



PHYSICS REUNION CONFERENCE

At far left Lab partners, left to right, Steven Korotky 1980 PH.D., Munter Hindi 1980 PH.D., Steve Willett 1981 PH.D., and Mark Cunningham 1982 PH.D. Left At the poster session, graduate student Christine Natrass presents her research to alumnus Baha Balantekin 1982 PH.D. Below Alumnus Ping Zhao 1986 PH.D. and research scientist David Rabinowitz talk shop.

Physics Reunion Conference

About 85 alumni of the Physics and Applied Physics departments returned to campus to join current faculty and graduate students for a three-day conference titled “Today’s Physics for Tomorrow’s World” in November.

The weekend began with welcoming remarks from Dean Butler and Physics Department Chair Meg Urry. Events included a departmental open house with lab tours, panels with alumni speakers, a reception and dinner at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, a gala evening in Silliman College, and a special tour of campus highlighting new construction and renovation. On Friday, graduate students presented their research at a poster session as part of the open house. Conference panels addressed “Alumni at the Frontiers of Physics Research,” “Science Policy and Its Implications for Research at Universities and Laboratories,” “From Yale Physics to the World of Business, Finance and Industry,” and “Modern Trends in Physics Education.”

Steven Girvin, deputy provost for science and technology, spoke on the future of the sciences at Yale, and Urry gave a

presentation on the current directions of the Physics Department.

Participating speakers hailed from a wide range of universities, including Texas A&M, Cornell, CUNY, Notre Dame, and Vassar; from the world of business (Hewlett-Packard, HSBC, IBM, and CreditSights); and from labs such as the U.S. Department of Energy and LGS-Bell Labs Innovations. Yale faculty speakers and moderators, in addition to Urry and Girvin, were Francesco Iachello, Michael Zeller, Charles Baltay, Thomas Appelquist, Peter Parker, and Daniel Prober.

The reunion and conference were organized by the Association of Yale Alumni. Iachello was faculty coordinator.

