

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni Establish Competition Awards

For the first time, the annual photography competition and rendering competition will be supported through endowed funds generously created by alumni Tom Tyler of St. Louis, and Ted and Sue Knapp of Kansas City. Tyler has contributed over \$25,000 to the Thomas A. Tyler/Answers Inc. Architectural and Environmental Photography Competition Award, while the Knapps have contributed \$52,000 to establish the Ted and Sue Knapp Rendering Competition Award.

According to Dean Dennis Law, “The impact of Tom Tyler’s and Ted and Sue Knapp’s kindhearted gifts does not go unnoticed as they will enable the college to continue to reward the talent and creativity of our students through these highly regarded competitions.”

Tom Tyler is a native of Concordia, KS, who has deep ties to the college. After receiving his bachelor of interior architecture in 1974, he taught architectural photography at K-State, began donating countless slides of architecture from all over the world to the college’s Krider Visual Resource and Learning Center, and has served on the interior architecture and product design advisory board for over 10 years. With this gift, Tyler continues to demonstrate

his commitment to the college by endowing a fund that will perpetually provide awards to student participants in the annual CAPD photography competition. According to Tyler, this was a way to not only assist his alma mater, but also “to honor my father who instilled early on in me his love of photography.”

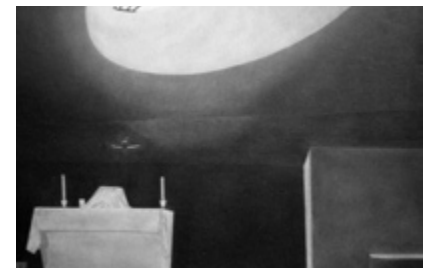
His photographic interests extend beyond the scope of architecture as Tyler is also an accomplished environmental photographer whose work has been showcased by the Missouri Botanical Gardens (<http://www.tat Tyler-arch.com>). His interest in environmentalism has led him to photographically record diverse habitats such as the African plains, and he is currently working with the Monteverde (Costa Rica) Conservation League U.S. to educate one million children about the importance of the rain forest. This focus on the environment grounds Answers Inc., the architecture firm Tyler founded in 1983 that serves health care, educational, governmental, corporate and commercial clients.

Ted Knapp gravitates toward sketching and painting. This talent was nurtured in Knapp when he was studying at K-State in the early 1960s, as it was expected that architecture students take art classes to develop their freehand drawing abilities. Compare this with today’s students

who are not only challenged to develop their drawing skills but are also expected to learn the multitude of software programs that are attempting to replace hand rendered designs.

Knapp was keen to support the annual rendering competition as he believes that drawing is a necessary skill for good designers that enables them to showcase their ability without being tethered to a computer. He believes that “nothing is more effective in making a client feel a part of the design process than pulling out a tablet and producing a simple sketch that conveys or confirms the design they are hoping you will produce.” The fund will perpetually provide awards to student participants in the annual CAPD rendering competition.

Knapp received a bachelor of architecture in 1964. He is founder and president of TK Architects of Kansas City, MO, whose core business is cinema architecture, though they also practice food service and restaurant design, entertainment venue and hospitality architecture, and retail design. Of note is that the award carries both Ted and Sue’s names for, as Ted explains, “Sue was not only instrumental in supporting my undergraduate education, but from the beginning she has played a major role in the success of TK Architects.”





Emeritus Professor Makes Gifts

Vernon Deines, Manhattan, has made gifts to the College of Architecture, Planning and Design and the College of Human Ecology to establish the Deines Distinguished Lectureship in Regional and Community Planning, the Deines Interior Architecture and Product Design Support Fund and the Deines Human Ecology Support Fund.

In 1966, Deines was appointed head of the Department of of Regional and Community Planning, a post he held for nearly 20 years. Under his leadership, the department acquired over \$5 million in graduate student scholarships, student development, research and training funds. Deines returned to full-time teaching and research in 1985 and retired in 1997.

Several years after he retired, Deines suffered a physically debilitating stroke. Still able to be in his own home, Deines has developed a greater appreciation for architecture and products that assist people with physical limitations and also projects that focus on human centered design.



Faculty Members Support Colleges

Laurence A. Clement, Jr. and Lynn M. Ewanow, Manhattan, have made a commitment to the College of Architecture, Planning and Design and the College of Veterinary Medicine to establish the Clement and Ewanow Study Abroad Scholarship and the Clement and Ewanow Equine Advancement Fund.

“Lorn and I have spent our entire professional careers as educators at K-State,” Ewanow said. “We continue to be impressed with the intelligence, creativity and work ethic of CAPD students. We believe our students will become even better designers and ‘world citizens’ by experiencing other cultures through participation in a study abroad program. We decided to make that experience more affordable, for more students, by creating this fund,” Ewanow said.

The couple also intends to address their personal interest in horses through the veterinary medicine fund. “The faculty and staff in the College of Veterinary Medicine have demonstrated extraordinary skill, knowledge and dedication to the well-being of both our horses and their owners over many years,” Clement said. “We want to acknowledge that service and commitment to excellent care.”

Clement is a native of Concord, MA. He received a master’s degree in landscape architecture from the College

of Architecture, Planning and Design in 1985. He also received his juris doctorate from the University of Kansas. Clement is an associate professor in landscape architecture. Ewanow is a native of Kirkwood, NY, and received a master of landscape architecture from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. She is an associate dean and associate professor in the College of Architecture, Planning and Design.

