trical engineering at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. He just completed a two-year term as vice president for regional activities on the IEEE Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Wilson will coordinate USAB programs providing technical data to the government on innovation, energy, communications/information, health care technology, as well as R and D.

Fredricks, chairman of the Professional Activities Committee, is a group staff engineer in advanced development at Lear Siegler, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was chairman of the PAC last year, and since 1977, PAC coordinator of IEEE Region 4, which includes states in the Midwest. Fredricks is responsible for the activities of 300 PAC units in IEEE societies, regions, and sections. He is also coordinating liaison activities with state legislatures.

Rusche, USAB controller, is executive engineer at Consumers Power Company, Jackson, Michigan. He is a former director of Region 4 and a former member of the IEEE Board of Directors. Rusche was USAB treasurer in 1981.

**DP Directory available**

**DP Directory**, a new data processing reference magazine, publishes the tables of contents of over 100 DP periodicals each month. In addition to *Computer*, the directory covers dozens of data processing magazines dealing with hardware, software, systems development, telecommunications, graphics, word processing, and personal computing. The twelve monthly issues are available for $48 from **DP Directory**, PO Box 562, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

**SRI International announces microelectronics study**

SRI International is accepting applications for sponsorship of a $500,000 study, "Microelectronics—Technology, Trends, and Devices." The study will evaluate changing technologies throughout the world and their impact on the microelectronics industry during the next decade. It will be directed toward manufacturers and users of microelectronics and toward companies who supply fabrication equipment to manufacturers.

Sponsorships are open to qualified companies for $18,000. Details are available from Dr. Julius J. Muray, Project Director, Engineering Sciences Laboratory, SRI International, 333 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

*Whereas* the Computer Society of the IEEE has suffered an irreparable loss by the death of Richard E. Merwin and

*Whereas* Richard E. Merwin left behind his unwavering smile a warm legacy of kindness and affection among the many lives he touched and

*Whereas* the long and outstanding technical career of Richard E. Merwin should serve as an invaluable example to future generations of computer engineers and scientists and as such should be documented and publicized

**Be it resolved that**

A Richard E. Merwin Memorial Committee be established, to assure public recognition of the unique qualities of this pioneer of the computer field and, to see that in a fitting manner they be displayed for years to come as an exemplary model to enhance the field of activities to which he dearly dedicated his life.

**Announcing the Establishment of the Richard E. Merwin Memorial Fund**

A fund to support research and education in the fields of computer science and engineering has been established in the name of Richard E. Merwin. Fellowships, scholarships, and research grants are expected to be awarded annually.

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Born in East Palestine, Ohio, Richard E. Merwin graduated from the Moore School of Electrical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. He participated in the development of the Eniac computer and organized the engineering effort for the Maniac computer built at Los Alamos, New Mexico. He contributed to the commercial development of digital computers at IBM from 1951 through 1965.

An IBM academic fellow from 1961 to 1965, Dick Merwin earned a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. He was deputy director of data processing of the US Army Ballistic Missile Program until 1977. He then joined George Washington University in Washington, DC. In 1975 he was elected a fellow of the IEEE. In addition to receiving the Sigma award in 1978, Dick Merwin was active in several areas within the IEEE Computer Society, ACM, and AFIPS. At the time of his death last August, he was serving as president of the Computer Society.

Richard E. Merwin

1922-1981