

body and the general public. This year's awardees are the University of Alabama, for "Apple computer interface boxes for physics experiments," Stanley T. Jones, adviser; New York Institute of Technology, for "Exhibiting the fascination of physics in an interactive display case," Lawrence S. Silverstein; Oklahoma State University, for "Production of syndicated physics-oriented newspaper column for area newspapers," Stephen W. S. McKeever; the University of Pittsburgh, "Physics and astronomy awareness week," Allen Janis; Texas Southern University, "Physics general awareness broadcast," Etta F. Walker; the University of Texas at Arlington, "The construction and use of a 72-inch Tesla coil," N. G. Massey; Thiel College, "A community outreach program," Michael E. Bacon and Michael A. Day; and Valdosta State College, "Enhancement of public planetarium shows through special effects," Dennis W. Marks.

## Acoustical Society appoints Strasberg new secretary

The executive council of the Acoustical Society of America has appointed a new secretary, Murray Strasberg, a researcher at the David Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Strasberg is the third secretary in the history of ASA and succeeds Betty Goodfriend, who has held the office since 1969. The society's first secretary, Wallace Waterfall, served from 1929 to 1969.

Strasberg earned a BS at the City College of New York in 1938, an MS at Catholic University in 1948 and a PhD at Catholic University in 1956. He was a patent examiner in the US patent office from 1938 to 1942, a physicist at the David Taylor Model Basin from 1942 to 1949 and again from 1952 to 1958, a noise consultant with the US Bureau of Ships from 1949 to 1952, scientific liaison officer in the Office of Naval Research in London from 1958 to 1960, and project coordinator at the David Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center from 1960 to 1972. He has been a senior research scientist at the center since 1972.

Strasberg's main research interests are hydrodynamic noise, cavitation and cavitation noise, structural vibrations and acoustic instrumentation. He is a member of the AIP Governing Board, a former associate editor of the *Journal of the Acoustical Society* and a past president of ASA.

Goodfriend will continue to serve as a consultant to ASA and as an associate editor of the *Journal*. She has received the society's Distinguished Service Ci-



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tation in recognition of her work.

Unlike Goodfriend, who worked at AIP's offices in Woodbury, Long Island, Strasberg will work out of his home in Washington, but he will make monthly visits to Woodbury. ASA continues to be represented at Woodbury by Elaine Moran and in New York City by Avril Brenig, the society's standards manager.

Strasberg has expressed the hope that he will be able as secretary to help extend ASA services to its members and the acoustical community in general. He invites members to submit suggestions and comments to the Woodbury office. Communications to Strasberg should be addressed to the Acoustical Society of America, 500 Sunnyside Boulevard, Woodbury NY 11797.

## Singer is new president of the Carnegie Institution

The new president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington is Maxine Frank Singer, a molecular biologist at the National Institutes of Health. She succeeds James D. Ebert, who has served as president since 1978, and she will take office on 1 March 1988. Ebert, upon his retirement this July, will become the director of the Chesapeake Bay Institute of The Johns Hopkins University and will continue to be vice president of the National Academy of Sciences.

The Carnegie Institution operates five research centers: the Department of Embryology in Baltimore; the Department of Plant Biology in Stanford, California; the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism and the Geophysical Laboratory, both in Washington; and the Mount Wilson and Las Campanas Observatories, which are headquartered in Pasadena, California.

Singer graduated from Swarthmore College with a BA in 1952 and received a PhD in biochemistry from Yale University in 1957. Since 1957 she has worked for NIH in a series of increasingly responsible positions. She became acting chief in 1979 and chief in 1980 of the Laboratory of Biochemistry in NIH's division of cancer biology and diagnosis.

## Science writers at Discover magazine win AIP award

Shannon Brownlee and Allan Chen of *Discover* magazine are the winners of AIP's 1987 award for journalistic science writing in physics and astronomy. Each year AIP has given two science writing awards, one for writing by a journalist or journalists and one for writing by a scientist. Starting this year AIP also will make an annual award for writing geared to children or teenagers.

Brownlee and Chen were honored for their article on earthquakes, "Waiting for the big one," which appeared in the July 1986 issue of *Discover*. Brownlee and Chen received the award, which they shared, in a ceremony on 21 April at a luncheon for the Baltimore and Washington sections of the National Association of Science Writers. The award consists of \$3000 and a certificate. Gilbert Rogin, the managing editor of *Discover*, also received a certificate of salutation honoring the magazine.

Brownlee received a BA and MA in biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She worked for the *Providence Journal Bulletin* before joining the staff at *Discover* in 1982. Chen earned bachelor's and master's degrees in geophysics at Stanford University. He worked as an intern at *Science News* in 1983, joined *Smithsonian* magazine as an assistant editor the same year and moved to *Discover* in 1985.

## in brief

Fred Morse has been named associate director of research at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Morse has worked at Los Alamos since 1980 and has been leader of its physics division for the last three years. He earned a BA in chemistry at the University of Idaho in 1958 and a master's degree in 1960 and doctorate in 1962 in chemical physics at the University of Michigan. He worked at the US Army's Aberdeen Proving Grounds from 1962 to 1964 and at the Aerospace Corporation from 1964 to 1980. □