The Future Has Arrived

Lindley Hall is rocking these days – sometimes literally, as construction shifts into high gear on KU’s new geoscience facility, the Earth, Energy and Environment Center (EEEC), which is being constructed in the old Lindley parking lot.

When completed, the EEEC will connect to Lindley and Learned Hall through elevated walkways and tunnels, and will include two buildings with a courtyard between them. Ritchie Hall, named in honor of donors A. Scott Ritchie (geology BS ’54) and Carol Ritchie (music education BS ’54) will stand on the corner of Naismith Drive and Crescent Road. To the south of Ritchie Hall will be Slawson Hall, named in honor of Donald Slawson (political science ’55).

Among the EEEC’s many innovative components is The Robert M. Beren Petroleum Center, which includes offices for visiting scientists and facilities to enable KU geoscientists to give presentations and trainings to energy professionals. Industry leaders will also use these facilities to teach short courses to KU students. Other innovations include a 3D Visualization Laboratory, state-of-the-art interactive auditorium, geology field research laboratory, PVC laboratories, geospectroscopy laboratory, a rock core scanning laboratory and core storage facility, collaborative classrooms, an edu-lobby presenting exhibits on energy and the environment, new computing laboratories and much more. Also included will be an Outdoor Rock Laboratory, featuring large rock specimens.

Chair Luis González said this new state-of-the-art facility will provide the Department with the infrastructure it needs to move to the next level of excellence.

"Everything in the EEEC is about research and education from the classrooms to the laboratories and even the hallways and the courtyard. We see great things coming in the future."

Check out drawings of the EEEC and watch the construction live at eeec.ku.edu.

Department Memorializes Jill Hardesty

KU Geology extends its sincerest sympathy to the friends, family, and colleagues of Jill Hardesty who passed away on Sept. 10, 2015. Hardesty, 50, died peacefully at home in Lawrence surrounded by family and friends more than two years after she was diagnosed with brain cancer.

She worked at KU’s Paleontological Institute for 25 years, ultimately rising to the rank of Deputy Director and Assistant Editor of The Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology. She also served as the managing editor of the journal PALAIOS from 2007–2013. Hardesty was a member of the Association of Earth Science Editors (AESE), serving on the board from 2002 to 2004 and receiving the AESE Award for Outstanding Publication in 2008.

The Jill Hardesty Memorial Author Support Fund has been established in her honor at KU Endowment. Donations can be made online at www.kuendowment.org/depts/paleo/inst.
Dear Alumni and Friends: The Geology Department and GHawker staff are horrified that some donor names were accidentally left out of the Fall 2015 issue. We are profoundly grateful to all our donors and deeply regret this error. We are pleased to have this opportunity to run the full list of names.

Department Chair Luis González

Names of Honor
Donors to the Geology Associates Program, June 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015

A. Scott & Carol Ritchie
Hydrogeology Fund
Burns & McDonnell Foundation
Edwin & Susanne Lindgren
Carl D. & Margery McElwee
A. Scott & Carol L. Ritchie

Jeffrey A. Treadway

D.A. McGee Scholarship in Geology

Alec Waggner Memorial Scholarship in Geology
Keith A. & Kimberly Beisner
Terrance J. & Lisa Dewane

Alice Mitchell Jackson Award for Graduate Student Support in Geology
Roscoe G. Jackson II

Angino-Ferry Geochemistry Scholarship
Ernest E. & Margaret L. Angino
Neil & Terry Ferry
Matthew E. Wilson

Anthony Walton Geology Equipment Fund
ExxonMobil Foundation
Janna Beth Oetting & Daniel P. Huffman
William D. & Kathryn Wohlford Pollard
Douglas H. Rofheart

Bill D. & Carolyn A. Holland Scholarship
Murray E. & Kathy Helmers
Porter H. Mitchell
James C. & Barbara M Richard

Chesapeake Energy Faculty Research Support
Chesapeake Energy Corporation

Chesapeake Energy Graduate Research Assistantship
Chesapeake Energy Corporation

Chevron Scholarship
Chevron Products Company

ConocoPhillips Geology
ConocoPhillips

D.A. McGee Scholarship in Geology
Jeffrey A. Treadway

Devon Energy Scholarship
Devon Energy Corporation

Donald C. Sallow Hall
Donald C. Sallow
R. Todd Sallow
Sallow Companies

Earth, Energy & Environment Center
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Bruce D. Becker
Robert Beren
Steve J. Blanke*
Suzanne R. & Paul F. Brito*
Craig D. Caldwell & Cristen J. Smith
Chevron Humankind Matching Gift Program
William G. Coyle III*
Neil P. Cramer
Devon Energy
Peter M. & Rachelle Dillett*
Martin K. & Twyla Dubois*
ExxonMobil Foundation
William E. Franklin
John F. & Karen Glick
Luis & Sahudi González
Jean P. Hall
Thomas L. Hall
John W. Harbaugh & Audrey V. Wegst
Roscoe G. Jackson II
Dan J. & Nancy L. Kennedy*
Sondra M. Langel & Richard D. Smith
Kenneth H. & Carina H. Lister*
John F. & Bette E. Lukert
Marilyn Schnackel Meek
David J. & Carolyn D. McBride
Kurt Neher*
David W. Niven
Norris N. Requist
Clayton R. Roark*
Dale G. & Suzanne J. P. Schilsog*
Michael D. & Rebecca Seeber
John C. & Molly Shawver
Frederic R. & Felisa P. Siegel
Andrea S. & Gary D. Steinele*
Vicki Bryant & Maurice Townsend
Marvin D. Woody & Patricia St. Clair
(* - Geology Associates Advisory Board Member)

Frederic R. & Felisa Puszkin Siegel
Vicki Bryant & Maurice Townsend

Erasmus Haworth Distinguished Lectureship Fund
Frederic R. & Felisa Puszkin Siegel

Everett L. Bradley Memorial Scholarship
Scott M. Strong

Geology Associates Equipment Fund
Chevron Humankind Matching Gift Program
ExxonMobil Foundation
Edward H. Haynes
Carl B. Kinell III
Duane H. & Peggy Sackett

Geology Department (Geology Associates Fund)
Curtis E. Adams
Donald J. Adams
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
James E. Anderson
R. L. Andsager
Frank J. & Barbara A. Becker
William E. Benso & Beverly Runkle
Benso
Michael C. Berry
Bradley A. & Roz Birkelo
D. Wayne & Marlene J. Boster
Michael D. & Catherine R. Brondos
Laurence R. Brown
Stephen C. & Janelle L. Burns
Susan A. Carroll
Ronald R. Charpentier
Chesapeake Energy Corporation
Chevron Humankind Matching Gift
Chevron Products Company
Concho Resources
ConocoPhillips Company
Gerald L. & Lela Raines Cooley
Neal P. Cramer
Terrence J. & Lisa Dewane
Nancy T. & David B. Duane
Martin K. & Twyla F. Dubois
Shawn Dunaway
Toni L. Efferts
John E. & Pamela S. Endacott
ExxonMobil Corporation
ExxonMobil Foundation

We are deeply regretted this error. We are pleased to have this opportunity to run the full list of names.
Geological Society of America
The KU Geologic Record

In This Issue

- The Future Has Arrived
- Department Memorializes Jill Hardesty
- Names of Honor: Donors to The Geology Associates Program

KU Geology’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/KUGeology, hosts lively discussions, features the latest photos of faculty and students, and reports KU geoscience news. Visit and Like the page to keep up to date on all the happenings. KU Geology also maintains a group on LinkedIn. Search for “University of Kansas Geology Department Alumni Group.”