Department Scholarship News

This year is one of our best ever for awarding Department scholarships. Here are the current recipients.

Freshmen.
Nicole Lark, Kansas City, KS: Phillips Petroleum

Sophomores.
Matthew Jones, Wichita, KS: Conoco Oil
Christopher Luedders, Bremen, KS: Conoco Oil
Rick Un, Wichita, KS: Phillips Petroleum
These sophomores have been an outstanding group. They have really lived up to their potential - their average GPA was over 3.8 for last year.

Juniors.
Teresa L. Detter, Concordia, KS: DST Systems
Greg Haynes, Colorado Springs, CO: IBM Corp.
William Smeed, Overland Park, KS: Conoco Oil
This group continues to amaze us with the quality of their academic work and the range of interests they have, both on and off-campus.

Seniors.
Robert A. Swenson, Lawrence, KS: Conoco Oil
Christopher Thompson, Stilwell, KS: DST Systems
Joseph Young: Wichita, KS: IBM Corporation and Phillips Petroleum
We are always saddened when these fine young people are about ready to leave. Certainly this group will play an important role in the future of our profession.

We want to acknowledge and thank the companies who make the scholarships possible. These scholarship funds help us meet our on-going goal of attracting "the best and brightest" to our program.

Nichols Nugget: Sharing Nichols

Nichols is the "home" of Computer Science at Kansas State. The building also houses the Speech Department (and the nationally recognized Debate Champions), a 300 seat theater (that is really something to see), numerous performance rooms, and overflow book storage from Farrell Library. When the Alumni Fondation bought the old Farm Bureau building, there was quite a lot of discussion about moving some of the book storage to that facility. However due to the budget crisis in the state, we did not think that it would happen very soon.

Now it appears to be almost certain that the books will be moved and we will have at least part of the basement, hopefully in the 91-92 school year. There will room for a number of computer laboratories and classrooms. It would satisfy our space needs for the next ten years.

Service Course News

Our largest service course (about 1,800 students per year), CIS 110 Introduction to Personal Computing, has a new format. The course now has two hours lecture and one hour recitation per week. A new laboratory consisting of 22 personal computers has been set up in Fairchild 202, and the recitation sections meet there. We have set a limit of 40 students in the recitation sections, so the students work in pairs on the computers. This gives us a chance to provide hands-on training on a scheduled basis and gives more time for on-line quizzes and the like. We think this is an important step in solving student complaints about the course.

Death Reported: Neal Strunk

We recently received word of the death of Neal Strunk, M.S. 1982. Since his graduation, Neal had worked for Texas Instuments in Plano, Texas.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Strunk of Colwich, Kansas. Our most sincere condolences to his family.

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The Computing and Information Sciences Development Fund

Private funding continues to be critical to the success of the program, the faculty, and the students. This fact has not changed in the slightest since the newsletter of last year. We still have three major categories which we believe to be primary to the advancement of the Department.

First, the university library has sustained major reductions, forcing the cancellation of many journal and proceedings subscriptions. A consulting study in 1990 found that the KSU Library is now short of minimum standards by 36,000 sq. ft., and that shortage will grow to 122,250 sq. ft. by 2020. Over the past several years, the inflation rate for library materials has increased by 14.7% per year. KSU has canceled 1629 subscriptions since 1989. We have put as many resources as possible into our own library in an attempt to keep current literature available.

Second, scholarship and fellowship funding is the best way to attract quality undergraduates and graduates. The "market" is extremely competitive for the bright student. Thanks to your help, we have been able to attract quality students. For example, the junior class has three high school valedictorians, and they have contin-

ued to perform extremely well here at the University.

Third, we want our students to be exposed to the latest ideas in computing, and to do so we must be able to invite good seminar speakers, and in addition, support faculty and student travel to seminars. A good number of our graduate students presented papers at conferences the past two years, thanks to your help in attracting quality students and funding their travel. You might also want to note the number and quality of speakers we have had in the Department over the past year.

We established the Development Fund four years ago to help meet our critical needs. If you would like to help us maintain a top quality program, please use the form above. Your employer may provide matching funds. We hope you still consider yourself as part of the CIS Department family and you will want to help with your donation, large or small. We are most appreciative of your support—thank you!

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