

# *A Visit to the American Center for Physics (ACP)*

## College Park, MD

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In May of 2007 I was invited to attend a Section Representatives retreat at the ACP as a proxy representative for the Ontario Association of Physics Teachers. I thought our members might like to see a few pictures taken at the retreat.

The ACP is located at One Physics Ellipse in College Park, MD. It would be interesting to obtain an aerial picture of the access road, and determine whether it really is an ellipse.



The ACP is set on 24 acres of parkland, adjacent to the University of Maryland. It is jointly owned by the American Institute of Physics, the American Physical Society, and the American Association of Physics Teachers. The American Association of Physicists in Medicine is a tenant, as is the Society of Physics Students.



Outdoor patios and spacious lawns provide pleasant surroundings for lunch, or a contemplative walk. The ACP includes staff amenities such as an on-site day care, and an exercise room.

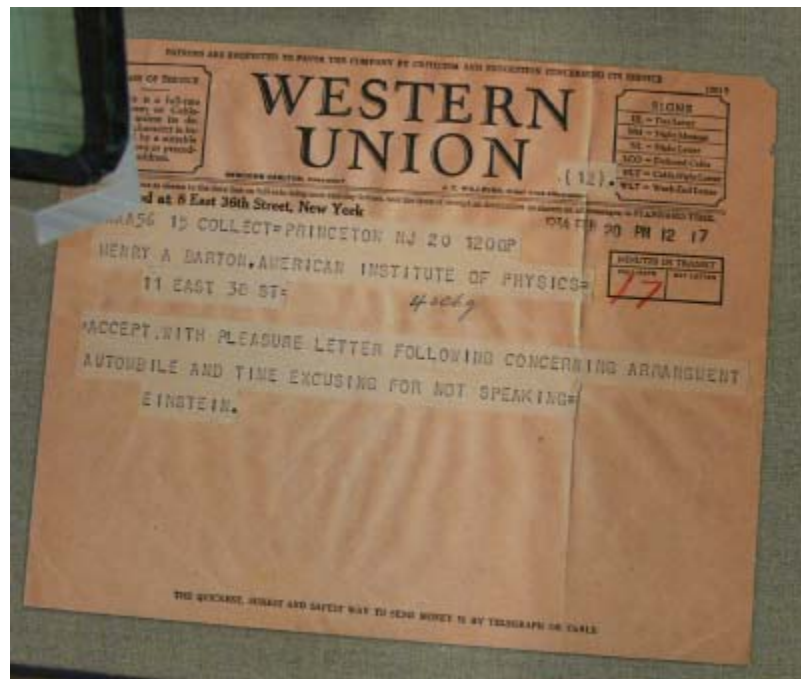
Bernie Khoury (left) offered delegates a tour of the building after dinner one evening. Bernie is the former CEO of the AAPT.





A bust of Niels Bohr stands guard over the Niels Bohr library.

The library houses a host of reference materials, and also rare papers such as letters and telegrams written by and to famous physicists....





...as well as a collection of photographs.

There are stories of encounters with the shades of departed physicists as one walks the halls of the ACP after hours.



Delegates from American and Canadian sections of the AAPT spent three days in general sessions as well as breakout groups hammering out future directions and goals for the AAPT.