

## IN MEMORY



**Dr. Robert P. Ealy**, 93, passed away on January 24, 2008, in Manhattan. Affectionately known as “Doc” to his family and closest friends, Ealy earned his BS in horticulture from Oklahoma State University in 1936; his MS in horticulture from K-State in 1946; and his PhD in horticulture with an emphasis on landscape architecture from Louisiana State University in 1955, a degree held by less than a dozen individuals in the US at that time. In 1961 he became professor and head of the Department of Horticulture at K-State. In 1963 Ealy established the program of landscape architecture, and thereafter the unit was known as the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. In 1965 Ealy helped found the College of Architecture and Design, moving the department into the new college in 1966 and establishing a new five-year B LAR professional program as one of the first five-year programs in the country. In addition, a master’s level professional degree program, the M LAR, was established in 1972. Ealy was associate dean of the College of Architecture and Design from 1967–1974 and acting dean from January–August 1971. He retired from K-State in 1979. Contributions in memory of Dr. Ealy should specify “Contribution for Robert Ealy, account P61550,” be payable to “Kansas State University Foundation,” and mailed to Kansas State University Foundation, 2323 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan KS 66502.



**Emil C. Fischer**, 100, died March 24, 2008. Fischer received degrees from Columbia University and taught at both Pratt Institute and the Ohio State University. In 1955 he became professor and head of the Department of Architecture and Allied Arts at K-State. He was central in bringing landscape design, interior design, city planning and structural design all into one college, the College of Architecture and Design, and became its first dean. Fischer retired as dean in 1972 but continued teaching. He retired from K-State in 1976 and moved to Sun City, AZ. During his time in Kansas, Fischer was elected and re-elected a member of the city council and served as Manhattan’s mayor. An excellent artist, Fischer had a special fondness for pen and ink drawings and watercolors. He put this to work illustrating, writing and publishing four books, including *Kansas State University: A Walk Through the Campus*. Contributions in memory of Dean Fischer should specify “Contribution for Emil Fischer, account C25450,” be payable to “Kansas State University Foundation,” and mailed to Kansas State University Foundation, 2323 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan KS 66502.



A limited number of *A Walk Through the Campus* and individual prints of Fischer’s pen and ink illustrations of campus buildings are available for sale, with proceeds going toward the aforementioned account. Contact Diane Potts (785.532.1090, potts@ksu.edu) for information.

In a renewed effort to keep you better informed about the accomplishments and activities of the faculty, staff and students of the Kansas State University College of Architecture, Planning and Design, a number of changes are underway. We plan to issue two newsletters this school year—one in the fall of 2008 and one in the early summer of 2009. Development of a subscription-based monthly e-newsletter is also underway, and we are also exploring ideas to learn more about what our alumni are up to and to help our alumni be in contact with each other. Finally, if you have topics or story ideas for future newsletters, please share them with us. Your constructive feedback and ideas are welcome.

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