

News

SMPTE MEMBERS HONORED AT BKSTS LUNCHEON

Several Society members were recipients of BKSTS fellowships, presented at the BKSTS Fellows Lunch on November 29, 1993.

Fellowships are awarded to "any corporate member of the BKSTS who by his or her research or invention has advanced the application of cinematography, television, or their allied disciplines, or who has made an outstanding contribution by service, leadership, or example." This honor was given to Past-President Blaine Baker; Robert Allen, Walt Disney World Co.; Jeff Meadows, Quantel; and Marcel Vrancken, Agfa Gavaert.

Engineering Vice-President Kenneth Davies, CBC, and Mark Krivocheev were accorded Honorary Fellowships, a distinction granted to non-members of the BKSTS in recognition for their accomplishments and outstanding achievements in the application of cinematography, television, or their allied disciplines.

Petro Vlahos has been awarded the Gordon E. Sawyer Award by the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, according to Academy President Arthur Hiller. The award, an Oscar statuette, was established in 1980 and recognizes a lifetime of achievement by an individual "whose technological contributions have brought credit to the industry." Vlahos is the eleventh person to receive this honor, presented at the Academy's Scientific and Technical Awards ceremonies on February 26, 1994.

Vlahos has served the motion picture industry as a design engineer, field engineer, systems engineer and as the chief scientist for the Association of Motion Picture and Television Producers. He holds over 35 U.S. and foreign patents, the most notable of which concern the Color



Difference Traveling Matte System and the Sodium Traveling Matte System. Vlahos was awarded an Oscar in 1964 for his development of traveling matte systems and was presented a Medal of Commendation in 1992 for his outstanding service and dedication in upholding the high standards of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. He was also the recipient of an Emmy award in 1978 for his electronic compositing system used throughout the industry.

David Johnsrud, Unilux, has also been honored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences with a Technical Achievement Award. The award was given for the development of the Unilux H3000 Strobe Lighting System, which is used to achieve the special effect of making rapidly-moving objects appear crystal clear. Johnsrud served as project manager for the H3000's power supply and helped design special circuitry that alerts studio personnel to possible lighting system problems. He has served as project engineer at Unilux since 1985.

Obituaries

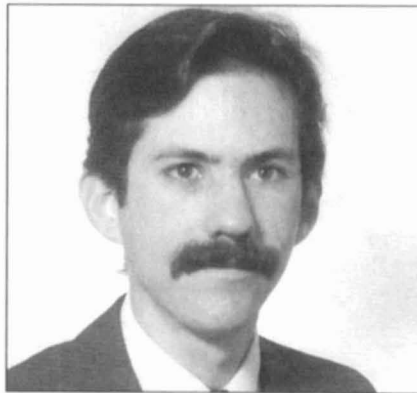
Stephen C. Chamberlain

Stephen C. Chamberlain died on January 18, 1994, after a long illness. He was 43.

Born in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1950, Chamberlain received a BA in English from St. Anselms College, and an MFA and a Ph.D. in film from Columbia University. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

From 1982 to the time of his death, Chamberlain was employed as manager of corporate communications at Arriflex Corp. His previous positions included sales and marketing representative at Du Art Film Laboratories and as archivist at the Astoria Motion Picture and Television Studio in Queens, N.Y.

Chamberlain joined SMPTE in 1975 while still a master's student at Columbia. He held a number of posts in the Society, including New York Section Chairman, and Section Manager, Chairman of the Archival and Historical Papers Committee, and Topic Chairman for Film and Video Production papers for the 1982 Technical Conference. He also served as an Administrative Assistant and Historical Papers Chairman for a number of technical conferences.



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A resident of Piermont, N.Y., Chamberlain is survived by his wife, Peg; his sister, Dorothy Bangs; and his brother, Francis Chamberlain.

Clyde R. Keith passed away on February 15, 1994, at the age of 94. A 1922 CalTech graduate, Keith retired from AT&T in 1961. Following his retirement, he worked in audio engineering for the Presbyterian Board of National Missions and Recording for the Blind, both located

in New York City. Keith became a Life Fellow in 1966.

W. Russell McCown, president of Kinematic Arts, Inc., has died suddenly at the age of 65. An SMPTE member since 1946, McCown served as the Nashville Section's first Chairman and participated in the TV Lighting Committee.

Oscar Wick, Oscar F. Wick and Associates, has passed away at the age of 79. He worked at NBC from 1942 to his retirement in 1981, serving in such positions as engineer, film supervisor, and manager of television recording. He had been a member of the Society since 1949.

Anthony J. Benedetti died January 15, 1994, at the age of 78. A member of the Society since 1975, Benedetti had been a principal technician at Stanford Linear Accelerator for 24 years.

George E. Clews passed away at the age of 76. He spent many years working for the Canadian government in the Province of Ontario. Clews joined the Society in 1957 and was awarded Life Membership in 1982.