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# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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## *The Society's President Reflects On A Rewarding Term Of Office*

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As this issue of the BULLETIN amply shows, the 1983 Boston meeting was a truly exceptional conference. The quality of the symposia—and, thanks to the diligence of symposia chairmen, we can in these pages gain a feeling even for the meetings we didn't attend—was uniformly high; the Plenary Session was thoroughly stimulating; the Von Hippel ceremony was memorable, and the comradeship was richly rewarding.

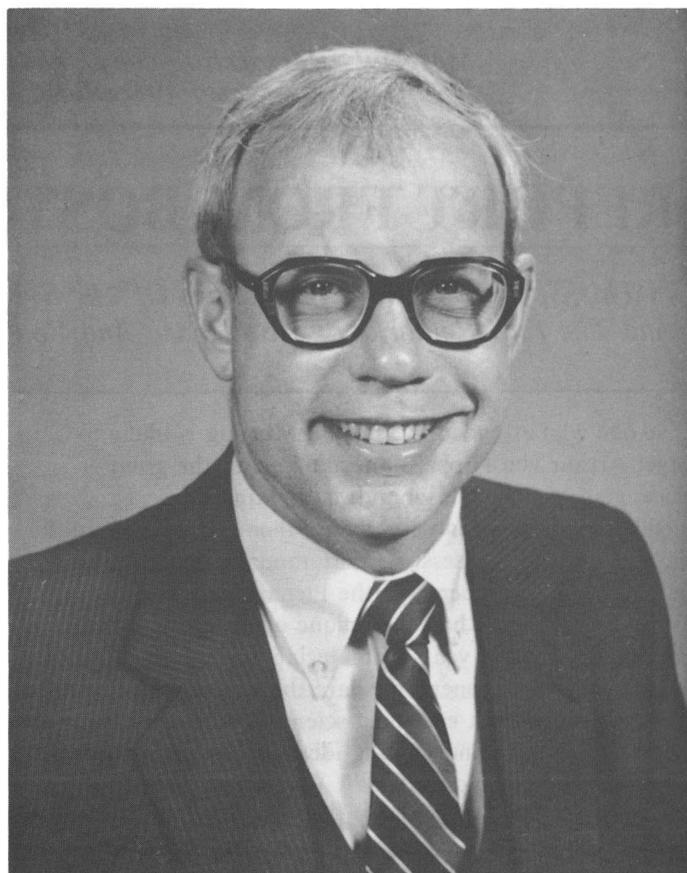
For me, the entire year of 1983 has been satisfying beyond my expectations. Building on a strong organization, we have this year carried out all the major elements of a substantial MRS reorganization; when this agenda was set we could scarcely imagine that it would be so successfully implemented in so short a time.

In 1983 we established our first Executive Headquarters, and employed our first full-time professional staff, led by John Ballance, who as Executive Director has in only a few months completed the establishment of our central office and its principal functions, and begun to contribute the expertise our Society requires to be melded into a cohesive, international professional organization with a full complement of technical programs and member services.

In 1983 we established and organized our first West Coast spring meeting, which will be reported fully in the next BULLETIN issue. This second yearly conference will enhance our service to materials scientists and engineers and accommodate the further growth we envision for the MRS.

Our growth in 1983 has been explosive—membership increased on the order of 30 percent—and our range of services has accelerated at as swift a pace. This year we fostered the creation of an MRS-Europe, which already has held its first conference and planned the second. We appointed the majority of editors to the new journal, *Materials Letters*, and have seen it quickly established as an important means of communication within our profession. We have affiliated the MRS with the American Institute of Physics, greatly expanding the benefits of MRS membership without cost to our members. We have seen our short-course offerings at Boston take root and grow vigorously. We have established in principle an equipment exhibition to be held in conjunction with the Boston meeting; we expect in the next issue of the BULLETIN to make a major announcement in this regard which will make Boston an even more exciting and rewarding conference than it has been. And we have seen this BULLETIN expand in size and importance, facilitating the flow of information within the MRS and between ourselves and other professionals.

I take particular satisfaction as President in 1983 in having helped involve a greatly increased number of MRS members in the meetings and affairs of the Society. The desire of MRS members to assume positions of leadership within the Society, evidenced by the hotly contested



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elections this fall and the growth of the Society's committees, as well as the expansion of symposia and meetings, has never been greater. This assures that in 1984 and the years beyond the MRS can continue to grow and improve its benefits to the materials science community.

In 1984, the Materials Research Society will enjoy the leadership of one of the most dynamic persons I know—Woody White. Behind him stands Elton Kaufmann, who will become our President in 1985 and is as energetic and dedicated as Woody. Their ability and enthusiasm will attract still larger numbers of scientists and engineers to the Society and its leadership, and I do not doubt that next year at this time we will have accomplished far more as an organization than we now imagine is possible.

I have enjoyed 1983 enormously, and I am very proud of what I have helped to add to our mutual efforts to forge the very finest society of its type in the world. I am confident 1984 will prove even more exciting.

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