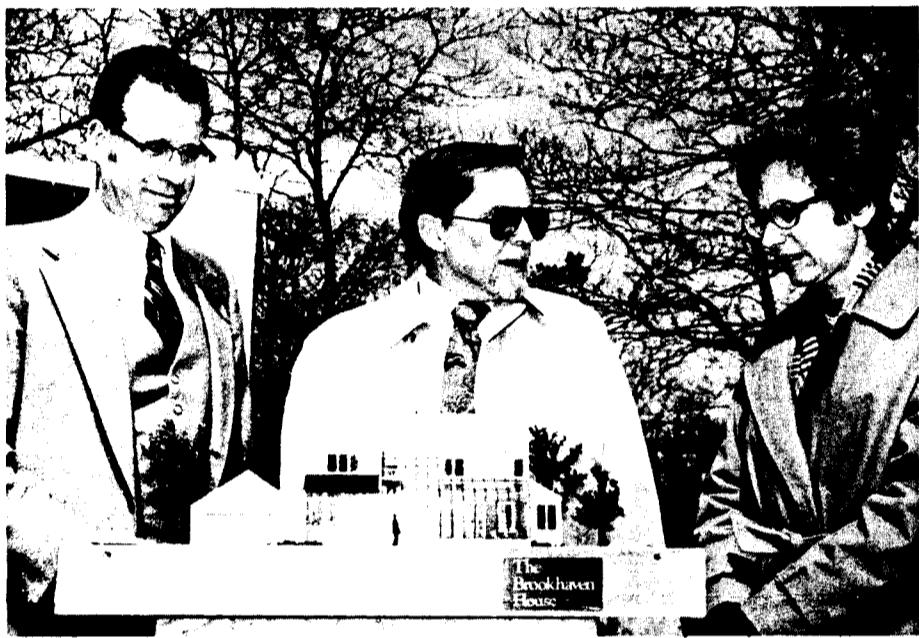


Dr. Thomas Stelson puts his back into BNL's solar energy effort as Lab Director George Vineyard awaits his turn.

—photos by Humphrey



Thomas Stelson and Maxine Savitz from DOE headquarters in Washington were in Upton last Thursday for a tour of the Lab, and to discuss plans for a new solar venture with project manager Ralph Jones (center).

Work Starts On Brookhaven House

—May have national impact, says Stelson

Beginning of construction on the Brookhaven House was commemorated at a ground breaking ceremony last Thursday morning with DOE officials Thomas E. Stelson, Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Solar Energy, and Maxine Savitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Conservation, in attendance.

The Brookhaven House project started in 1978 with solar architect Ralph Jones of DEE working in conjunction with Total Environmental Action, of New Hampshire (TEA) — the building's designers. The passive solar home will be constructed to

demonstrate how thermal mass materials can be used to cut heating costs in conventional single family housing, and is slated to be completed this summer.

During a short presentation at the construction site near the Brookhaven Center, Savitz said that the Brookhaven House will be a prototype for designers of homes to come.

"It's a pleasure to see a building like this (for scientific use) which is going to look like a real house — it's not expensive, is aesthetically pleasing, and will set an example for builders in the future," she said.

Stelson added that even though the Brookhaven House is small in terms of size when compared to other projects at BNL, its effect in terms of national impact will be great. Then Stelson, Savitz, and Jones took a spade full of earth to christen the project.

Afterwards, Stelson, who was appointed to his present position at DOE in January 1980, took time out from his first tour of the Lab to discuss the role of passive energy, and projects like Brookhaven House in the national energy picture. He believes passive solar energy, which doesn't use panels to store or transfer heat, can help Americans today.

"Passive solar energy has reached the point where anyone with good knowledge of the subject wouldn't build without it," he said. "It can save about 37 to 50 percent of a residential home's fuel bill, which trans-

lates to about 15 percent of our overall energy consumption."

For Stelson one of the greatest strengths of passive solar energy is its simplicity and the way it fits a multitude of designs. Stelson said there are other factors that will make it attractive to consumers.

"It's inflation proof," he added, "Once a house is built the energy characteristics won't change, they'll continue to save the owner money."

Most people might be skeptical about the housing industry's willingness to get involved in a new venture at a time when the whole construction business is collapsing from sky rocketing interest and mortgage rates, but Stelson thinks those factors are working toward the industry changing.

"When things are going well, and all the homes are sold, there's no need for the industry to change," said Stelson. "But now that's not the case. I'm noticing a change — builders are looking for new ideas to sell and stimulate growth."

Leading the way toward that acceptance, and public understanding that will bring about change, are experiments like the Brookhaven House.

"There's a big information gap in the public's knowledge of passive systems," added Stelson. "They have a lack of confidence in energy resources that centers like this can help build up. I'm impressed with the mixture and diversity of what I see happening at Brookhaven."

Detectors In Two-Dimensions

Imagine yourself along a seashore. Two jetties stick out into the water. A wave comes in at an angle, hits one jetty, then the other. Each jetty sets up a small counter wave, and the two small waves come toward each other, meet, and create a pattern. Using a camera, you take a picture of the pattern.

This imaginary sequence is analogous to how one determines the structure of molecules and atoms, using position-sensitive particle and photon detectors.

In the sequence, the camera corresponds to a detector. The original wave behaves like a beam of particles or photons aimed at a target. (A photon is an elementary quantity of electromagnetic radiation. For example, light and X-rays are made up of photons.) The two jetties are similar to a target, which could be a molecule or an atom. And the pattern created by the small counter-waves are like diffraction patterns, which are recorded by the detector. The diffraction patterns contain information about the structure of the target.

Position-sensitive particle and photon detectors are researched and developed by Brookhaven's Instrumentation Division. According to Veljko Radeka, Head of Instrumentation, they are part of a continuing program, and detectors are being developed for biology, medicine, solid state physics and nuclear physics. With ISABELLE and the National Synchrotron Light Source (NSLS) being constructed, the program is growing to meet future needs in those areas.

Currently, division members are working mostly with gas-filled detectors. The main thrust of their effort is in developing two-dimensional position-sensitive neutron detectors for experimenters at the High Flux Beam Research Reactor and X-ray detectors for eventual use at the NSLS. In collaboration with the Physics Department, they are also developing particle detectors for high energy physics research with ISABELLE.

Joachim Fischer, Albert Heinrich Walenta and Yosuke Inagaki (visiting scientist from Japan) develop and design such detectors. Fischer provided a simplified explanation of the detection process: A beam of neutrons or X-rays hits a target. The resulting diffracted radiation then enters a gas-filled chamber, which resembles a picture frame. The radiation interacts with the gas and forms pairs of ions at the points of entry. Each pair is made up of a positive ion (an atom that has lost an electron) and a negative ion (the free electron).

How can the location of the electrons be detected and recorded? The detector or "picture frame" is composed of several layers of wires perpendicular to each other. Between the layers, an electric field is set up. The electrons are attracted toward the positively charged wires. As they come close to the strong electric field near a wire, they gain enough energy to interact with other gas atoms, thus creating more ion pairs. By the time the electrons reach the wires, the ions have multiplied into an avalanche

large enough to be detected.

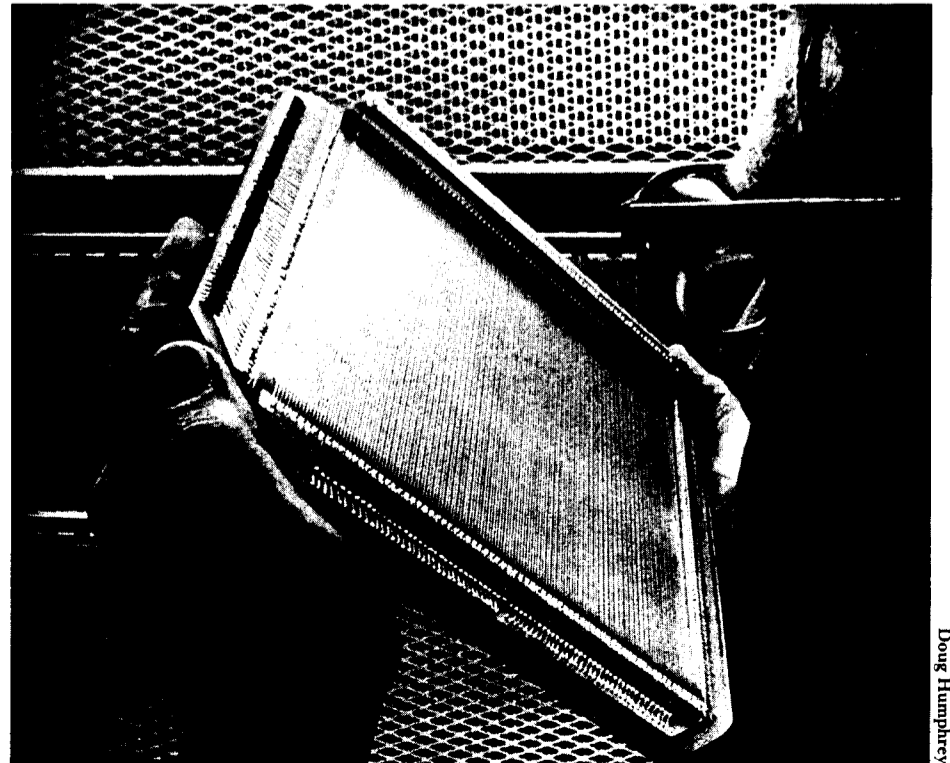
The motion of the ions induces a charge in the wires closest to the avalanche. By finding which wires are involved, the location of the original radiation can be determined in two dimensions, since the layers of wires are at right angles to each other.

Robert Boie, who works with Lee Rogers and Deming Xi (visiting scientist from the People's Republic of China), explained what happens next. The signals produced on each set of wires are electronically proc-

essed, resulting in measurements, in digital form, of particle positions. This data is transferred to a computer system.

Data collection systems are designed by James Alberi, Gerd Dimmler and Frank Stubblefield. Alberi said that every detector is connected to a computer, which takes the position information in digital form, counts the number of times each position occurs, and puts it into memory. The contents of the memory are

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Frederick Merritt, Instrumentation Division, inspects a two-dimensional position-sensitive neutron detector.

Detectors

(Cont'd)

stored on a disk or magnetic tape for later analysis by the experimenter. After analysis, the data represent patterns that contain information about the structure of a target. Most experimenters convert their data into graphical form such as contour maps or isometric drawings.

Most of the position sensitive detectors have special characteristics required by the experimenters who use them. So, with the exception of very large detectors for high energy physics, they are built by Frederick Merritt and Eugene Von Achen. These detectors frequently involve vacuum deposition technology and vacuum techniques, which are provided by a laboratory under Robert Di Nardo. Many other members of the division, however, contribute in their areas of expertise, in particular, Joseph Trebing, William L. Fleischman and Ed Zeidler.

Merritt said that detectors vary in size depending on the particles being detected. For example, he has built detectors as small as a few centimeters in length and as long as a few meters.

No matter what the size requirements, though, the Instrumentation Division researches and develops

position-sensitive detectors that are applicable to all kinds of particles and energies. As Radeka says, they are pushing the frontiers in the development of these detectors.

Quotable Quotes

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STEVENSON, Adlai - "A free society is one where it is safe to be unpopular." (Human Behavior 7:68, May '78)

EDWARDS, Shelton - "The way to get somewhere in politics is to find a crowd that's going someplace and get in front of it." (Time 112:16, Aug. 28, '78)

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In Spite Of Difficulties. . .

Robert L. Rowley is the latest person to graduate from the Craft Apprenticeship Training Program. On March 31 he became a full-fledged experimental machinist.

Rowley has worked at BNL since July 8, 1968 and for seven years was a technician in the Physics Department. During the course of this work he did some machining and his supervisors encouraged him to apply to the apprentice program. He was a successful applicant in 1975 and, on May 5, started his training.

For him, the four-year program stretched into nearly five years. Midway into his training, he learned he had a faulty kidney and was placed on a dialysis machine, 4-5 hours a day, three days a week, for three months.

But, he said, he had faith. Then a compatible kidney was donated and he underwent a kidney transplant. Rowley has had this successfully functioning kidney for three years. In all, he lost about nine months in his training and, although he managed to keep up with some of his correspondence courses, he still had a lot of work to make up on his return.



Bob Rowley

"His illness was a severe blow to him," says his supervisor, Ed Jackle, "and it was a very trying time. But he persevered and has achieved his goal."

Rowley grew up in Virginia but completed high school on Long Island. He now lives in Bellport with his wife and two sons.



Don Jesaitis in his new 12-passenger van

The Man With A Van

For some people, picking up 11 passenger every day and taking on the responsibility of getting them to BNL on time would be a burden. However, Don Jesaitis looks at it as just doing his part to help conserve gas supplies and ease the high cost of commuting for himself and his passengers.

Eleven may seem a bit patriotic, but Jesaitis can afford to be now that he owns a new Dodge van. He owns the van because of the Transvan program started by BNL. After the AUI pilot vanpooling program proved to be a success, it was decided that expansion of the van program would be through private ownership. Similar plans have been successful at more than 250 other companies. Jesaitis is the first to purchase a van through this program at BNL.

Barney McAlary, of the Fiscal Division, is the Vanpool Coordinator at BNL; he furnishes information on financing, insurance and the types of vehicles in use by other vanpools - along with recommended fare structures. The fare charged comes from all the fixed and variable costs of operating van, consequently, there is no out-of-pocket cost to the owner.

Jesaitis has purchased a 1980 12 passenger Dodge van for the program.

"The best part about this," said

Jesaitis, "is that it's mine to use on the weekends or whenever I want. Under the pilot program AUI had a 100 mile radius restriction on personal use of the van, but I can hook up a trailer-hitch, or put in speakers if I want, and go when I want to go."

Jesaitis, an electrician in Plant Engineering for the past four years, feels his working knowledge of engines, and his work schedule - 8:30 to 5:00 - will be helpful in attracting passengers to his van service. While others may consider the preparation that goes along with owning a "free van" work; Jesaitis does not.

"I really love to work," said the Miller Place resident, "all my hobbies are work. I take great pride out of getting top mileage from my car at home, doing wood work such as building chairs and tables, and gardening - I built my house too, if that counts."

So far Jesaitis is enjoying his new hobby: his vanpool started April 1, and he has seven passengers to date. The route he is covering extends from the north side of Route 25A down to the Mount Sinai and Sound Beach Border. Anyone interested in vanpooling with Jesaitis can reach him at Ext. 3284, or at his home phone 928-3756. Monthly fare for the daily 38 mile round trip is \$35.

NYC Train Trip

Assuming the strike will be over, the Hospitality Committee is planning a group railroad trip to the city on Wednesday, April 16. Departure will be at 7:55 a.m. from the Patchogue LIRR station. Round-trip fare for adults is \$2.45, children under six years ride free.

Reserve a ticket by sending your fare through the U.S. mail to P.O. Box 322, Upton, New York 11973, no later than Thursday, April 10. Make checks payable to "Brookhaven National Laboratory." Your tickets will be given to you on the train. Refunds will be made only if cancellations are received by the Friday preceding the scheduled trip.

The Hospitality Committee's group railroad trip to New York City on Wednesday, April 2, was canceled due to the strike. Checks for this trip will not be returned; they will be destroyed.

Teacher Wanted

The Nursery School expects to hire for the 1980/81 school year a certified teacher for a class of four-year olds, which meets two mornings a week. Those wishing to apply should do so, in writing, before April 23, to: P.O. Box 324, Upton, NY 11973.

Stony Brook Events

International Folk Dancing: Every Mon. evening, 8:30-11:00 p.m., Tabler Cafeteria. Students, senior citizens, \$1; others, \$2. Information: 935-9131.

Continuing Education Open House: Information on part-time graduate study and other programs offered through the CED Evening Center, April 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m., N-201 Social and Behavioral Sciences. Information: 246-5936.

Dance: Joffrey II Dancers, April 12, 8:00 p.m., Main Auditorium, Fine Arts Center. \$11, \$9, \$7. Information: 246-5678.

Arrivals & Departures**Arrivals**

Tae-Moon Ahn.....	Nuclear Energy
John J. Bohenek.....	Physics
Walter C. Breck.....	Physics
Tatyana Ginzburg.....	Nuclear Energy
Steven W. Kemp.....	Physics
Morris L. Shapiro.....	Accelerator
Sushil K. Sharma.....	Nuclear Energy
Marvin Shear.....	Accelerator
Henry Smith.....	Physics
Ping-chun Wang.....	Nuclear Energy

Departures

Trevor J. Aggus.....	Physics
Jean-Paul Capony.....	Biology
Kamil V. Ettinger.....	Medical
Izydor Kujawski.....	Plant Engineering
Kathleen M. Loverro.....	Physics
Giuseppe Moccia.....	Medical
Frank P. Pisco.....	Supply & Materiel
Thomas W. Weedon.....	Accelerator

A Visitor From The Virgin Islands

Helen Joseph, Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, U.S. Virgin Islands, spent a day at BNL last week. Accompanied by Harvey Thomas, Affirmative Action Assistant to the Director, she visited several departments and became acquainted with some of the Lab's research programs. At one point she stopped to chat with Deputy Director Warren Winsche.

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Help Cambodia

In their continuing campaign to raise funds for Cambodian relief, the Brookhaven OXFAM Committee will present a feature film and three cartoons at two showings on Saturday, April 12.

Billed as a "Kiddie Matinee" the program will include the motion picture classic "Huckleberry Finn" together with Roadrunner, Pink Panther and Chaplin shorts. Show times are at noon and at 2:45 p.m.

Tickets are \$1.75 at the door, and \$1.50 if purchased in advance. Call Tony Fainberg on Ext. 2920, or Chip Balzer on Ext. 2256, for tickets. All proceeds will be used in the Committee's effort to help prevent mass starvation in Cambodia.

Cooking Exchange

Y'all come and join us for some tasty Dixie vittles at the next Cooking Exchange meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Recreation Building. We'll be demonstrating foods which are favorites from the southern states in the U.S.A. such as Texas Chili, Jambalaya, apple fritters and pecan pie.

All BERA members and their families are welcome. There will be a charge of \$1 per person and babysitting will be provided at 25¢ per child.

Call Ruth Fernow 928-8465 or Wendy Green 878-8952 if you have any questions.

Cafeteria Menu

Week Ending April 11, 1980

Monday, April 7	
Tomato vegetable soup	(cup) .40 (bowl) .50
Cheese omelet & 1 veg.	1.30
Spaghetti & meatballs w/garlic bread	1.40
Hot Deli - Pastrami	(bread) 1.40 (roll) 1.50
Tuesday, April 8	
French onion soup	(cup) .40 (bowl) .50
Macaroni & cheese & 1 veg.	1.30
Meatloaf & hash browns	1.45
Hot Deli - Corned beef	(bread) 1.40 (roll) 1.50
Wednesday, April 9	
Pepper pot soup w/spaetzle	(cup) .45 (bowl) .55
Mexican goulash	1.40
Southern fried chicken w/corn fritter	1.45
Hot Deli - Veal pattie & peppers hero	1.35
Thursday, April 10	
Chicken gumbo	(cup) .40 (bowl) .50
Pork & cabbage crisp	1.45
Eggplant parmigiana w/meat sauce	1.30
Hot Deli - Baked Virginia ham	(bread) 1.40 (roll) 1.50
Friday, April 11	
Manhattan clam chowder	(cup) .45 (bowl) .55
Sweet & sour fish & 1 veg.	1.45
Ham, rice & green bean casserole	1.40
Hot Deli - Barbequed beef	(bread) 1.45 (roll) 1.55

Hospitality News

A morning coffee will be held Monday, April 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Brookhaven Center.

All wives of Laboratory employees are welcome. Please come and bring the children. Babysitting will be provided free of charge. It is suggested that you bring along a toy or two for your child to play with.

Bicycling

Mail your application by April 23 for the 5-Boro Bike Tour, set for 7:30 a.m. May 4, rain or shine. Send \$1.00 to AYH, 132 Spring St., Room 5, New York, N.Y. 10012. Join the other 9,999 riders on this once-a-year 35 mile romp through all the five boroughs of NYC, including Staten Island.

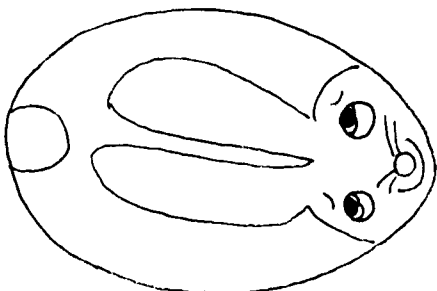
Also coming up next month is the popular two-day Tour of Eastern Suffolk, May 16-18. This event is usually oversubscribed because it is limited to the 80 or so that can be accommodated at the Chequit Inn. Details are not yet available, but last year it cost about \$50 or two nights and four meals.

On April 13, the LIBC is sponsoring the Riverhead Run about 62.5 miles. Meet at 8:45 at the town parking lot between Main St. and the river, just east of route 63 in the center of town.

On April 27, the BNL Bicycle Club is running a short tour (25 miles) to Wildwood Park and return, followed by a tour of the Lab in the afternoon for those interested - this is a joint ride with outside clubs. Depart from Berkner Cafeteria parking lot at 9:30 a.m., and return by 12:30 or so for lunch.

Contact G. Morgan, Ext. 4841 for info.

Something New For Easter Brunch?



Eggs Bunnydict!

—Liz Seubert

Volleyball

Mixed League	
Beginning of Final Quarter (3/24/80)	
A: High Society	3-0
No Names	3-0
Nuts & Bolts	2-1
Family Affair	1-2
Deegenerates	0-3
Thrints	0-3
B: Leftovers	3-0
Nads	3-0
Diamonds	2-1
Monday Nite Live	1-2
Le Mufs	0-3
Underalls	0-3

Golf

This is a reminder that there will be an organizational meeting of the Golf League on Friday, April 4, in the Recreation Building at 5:00 p.m.

Come and meet the members, discuss league business, and enjoy refreshments.

Contact Bob Mills, Ext. 2006, for any questions.

Aviation Club

Coordinating a Jet Liner from take-off to landing involves a lot more work than most passengers think. For instance, take a flight from La Guardia Airport to Chicago's O'Hare Airport. The pilot of the airplane would probably contact the following controllers: La Guardia Ground Control, La Guardia Tower, La Guardia Departure Control - New York Air Route Traffic Control - Cleveland Center, Minneapolis Center - O'Hare Approach Control, O'Hare Tower, and O'Hare Ground Control. The departure, air route, and approach controllers depend heavily upon radar.

In the New York area, the approach and departure controllers for the three major airports, La Guardia, Kennedy, and Newark are all housed in a common room. Since the controllers' major responsibility is to control flights flying under instrument flight rules (IFR), the room is called the Common IFR Room, or Common I.

The BNL Aviation Club will host an FAA meeting on April 9 at 8:00 p.m. in Berkner Hall, at which there will be two speakers. The first will be W.C. Britton, from the FAA, who will discuss the Pilot Proficiency Program. He will be followed by a controller from the Common I who will discuss their operations. There will be time for questions.

All persons interested in aviation are invited to this meeting.

Softball

The tentative starting date of league play for the upcoming season will be May 12. The first captains' meeting will be held Wednesday, April 9 at noon in the Snyder Seminar Room of the AGS, Building 911A. Roster forms for 1980 will be available at that time. All teams should have a representative at this meeting.

Any new teams wishing to participate in BNL softball are urged to call the president, C. Bohnenblusch (Ext. 4758) for any pertinent information. Any employee needing assistance in finding a team should contact the vice-president, L. Musso (Ext. 7924).

Bowling

Gold League

High game was bowled by Kay Hunt with a 207. Other good games were Marie Susa 179/475 series, Betty Jellett 157, Brita McGonigle 153. Fran Scesny converted the 4-10, Doris Pion 6-7-10, and Betty Jellett the 5-7-9.

Pink League

Ellie Kristiansen had a great night with a 198/509 series. Ellie Adams almost had a triple patch with two 161 games. Other goods games were bowled by Marie Grahn 183, Renee Flack 178, Pat Jencius 174, Helen Keeley 169, Kit D'Ambrosio 166, Maria Apelskog 162 and Joyce Nichol森 154.

Red League

The Freon Loaders won 11-0 over the Phoubars. R. Marlow (224) grossed 645, F. Hohmann 635. Isa Team won 11-0 over the Old Timers II. S. Kiss (213) grossed 657, M. Iarocci a 204 game. The Sandbaggers won 8-3 over the Old Timers in a great match (3116-3007). R. Meier 235/611-692 series, C. Bohnenblusch 217/218-614/686 series, J. Fontana 209/634 gross, W. Reams 219/613 gross, R. Smol 210/612 gross, R. Adams 615 gross, K. Riker 603 gross. The 76'ers (3023) won 7-4 over the Designers. J. Petro (226) grossed 653, A. Pinelli 649, J. Ferrero 639, R. Larsen (216) 626, C. Zavesky 615, J. Morris (213) 610, and E. Sperry a 203



Dennis Klein

Rosalie Piccione

BERA Board Election Winners

Rosalie Piccione and Dennis Klein were voted winners of the 1980 BERA Board election held last week.

On May 1, they will replace outgoing Board members Marge Stoeckel and Gail Williams, and will be joining continuing members Carol Beckner, Donald David, Gerald Levine and Patricia Oster.

The Board would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the election - the nominating committee for its selection of an admirable slate; the four candidates for accepting the nominations; and, of course, the voters for taking the time to cast their ballots.

This may be a good time to remind all on-site employees that Board members are elected by you to act as your BERA representatives. You are encouraged, and indeed urged, to discuss with them suggestions or complaints you may have relating to any of the BERA activities. The more voices heard, the better an organization!

Motorcycle Club

On Saturday the BNL Motorcycle Club will meet for a spring checkup of motorcycles and equipment. Non-members and curious bystanders are welcome. Expert mechanics and experienced unbenders and unbreakers will be available to advise on maintenance and tuneup procedures. Others will provide anecdotes and advice with minimal provocation. Bring your bikes to the cafeteria parking lot, Saturday April 5, from 10:00 a.m. until everyone runs out of anecdotes and advice.

game. The Strangers managed 3 from the Light Source.

Purple & White League

The Brown Bulls gave the Flounders a good match this week with Bob Brown rolling a 246. Jim Griffin had a 607 series with games of 202/180/225, Jere Austin rolled a 232. Other good games were bowled by Ed Sperry 225, Vito Manzella 206, Bill Lebitski 205, Nancy Erickson 211, Sharon Smith 202/181, Sharon Creveling 181/198, Betty Jellett 190, Gerri Riker 186, Gail Schuman 186, Mary Grace Meier 185. More than half the women in the league rolled games of 175 and over this week.

Green League

The Old Timers II dropped from first as Isa Team took II from them. The Blue Jays battled the Pinball Wizards and took 11. L. Jacobson had a 207. The Sparks moved into first as they dumped the Trouble Shooters for 11 with B. Kristiansen bowling a 203. The Light Source took 8 with W. Rambo bowling a 208 and the Phoubars lost 11 to the Freon Loaders.

Blue & Gold League

Dick Adams was in the spotlight rolling a 242/570 series. Dick Murgatroyd also did well with a 211/554 series. Henry Shute rolled a 198/192 for a 736 series. Tom Romano hit a nice 208/500 series. The women did well with Betty Roche bowling a 164/162, Marijane Gillette 160, Sue Perri 159 and Ellie Adams 158. Mary Scheidet converted the 3-7-10.

