
FROM THE EDITORS' DESK



Alan Cousins



Edward Hartouni



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THE COVER of our Spring 1998 issue, Vol. 28, No. 1 featured South African astronomer, Alan Cousins (top photograph), a remarkable individual, whose career was called to our attention by our regular contributor, Virginia Trimble. Dr. Cousins' first contribution to the astronomical literature was published in the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* in 1924. On May 11, 2001, the date of his death, his last paper was published in the same journal, concluding 77 years of publications. Most of his career was dedicated to accurate measures of standard stars in the southern sky. A press release in his memory is at <http://www.sao.ac.za/news/awjc.html>.

The *Beam Line* is a collaboration between many different individuals, and our Editorial Advisory Board plays a major role in suggesting articles, authors, and topics for special issues. Without their guidance, our task as editors would be more difficult. With this issue we bring on two new members and say thank you and farewell to two others. Our new Board members are Edward Hartouni (center photograph), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Abraham Seiden (bottom photograph), University of California, Santa Cruz. Our departing Board members are George Trilling, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Karl Van Bibber, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

If our readers have suggestions for topics you would like to see covered in the *Beam Line*, please suggest them to one of us or to any of our Board members. We will do our best to make your request happen. Our next issue, guest edited by contributing editor, Michael Riordan, is a special issue on neutrinos. Watch for it in the fall.

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