

**Dr. William R. (Jack) Fry** Jack was the son of W.C. Fry and had two younger brothers. He graduated in **1939** and married Audrey Thomas in 1940. He received a BS in electrical engineering from ISU in 1943, completed graduate work at George Washington University in Washington D.C., received his PhD in physics from ISU in 1951, then completed an Atomic Energy Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Chicago in 1952. Dr. Fry has served as a professor of physics from 1952-1998, initiated the experimental High Energy Physics Program at Wisconsin and at Padova and Milan Universities in Italy. He has authored articles in 78 scientific publications in the US and Italian journals. He has served on several national scientific advising committees, has addressed several international scientific conferences, and served many years as consultant to the International Atomic Energy Commission. He began work on the acoustics of the violin at the University of Wisconsin in 1965 and was featured on PBS' "Nova" show in 1982. His research has taken him to many states and countries abroad to lecture on his attempt to make a high quality but affordable violin. He has won the Hilldale Award at the University of Wisconsin for his research work, was a Guggenheim Scholar and Fulbright Lecturer. He is listed in Who's Who and Who's Who in American Science. He served in World War II as a commissioned naval officer where he lead the research of jamming devices for guided missiles, and later was in charge of researching German V-2 rockets. Jack's collection of scientific literature was donated to the Wisconsin University and is being placed on the internet. A bit of trivia: Jack built the first public address system in Carlisle for the school.