

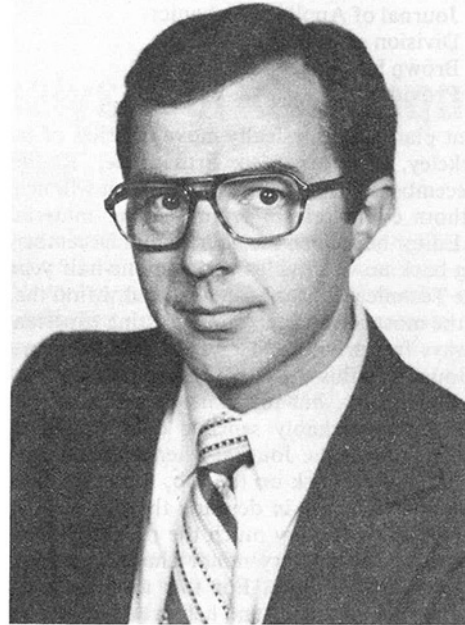
L. B. Freund Appointed Technical Editor of the Journal of Applied Mechanics

Professor L. B. Freund has been appointed Technical Editor of the JOURNAL OF APPLIED MECHANICS effective January 1, 1983 for a five-year term. We are pleased that such a well-qualified person will be moving into this important position and at the same time, grateful to C. S. Hsu, the outgoing technical editor, for having done a magnificent job for the past six and one-half years.

Professor Hsu was appointed technical editor effective July 1, 1976 succeeding Phil Hodge, who himself served a five-year term. Readers and contributors to the Journal are fully aware of C. S. Hsu's success in maintaining the high standards and vitality of this important publication in applied mechanics. What may not be apparent is the level of patience and resourcefulness he has been required to sustain during these past few years of constantly inflating costs. Publication efforts of a society such as ASME that rely on a more or less fixed income are under extreme pressures in times of rising costs. We thank C. S. for bringing the Journal through this period and for agreeing to extend his original five-year commitment to the position.

In accordance with the rules of the Applied Mechanics Division, a committee was appointed in July 1981 to search for a new technical editor of the Journal. Phil Hodge agreed to serve as chairman of the committee whose members included Jan Achenbach, Michael Carroll, Tom Geers, and Jace Nunziato. This committee identified numerous qualified candidates who expressed a willingness to accept this important position if it were to be offered. Based on the search committee's recommendations, the Executive Committee selected and appointed Prof. Freund as Technical Editor. This position also requires a commitment from the editor's home institution and we are pleased that Brown University has agreed to provide the editorial office for our journal.

Ben Freund is Professor of Engineering and Chairman of the Executive Committee-Division of Engineering at Brown, having been affiliated with that institution since 1967. Freund's initial education in mechanics was at the University of Illinois and he received his Ph.D in applied Mechanics from Northwestern University in 1967. He is a Fellow of ASME and has served as Associate Editor of the JOURNAL OF APPLIED MECHANICS since 1979.



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Professor Freund has published extensively on wave propagation and crack propagation in elastic solids. He has discussed applications of these subjects in geophysics and has done analysis of running fractures in gas pressurized pipes. More recently his research has concentrated on the propagation of waves in elastic-plastic materials as well as dynamic crack growth in such materials.

We consider publication of the Journal to be one of the most important activities of the Division and sincerely believe that its leadership is in good hands for another five years, at least, with Ben Freund's appointment as technical editor.

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for the Executive Committee