

ers. He also is interested in musical acoustics. His PhD dissertation dealt with pattern recognition of sounds from musical instruments.

Schmid also has been active as a leader in environmental and community affairs on Bainbridge Island, Washington, where he and his family live.

At its meeting last November in San Diego, ASA presented its Distinguished Service Citation to Strasberg for his four decades of service to the society, especially for his years as secretary. A physicist who earned his bachelor's degree at the City College of New York and his master's and doctoral degrees at Catholic University, Strasberg became secretary of ASA in 1987, succeeding Betty Goodfriend. He spent most of his career at the David Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center in Bethesda, Maryland, and he became a senior research scientist at David Taylor in 1972. He also served as a scientific adviser to the London branch of the Office of Naval Research and was a Fulbright lecturer at the Technical University of Denmark.

Strasberg's main research interests have been hydrodynamic noise, cavitation and cavitation noise, structural vibrations and acoustic instrumentation. He is a former associate editor of the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* and a past president of ASA.

## ALLEY IS ELECTED AAPT VICE PRESIDENT FOR 1991

The new vice president of the American Association of Physics Teachers is Reuben E. Alley, a professor of electrical engineering at the US Naval Academy at Annapolis. Alley, who took office at the AAPT meeting in San Antonio in January, succeeds James H. Stith of the US Military Academy at West Point, who is now president-elect. AAPT's president is Thomas D. Rossing of Northern Illinois University.

Alley earned a BA from the University of Richmond in 1938 and a PhD in electrical engineering from Princeton University in 1949. He has worked at a number of universities and industrial labs, including the University of Richmond (1948-51, 1953-55), Washington and Lee University (1955-57), Bell Telephone Laboratories (1951-53, 1957-59), Texas Instruments (1959-60), Vassar College (1960-62) and the University of South Carolina (1962-65). He has been at the Naval



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Academy since 1965.

Alley has done research on magnetic materials, nuclear radiation effects, and electrical analog networks for solving nonlinear differential equations.

John L. Hubisz Jr, a physics teacher at the College of the Mainland in Texas City, Texas, has been elected to a three-year term as a member of the AAPT executive board. Kenneth S. Ozawa, a professor of physics at California Polytechnic State University, has been reelected to a two-year term as secretary.

## SPS ESTABLISHES NEW SCHOLARSHIP, MAKES WHITE AWARDS

The American Institute of Physics and the Society of Physics Students have established a new scholarship for physics majors in honor of Herbert Levy, a German immigrant whose own promising career in physics was cut short after he was debilitated by mustard gas during World War I.

Funds for the \$1000 annual award will come from a bequest from Levy's widow, Margaret Levy, a piano teacher who lived in Syracuse, New York, until her death in May 1990. As stated in Mrs Levy's will, the money is "to be used for a worthy, needy physics student, to be chosen by the [AIP] board of trustees or other governing body." The executive committee of the Society of Physics Students will administer the prize.

The first Herbert Levy Memorial Endowment Fund scholarship will be awarded in 1992.

In other news from SPS, six schools have been selected to receive this year's Marsh W. White Awards, which are given to SPS chapters to

support projects that promote interest in physics among students and the general public. The award is named for a professor emeritus of physics at Pennsylvania State University who was executive secretary of Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society, from 1930 to 1967 and its president from 1967 to 1970.

The 1991 White Awards will go to the SPS chapters at Jacksonville University (Jacksonville, Florida); Louisiana Tech University (Ruston); Loyola College (Baltimore, Maryland); Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford); the University of Wisconsin, Platteville; Jackson State University (Jackson, Mississippi). Morningside College (Sioux City, Iowa) received an honorable mention.

## IN BRIEF

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the National Science Teachers Association have formed the Russian American University Consortium, which will arrange exchanges between US and Soviet colleges and universities. US experts will go to the USSR to teach subjects such as business, computer science and technology management, and Soviet experts will come to the US to teach advanced mathematics, theoretical physics and geoscience. The chair of the association's board is Roland W. Schmitt, president of Rensselaer.

Darlene A. Carlin, the director of journal publishing for the American Institute of Physics, has been named an AIP officer. The other officers are the chair and the secretary of the Governing Board and the institute's executive director, treasurer and director of physics programs. As an officer, Carlin will serve on the AIP management committee.

Alexander J. Glass, acting associate director for magnetic fusion energy at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, has been named head of the team that will coordinate plans for US participation in the proposed International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor project. ITER is a collaboration of the US, the European Community, the USSR and Japan, and it involves construction of a tokamak capable of sustaining fusion reactions. Conceptual design work for ITER was completed in December, and negotiations toward launching a six-year engineering design phase for the project began in February.

CERN's council voted unanimously in December to admit Poland as the organization's 16th member state. ■