 1 July 1986 or 1 July 1987, depending on current membership status, will cost \$200; life memberships will be available at a special reduced price of \$460 to paid-up members and at \$480 to others.

Domestic subscriptions to APS journals for the personal use of members will be sold for five-year terms at five times their present annual prices. Orders and full payment must be received by APS before 31 December 1986.

A mailing about the long-term memberships and subscriptions has gone to all APS members. Further information and order forms are available from the APS Membership Department at 335 East 45th Street, New York NY 10017; telephone (212) 682-7341. Please state with your request for forms whether or not you are now an APS member.