

Albert Heath

Al joined the Rice University Space Science Department in 1966 as an electronic technician. His first assignment was on the Gamma Ray Telescope project under Dr. Robert Haymes. He also assisted Dr. Paul Cloutier with his rocket-borne magnetometer system

He was assigned as program manager for the Gamma Ray Telescope project in 1970. He helped Del Ohme in the design and construction of the telescope system. He assisted the graduate students in the preparation and calibration of the Gamma Ray Telescope for balloon-borne flights. The experiments were flown in Palestine, Texas; Alamogordo, New Mexico and Argentina. The four Argentinian trips were mainly to view the galactic center region of our galaxy in the 30 K.E.V. to 1 M.E.V. range.

Al was also the quarterback on the Space Science football team. The team won the graduate school division intramural championship, beating the despised physics team.

Al left Rice in 1976 and started an air conditioning company and is semi- retired.

Now in the first person: I learned a great deal at Rice. My time there was very enjoyable. I met many great people, many of whom are still my friends to this day.