



Message from the Chair

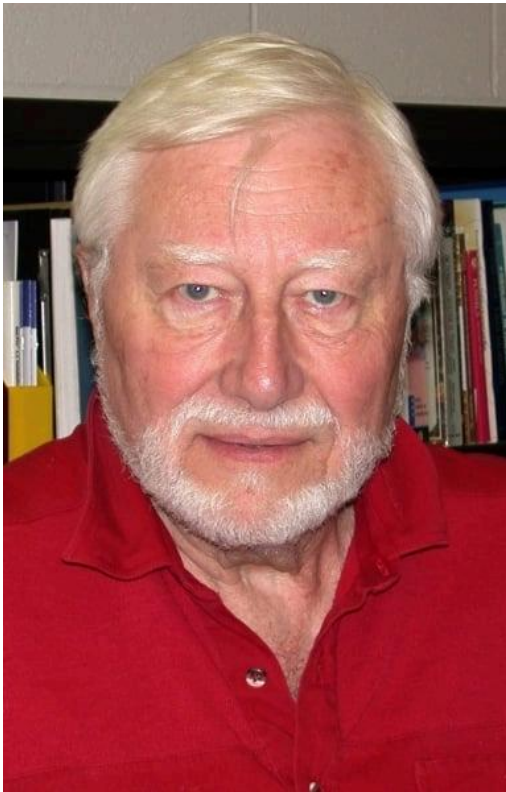
Dear Alumni,

Greetings again from Oakland, or in this case, from my house in Gibsonia—what a strange year! The abrupt shut-down due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March had our faculty scrambling to figure out on extremely short notice how to continue our mission of research and teaching in an online only environment.



Josef Werne

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In Memory of Emeritus Professor William A. Cassidy

Emeritus Professor William A. Cassidy of the Department of Geology and Environmental Science (formerly the Department of Geology and Planetary Science) at the University of Pittsburgh passed away of a heart attack on March 22, 2020. Bill is best known for creating the ANSMET (Antarctic Search for Meteorites) program in 1976, serving as its PI for nearly 20 years. The ANSMET program has recovered more than 22,000 samples since its start, and Bill's efforts helped to triple the world's inventory of meteorites.

Because of those efforts, the Cassidy Glacier in Antarctica was named for him as well as the mineral Cassidyite and the asteroid 3382 Cassidy. In 1979, Bill was awarded the Antarctica Service Medal. His efforts in Antarctica were documented in his memoir "Meteorites, Ice, and Antarctica: A Personal Account" published by Cambridge University Press in 2003.

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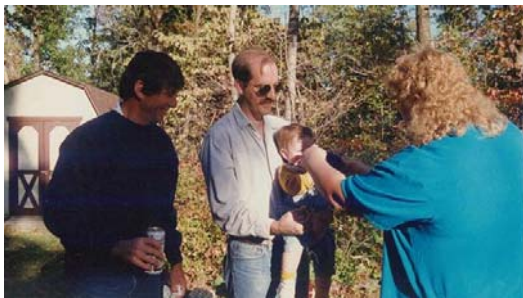
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