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IN BRIEF

T. Kenneth Fowler, formerly associate director for magnetic fusion energy at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, in January became chairman of the department of nuclear engineering at the University of California, Berkeley.

Charles Elachi, manager of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's earth and space sciences division, has been appointed assistant laboratory director of JPL's new Office of Space Science and Instruments.

J. Robert Schrieffer, professor of physics at the University of California at Santa Barbara and director of the university's Institute for Theoretical Physics, has been named the first recipient of a senior scientist fellowship sponsored by Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Public Service Company of New Mexico. Schrieffer will divide his time between Santa Barbara and Los Alamos, where he will head the lab's advanced study program in high-temperature superconductivity theory.

Lawrence H. Lanzl, professor of medical physics and therapeutic radiology at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, has been named chairman of the medical physics department. He had served as acting chairman since July 1986.

OBITUARIES

David Adler

David Adler, a professor in the department of electrical engineering and computer science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died suddenly on 31 March 1987, shortly before his 52nd birthday. An exceptional physicist, he was unusual not only in having an encyclopedic knowledge in all areas of solid-state physics, but also in being extremely creative. He was able to pull together many experimental and theoretical ideas into a simple, elegant explanation.

Adler received his BS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1956 and his AM (1958) and PhD in physics (1964) from Harvard University. He was a research associate in theoretical physics at the UK Atomic Energy Research Establishment in Harwell in 1964-65. He then went to MIT as a research associate, and advanced to full professor in 1975.