A Fifty Year Legacy - John L. Imhoff

(Obituary as appeared in the newspapers)

John L. Imhoff passed away in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on March 16, 2005, at the age of 82. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 9, 1923, he was the son of John and Elizabeth (Franz) Imhoff. He grew up in the Baltimore area where he attended public schools, and graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 1940. He earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Duke University in 1945, a MS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1947, and a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1971. Additional educational studies took place at the following: National Science Foundation-Science Faculty Fellowship at Stanford University; National Science Foundation-Summer Industrial Dynamics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Nuclear Engineering Institute at the University of California-Berkeley.

His professional experience included American Rolling Mill Corporation in Baltimore, Maryland (1940-43); U. S. Naval Officer and Diplomatic Courier-European Theater (1945-47); Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Minnesota (1948-51); and then Professor and Head of Industrial Engineering at the University of Arkansas (1952-90). Since 1990, as an University Professor Emeritus, he continued to teach part-time on global aspects of engineering as a liaison for the Industrial Department Outreach Program.

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Recruiting Report

We're right in the middle of recruiting for the fall semester. Most of you received a postcard from the Engineering recruiting team in the last few weeks. It was asking for your help in locating high school students who would make great engineers. Be sure and respond to this if you have children, neighbors, or friends who might be possibilities. Just call in the names and the recruiting group will take it from there. About 2,000 of these postcards have been sent out to active engineering alums.

About 3,900 contacts have been made with students, including ten mailings. So far, 399 students have been admitted to engineering for the fall semester. These include forty-seven chancellor scholars and six national merit scholars. The Walton Fellowships are just now being selected. There will be ten or eleven orientation sessions on campus this summer for the incoming students.

Carol Gattis and Bryan Hill now handle recruiting for all engineering departments. The telephone number for recruiting referrals, or for additional information, is 479-575-7780. The web site is www.engr.uark.edu.

Best regards,
Bill Keltner
High School Recruiting Chairman

A Holstein's spots are like a fingerprint or a snowflake. No two cows have exactly the same pattern of spots.

Dear Academy members and friends,

The 2005 Annual Meeting in April was a great success. A year sure does pass quickly!

This past year has been an eventful one. We mourn the loss of our good friend, teacher, and mentor, Dr. John Imhoff. He will always be with us in the many memories and shared experiences we all have through our association with Dr. Imhoff and our Industrial Engineering education. Those who attended the memorial heard a tribute to someone we already knew as a remarkable person by Dr. Imhoff's family and Chancellor John White.

With Board approval this year, the John Imhoff Global Studies Endowment and your continued generosity to the AAIE scholarship funds, the Academy will soon surpass a million dollars in endowed funds to provide scholarships to students of Industrial Engineering at the University of Arkansas. That is a remarkable accomplishment even for a dedicated bunch of IE's.

As usual the Annual Meeting was a great time to renew old acquaintances and make some new ones. We had an excellent group of new members inducted this year. Thanks to Chuck Marlin for organizing, and Bill Meadows for the course, we again had our golf outing at Stonebridge Meadows golf course. The weather was perfect (Ah, Spring in Arkansas!), and we have some members who can still hit 'em pretty straight.

(See "President", Page 7)
Dear Academy Members,

I hope this note finds you well. We have had a relatively mild winter, and a beautiful spring. During the recent University graduation, we presented some outstanding graduates to the profession. It was a great day!

I know that each of you know by now that our dear friend, professor and mentor, Prof. John Imhoff, passed away this spring. We have lost a true champion of industrial engineering. Please join us in remembering the Imhoff family during these challenging times.

There is no question that our friend, "Dr. John", would want us to look to the future and not the past!

The future of your Department of Industrial Engineering has never looked better. For the second year in a row, the graduate program in industrial engineering has been listed as the 30th Best Graduate Program in Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering by US News and World Report. This outcome is the natural result of the hard work and international reputation of the industrial engineering faculty, students, and alumni. This recognition places us amongst the top IE programs in the country!

Also, we have just received word that Prof. Russell Meller, Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering at Virginia Tech, will be joining us this fall as the Hefley Professor in Logistics and Entrepreneurship.

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HEFLEY'S ENDOW PROFESSORSHIP IN ENGINEERING

James M. and Marie G. Hefley have made a $750,000 commitment through a charitable remainder trust to fund an endowed professorship and eventually an endowed chair in the University of Arkansas College of Engineering. The Hefley's gift will be matched by $750,000 from funds available through the Matching Gift Program to create a $1.5 million endowment for the professorship.

The purpose of the Hefley Professorship in Engineering Logistics and Entrepreneurship will be to attract and retain a highly qualified professor and prominent scholar who will provide academic leadership in logistics and entrepreneurship in the Department of Industrial Engineering. Funds will provide the holder with the resources to further his or her contributions to teaching, research and public service.

Mr. Hefley said: "One of the key factors in focusing on the link between entrepreneurship and engineering is our belief based on our experience in business that a great many of the new jobs created in the U.S. - as well as overall economic growth - will come from new start-up businesses rather than from large corporations as it has in the past. I feel that IE are graduates well positioned to become entrepreneurs."

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Mrs. John Imhoff Dies

(Obituary as appeared in the newspapers)

Lois J. Imhoff, 79, of Fayetteville died Saturday, May 21, 2005, in Fayetteville.

She was born December 19, 1925, in Lexington, Kentucky, to Edwin Charles and Henrietta R. Johnson. She grew up in Lexington, St. Paul, Minnesota; Alexandria, Virginia; and Kansas City, Missouri, where she graduated from Southwest High School. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She worked for Hallmark Brothers Inc., Pratt and Whitney Inc., the U.S. Air Force, and Woodward and Lothrop prior to her marriage to professor John L. Imhoff, who preceded her in death on March 16, 2005. They moved to Fayetteville in 1952, where they raised a family.

Lois Imhoff became a civic leader in Fayetteville, and later an active conservationist in the state of Arkansas. Locally, she served as a justice of the peace on the Washington County Quorum Court, on the Advisory Council for the Single Parent Scholarship of Washington County, and on the Citizens Advisory Board of Northwest Rehabilitation Hospital. She received the Woman of the Year award in 1989 from the Fayetteville Business and Professional Women. She also was a commissioner on the Northwest Arkansas Regional Citizen Advisory Commission; vice-chair for the city of Fayetteville’s Citizen Advisory Committee on Municipal Waste Water Planning; and a member of the city’s Pollution Control and Energy Committee.

At the University of Arkansas, she was a special projects assistant in the Office of Development. She also served as a director of the Fayetteville United Fund; director of the NOARK Girl Scout Council; and as a member of Fayetteville Business and Professional Women, Central United Methodist Church, Twentieth Century Literary Club, Highlands Chapter of the Ozark Society, White River EPA of Northwest Arkansas, Washington County Democratic Women, Fayetteville Garden Club and the American Association of University Women.

In 2000, she received the Fayetteville Women’s History Month award by Altrusa International. She served the state of Arkansas as a funding trustee for the Arkansas Nature Conservancy field office. She was president of the Arkansas League of Women Voters, secretary of the Ozark Society, vice president of the Arkansas Energy Conservation Coalition, a VISTA volunteer for the Arkansas Ecology Center, a member of the Governor of Arkansas State Police Advisory Committee on Water Quality, a member of the Governor of Arkansas Resource Management Council, a member of the board of directors of the Arkansas Wildlife Federation, a member of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Advisory Council, a member of the board of directors of the Arkansas Solar Coalition, and a member of the North Arkansas Highland Trail Association.

She received the Neil Compton Award from the Ozark Society for her work as secretary of the society from 1963 to 1972, and for her leadership during those years when the Buffalo National River status was achieved.

She also served nationally as a member of the Environmental Quality Committee of the League of Women Voters and the State Advisory Council of the U.S. EPA, Region V1.
While at the U of A at Fayetteville, John helped found the Department of Industrial Engineering; consulted extensively for corporation and the Arkansas state government; helped to establish and become Director of the U of A Productivity Center; established one of the country’s first successful Master of Science Degrees in Operations Research; participated in the development of the Graduate Institute of Technology Program in Little Rock, Arkansas; helped develop the Master of Science in Operations Management program for Air Force bases in Blytheville and Jacksonville, Arkansas, and the Naval Air Station in Memphis, Tennessee; and established and developed U of A student chapters of the Institute of Industrial Engineers and Alpha Pi Mu (National Student Honor Society).

All of the above efforts resulted in an exceptional number of U. of A. engineering graduates who achieved prominence in industrial, commercial, and educational professional careers. Also, most gratifying to John was the large number of alumni who maintained close ties with the University, and provided strong networking support.

The Department he founded played an important role for many years, not only for Industrial Engineers, but also for engineering graduates of all disciplines.

After retiring as department head, he devoted his efforts to full-time teaching; the development of a U of A productivity center to assist in state economic development activities; developed a cooperative network in Arkansas with the Small Business Administration; conducted research in the U. S. and Europe on productivity enhancement activities of business and governmental units of all countries; was a founding member and officer of the National Productivity Network; a founding member of the Arkansas Center for Technology Transfer; chairman and member of the U. S. Senate Productivity Award Boards for Senators Pryor and Bumpers; and he was the founding member of the Arkansas Quality/Productivity Task Force, which is now the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission. Arkansas productivity initiatives and ideas were later extended nationally by President Bill Clinton.

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In addition to serving her community, Lois enjoyed traveling, gardening, hiking, canoeing, weaving, and quilting. She left a legacy of turning vision into reality.

She is survived by two sons, Dr. John E. Imhoff and his wife, Susan M., of Sea Island, Georgia and Carl H. Imhoff and his wife, Kristen S., of Richland, Virginia; a daughter, Karen E. Anderson and her husband, Richard B., of Weston, Connecticut; and five grandsons, John C. Anderson, John C. Imhoff, Daniel H. Imhoff, Kurt S. Imhoff, and Robert C. Imhoff.

A memorial service was be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 25, 2005, in the Convocation Room at Butterfield Trail Village in Fayetteville. To sign the online guest book, visit www.nelsonberna.com. Memorials may be made in her honor to the Fayetteville Public Library, Read A Loud collection.
John L. Imhoff Global Studies Endowment

The following is a summary of the implementation progress of the John L. Imhoff Global Studies Endowment (GSE) since the AAIE 2004 Annual Meeting:

July 24, 2004

- The AAIE Board approved the AAIE responsibilities described in the GSE Charitable Remainder Trust Gift Agreement.

- The AAIE Board approved a transfer of $25,000 from the AAIE General Fund to the GSE Fund to formally qualify the GSE as an endowment per U of A Foundation requirements.

September 4, 2004

John and Lois Imhoff committed $300,000 to the GSE endowment in the form of a Charitable Remainder Trust.

February 4, 2005

The Board reviewed and approved the scholarship recipient criteria as follows:

- Minimum 60 hours completed, with 30 at U of A
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Submit application by 5th week of preceding semester
- Submit essay summarizing reasons for proposed overseas experience
- Evaluated on academic merits and performance in relevant courses

April 5, 2005

The IE Department received two student applications for consideration of GSE scholarships and submitted the applicant essays to the GSE Implementation Committee for review and presentation to the AAIE Board Meeting on April 9, 2005.

From left to right: Dr. Edward Pohl
Jennifer Davidson
Vivian Careagas
Bill Denton
That same weekend, Dean Saxena hosted the College of Engineering Alumni Awards banquet on Saturday evening. Academy members Dave Foust, Ron Morris, and Larry Stephens received Distinguished Alumni awards. New inductee, Dr. Brett Peters, was honored as Outstanding Young Alumni. IE faculty member, Dr. Richard Cassady, was also honored by the College. In addition, Buck Johns did a superb job as one of the masters of ceremony. All in all, it was a good night for the IE's.

The new AAIE officers are elected at the Board meeting following the annual Membership meeting, so my term as President came to a close then. I was honored to serve as president, and I thank you for your support this past year. The AAIE Board members, officers, committee chairs, and the INEG department staff have all been a great pleasure to work with over the last year. I am grateful to each and every one.

The new AAIE President, Bill McKamey, and your Board are interested in hearing from you about your ideas to keep the Academy growing, accomplishing its objectives, and identifying new ways to assist the IE Department. I know they will appreciate your help.

Thank you for your continued support of the Academy.

Kindest regards,
Dewey Freeman '74
AAIE Past-President

NASA recently sent a number of Holsteins into orbit for experimental purposes.

They called it the herd shot round the world.

Two boll weevils grew up in S. Carolina.
One took off to Hollywood and became a rich star. The other stayed in Carolina
and never amounted to much—
and naturally became known as the lesser of two weevils.

A 3-legged dog walks into an old west saloon, slides up to the bar and announces,
"I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

A group of friars opened a florist shop to help with their belfry payments.
Everyone liked to buy flowers from the Men of God, so their business flourished.
A rival florist became upset that his business was suffering because people felt compelled to buy from the Friars, so he asked the Friars to cut back hours or close down. The Friars refused.
So the florist then hired Hugh McTaggart, the biggest meanest thug in town.
He went to the Friars' shop, beat them up, destroyed their flowers,
trashed their shop, and said that if they didn't close, he'd be back.
Well, totally terrified, the Friars closed up shop and hid in their rooms.
This proved that Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot his whole life,
which created an impressive set of calluses on his feet.
He also ate very little, which made him frail, and with his odd diet,
he suffered from very bad breath. This made him... what? (This is so bad it's good...)
—a super-callused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.
2005 Industrial Engineering Awards Banquet, April 19, 2005
In loving memory of Dr. John Imhoff, 1923 – 2005

Representing the Arkansas Academy of Industrial Engineering, Dr. Palmer Terrell and Bill Denton were among the presenters at the Industrial Engineering Awards Banquet, recently held at the Fayetteville Town Center.

Among the numerous awards given are the following:

ABF Freight System, Inc. Outstanding Freshman Award, Fall 2004 – Jared Townsley
Hytrol Challenge Award, Fall 2004 – David deLassus & Leslie Kohler
Eagle Award of Excellence, Materials nXHHandling, Spring 2005 – Lona Less & Jessica Sandage
2004 Undergraduate Research Award-Jason Honeycutt
2004 Graduate Research Award-Thomas Yeung
2005 Outstanding Graduate Student-Mohammad Al-Rifai
2005 Outstanding Senior-Jose Reyes

Scholarships were given as follows:

John L. Imhoff Global Studies Scholarships
Vivian Careaga & Jennifer Davidson

2005-2006 Industrial Engineering Scholarships

Returning Graduate Students

Kellie Schneider - Malstrom Memorial Scholarship
Thomas Yeung - Malstrom Memorial Scholarship

Freshmen

Brent Carter - AAIE Scholarship
Jorja Haller - AAIE Scholarship
Julia Humphrey - AAIE Scholarship
Daniel Malm - William Bradley Scholarship
Brian Miller - AAIE Scholarship
Kim Nguyen - AAIE Scholarship
Brandon Zinser - AAIE Scholarship

Sophomores

Nachi Das - AAIE Dana and Christie Sedgass Scholarship in honor of Hamdy Taha
Wenfeng Li - John D. Selig Scholarship
Roger Snelgrove - AAIE Ron and Betty Morris Scholarship

Returning Seniors

David Caballero - AAIE Bill and Mary Lou Cravens Scholarship
Vivian Careaga - David and Nancy Foust Scholarship, AAIE Endowed Scholarship
Mauricio Carrasco - John and Lois Imhoff Scholarship
Shawn Chopper - AAIE Lowrance and Marilyn Hodge Scholarship

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Returning Seniors

Jennifer Johnson - David and Nancy Foust Scholarship
Brittany Judy - AAIE Ron and Betty Morris Scholarship
Kyle Kimpel - AAIE Jim and Jane Townsend Scholarship
Lona Less - AAIE Wayne and Bonnie Crandell Scholarship
Evan McCall - AAIE Jim and Pat Hubbard Scholarship, Ron and Betty Morris
AAIE Endowed Scholarship
Dan Parrish - AAIE Scholarship
Jessica Sandage - John English Family Scholarship
Tiffany Simon - AAIE David and Nancy Foust Scholarship
Christopher Stewart - AAIE Alice and Palmer Terrell Scholarship
Kristen Wilkins - AAIE Fred Hardwick Scholarship

2005-2006 Incoming Freshmen & Transfer Students

William Cranford - AAIE John Imhoff Memorial Scholarship
Christopher Elkins - AAIE Scholarship
Stephan Konz - AAIE Ron and Betty Morris Scholarship
Justin Robertson - AAIE Scholarship in honor of Mike and Mary Shupe
Stevenson Sharp - AAIE Scholarship in honor of Bill and Margaret Harrison

2004-2005 Points of Pride

Rodrigo Barrenchea and Mario Rioja - 2005 Porter Stone Award for Outstanding Performance in the College of Engineering Cooperative Education program
Lauren Chambers - U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Scholarship
Thomas Duncan - Honors College Undergraduate Research Grant
Stephen Farris - Modeling and Simulation Best Paper Award, 2004 IIE Annual Conference
Jason Honeycutt and Leslie Kohler - Material Handling Education Foundation Scholarship
Jason Honeycutt - Quality Control and Reliability Best Paper Award for the 2004 IIE Annual Conference
Kevin Oden - 2005-2006 IIE Dwight D. Gardner Scholarship

Juniors

Jamie Gambill - AAIE Harry Merritt Memorial Scholarship
Gregory Giesecke - Taft-O'Neal-Geels Scholarship
Richard Penn - AAIE Scholarship in honor of Ray Asfahl
Lindsey Walker - AAIE Scholarship
Jimmy Xu - Taft-O'Neal-Geels Scholarship
Jason Honeycutt and Leslie Kohler - Material Handling Education Foundation Scholarship
Kevin Oden - 2005-2006 IIE Dwight D. Gardner Scholarship
The Darndest Things About History. (But true.)

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs." Therefore, painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg".

... As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October)! Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. The wigs couldn't be washed, so to clean them they were soaked in a large loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and baked it for 30 minutes. The heat made the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig". Today, we often use the term "here comes the Big Wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board was folded down from the wall and used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else sat on the floor. Once in a while, a guest (almost always a man) would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. This meant you were important and in charge. Sitting in the chair, one was called the "chair man". Today, we use the expression "Chairman or Chairman of the Board".

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Financial Need Scholarship Fund

Total contributions from all sources now exceed $132,000. Thanks to the thirty-seven members who have made contributions to this fund. Several continuing and new contributions were received around the end of 2004. Additional contributions are anticipated during the AAIE Annual meeting.

The first AAIE Financial Need Scholarship and the first Ron and Betty Morris Financial need Scholarship were awarded during the IIE/APM Awards Banquet last April. The University's Office of Financial Aid must first certify an applicant as having a financial need. Then the student competes on the basis of academic merit determined by the Department.

Please consider an additional or first time contribution to this fund as we progress toward the $300,000 goal. Please direct your future scholarship contributions to the financial need scholarship fund. Make your checks payable to the U. of A. Foundation with a notation for this fund, and mail to Karen Hendrix, Accounting Technician in the Industrial Engineering Department.

AAIE Scholarship Fund

AAIE Scholarships awarded each April at the IIE/APM Awards Banquet are from the earnings of this, our original scholarship endeavor. Having exceeded our goal of $500,000 we are able to assist twenty to thirty students each year. This scholarship fund continues to receive contributions: however, we request that you now direct your contributions to the AAIE Financial Need Scholarship Fund.

AAIE Named Scholarships

At the Annual Banquet in April, Dana and Christie Sedgass will be recognized for their second named scholarship to be presented in honor of Hamdy Taha during the next IIE/APM Awards Banquet.

Two couples are close to the $10,000 total contribution level that will fund one or more scholarships in their name. Also, there are five or so that are not too far behind. As a reminder, when your personal contribution total reaches a sum of $10,000, a $500 named scholarship is presented to a deserving student each year. If you have a company match, a second named scholarship is awarded.

Special Scholarship Recognition

An additional AAIE Harry Merritt Memorial Scholarship will be awarded at the next Awards Banquet. When scholarship donations in memory of a deceased member total $500, the Academy presents a one-time memorial scholarship award in their name.

John Imhoff Fellows

Thanks to the 68 John Imhoff Fellows who have made contributions of $1,000, or more, to our scholarship funds. New Fellows to be recognized by class during the AAIE Annual Banquet in April were: Class of 1993, Tommy and Susie Walker, Jr.; and Class of 2004, Ron D. and Debra Morris, and Ralph G. Brodie.
ABF FREIGHT SYSTEM CREATES DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

One of the nation’s largest transportation companies, ABF Freight System Inc., based in Fort Smith, has provided $100,000 to the University of Arkansas College of Engineering for the establishment of two endowed fellowships. The gift will be matched by $100,000 from the Matching Gift Program to create a $200,000 endowment. The ABF Freight System Doctoral Fellowships in Industrial Engineering will help attract and retain highly qualified doctoral candidates in industrial engineering.

Dr. Ashok Saxena, Dean of the College of Engineering, said, "The quality of a Ph.D. program is a leading indicator of a nationally competitive research university. We are grateful to ABF Freight System for this gift, which will go a long way toward strengthening our graduate program and maintaining our place among the ranks of America's leading departments."

Dr. John R. English, Professor and Department Head, said, "A major focus of our department, and the University of Arkansas as a whole, is to increase the number of Ph.D. graduates. The ABF Freight System: Doctoral Fellowships in Industrial Engineering will help by providing support to two Ph.D. students specializing in areas that support the transportation industry, such as logistics, transportation planning, and network design."

Bob Davidson, President and CEO of ABF said, "Over the years, it has been our pleasure to have a strong association with the University of Arkansas. We have been fortunate to employ many graduates of the University, a large number with degrees in Industrial Engineering. These graduates have been well-prepared for the business environment with keen minds, sound business ethics, good interpersonal skills, intellectual curiosity and strong work ethic. These individuals have contributed heavily to the success of our company."

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I know that you will join me in thanking Jim and Marie Heffley for this remarkable gift to the department. Such endowments enable us to hire the finest faculty members in the world. Our ability to recruit such outstanding talent is a tribute to the faculty, students, staff, and alumni who have built this fantastic tradition of Industrial Engineering at the University of Arkansas.

When you meet Dr. Meller in the future, make sure that you greet him, his wife Sue, and their daughter Grace with a warm "Razorback" welcome that lets them know they are welcome to their new community.

I hope that you have a great summer! Please stop by and see us when you are in NWA.

John
A mathematician, a physicist, and an engineer were all given a red rubber ball and told to find the volume. The mathematician carefully measured the diameter and evaluated a triple integral. The physicist filled a beaker with water, put the ball in the water, and measured the total displacement. The engineer looked up the model and serial numbers in his red-rubber-ball table.

(“Hefley” - con’t from Page 3) in this new environment, and to be able to partner effectively with colleagues in marketing, finance, and law to form start-up “business teams” to be able to commercialize technical innovation. We believe this professorship and chair will lead the way in providing students in the College of Engineering with far better academic preparation to succeed in this technically oriented, start-up business environment of the future. We also feel this emphasis is strongly in concert with the spirit of the Matching Gift Program relative to economic enhancement in the State. We also want to thank the Walton family for their generosity, which will allow our gift to have a much larger impact.

UA Chancellor John A. White said: “The ability to attract and retain high-caliber faculty to the University of Arkansas depends on the generosity of people like Jim and Marie Hefley. Their commitment to the future of the College of Engineering will go a long way toward ensuring we have the funds necessary to remain nationally competitive. I’m personally grateful for Jim’s friendship, leadership and support. I am always pleased when the University receives financial support from our alumni, but I am particularly gratified when it comes from someone who was both a classmate and a friend during our college years.”

College Dean Ashok Saxena said: “We are indebted to the Hefleys for their support of College of Engineering. The endowed professorship they have established will be a valuable tool for us in recruiting and retaining the best industrial engineering faculty and supporting their efforts in cutting-edge areas of research. These accomplished faculty will in turn attract the best students bringing us closer to realizing our goal of being a top-tier engineering college.”

The Matching Gift Program, made possible by the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation’s $300 million gift to the University of Arkansas, set aside matching funds for certain student endowments and faculty endowments that show promise for enhancing economic competitiveness in Arkansas. Charitable remainder trusts, insurance gifts and other forms of irrevocable planned gifts may be eligible for gift matching, thus giving the benefactors the opportunity to significantly leverage their gifts with an immediate benefit. As the endowment for this professorship grows, it will eventually be converted into an endowed chair.

Mr. Hefley is a 1961 B.S.I.E. graduate of the College of Engineering and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. After a career in business management, he joined Gemini Consulting, becoming senior vice president, and is currently a retired partner of the same firm. Mrs. Hefley is a graduate of the College of St. Elizabeth, and is retired after a management career with IBM.

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During his active career, John was the recipient of numerous university and community awards. They include: University of Arkansas Distinguished Award in Teaching; Institute of Industrial Engineers Fellow Award; Engineering College Halliburton Award for Teaching Excellence; numerous Industrial Engineering Department Outstanding Teacher Awards; John L. Imhoff Distinguished Chair in IE established by the IE Alumni in 1983; honorary member of the Arkansas Academy of Industrial Engineering; founding member of the University of Arkansas Teaching Academy; Duke University College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award; Who’s Who in America; Who’s Who in Engineering; American Men of Science; Who’s Who in Education; and founding member of the Ozark Society.

John leaves behind a loving family plus many friends and students who will always remember two of his favorite quotes: “Raison D’Etre!” (a reason to be) and “A Votre Service” (to serve others).

John is survived by his two sons, John E. Imhoff and his wife, Susan, of Sea Island, Georgia, and Carl H. Imhoff and his wife, Kristin, of Richland, Washington; a daughter, Karen Anderson and her husband, Richard, of Weston, Connecticut; five grandsons, John C. Anderson, John C. Imhoff, Daniel H. Imhoff, Kurt S. Imhoff, and Robert C. Imhoff.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2005, at Butterfield Trail Village.

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Established in 1923, ABF is one of North America’s oldest and most reputable motor carriers. It continues to be recognized as a benchmark for safety, security, technology and freight-handling standards. Last year, the American Trucking Association awarded ABF the Excellence in Security Award, the 28th time that ABF has been recognized by the organization since 1971. ABF’s emphasis on quality and value was cited by Logistics Management magazine, which awarded the carrier a 2004 Quest for Quality Award. And ABF was twice recognized by CIO magazine for innovative excellence in information technology, earning the 2005 CIO Enterprise Value Award for the transportation industry and a spot on the 2004 CIO Top 100 Agile Companies list. ABF is the largest subsidiary of Arkansas Best Corporation (Nasdaq: ABFS).