

is really uncalled for.

I regard Berezin's suggestion that a registration fee be charged for submitting abstracts to the APS *Bulletin* to be particularly insidious. The bulletin is unique in that any APS member can get any abstract published, as long as it is neither libelous nor obscene. It provides an outlet for "cranks" and "crackpots" to express their views, which provides some comic relief and is an important safety valve. I must admit to occasionally using the bulletin myself, when I want to make some outrageously snide remarks about the Superconducting Super Collider.

If forced to pay a registration fee with each abstract, I would simply stop submitting abstracts. I suspect that many "cranks" and "crackpots" would stop submitting abstracts as well. I feel that this would be a significant loss to the bulletin and to the physics community.

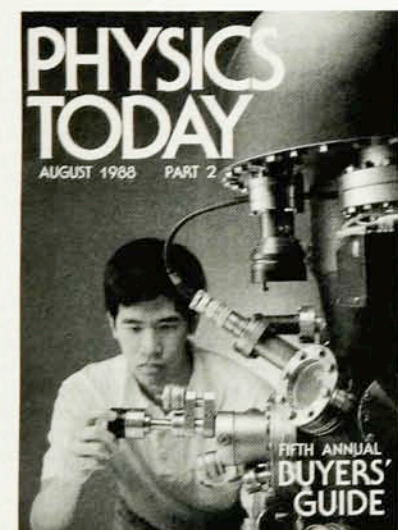
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Corrections

August, part 2—The *PHYSICS TODAY Fifth Annual Buyers' Guide* was inadvertently published without a cover description. The cover shows Victor Huang, a freshman engineering student at Columbia University, with an XSAM 800 monochromatic x-ray photoelectron spectrometer made by Kratos Analytical of Ramsey, New Jersey. The photo was taken at the microelectronics sciences lab of Chienfan Yu at Columbia. The photographer was Bruce Frisch.



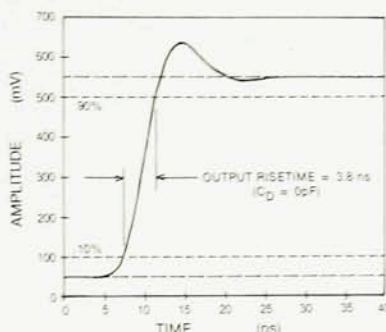
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July, page 40—The man at right in the photo is William Watson, not William W. Smith.



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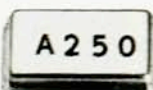
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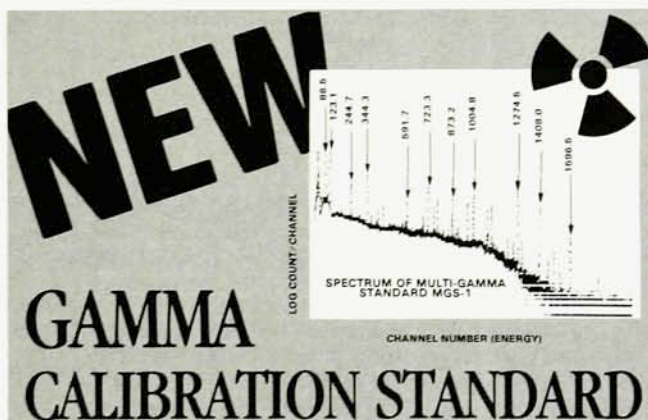


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