

# Ron Stouffer at GFDL

38 years, 147 papers,  
8 supercomputers

(and more than 3,200 strokes  
in the GFDL Open)





**ASC NO. 6.**—Looking over the Advanced Scientific Computer No. 6, which is processing seismic data for GSI, are Hurshell Stinson (seated) and Tony Galindo. The computer began processing data on Jan. 6 and the one-pipe system is located in Austin, where Hurshell is manager of ASC computer services and Tony is in charge of hardware.

## ASC No. 6 used for GSI data

On Jan. 6, another Advanced Scientific Computer began processing seismic data for GSI in Austin, providing additional capacity for processing information gathered at remote sites. ASC No. 6 sends and receives information from terminals located in Dallas, Houston, Midland, New Orleans and Croydon, England.

ASC No. 6 is a one-pipe system, identical to No. 5, for seismic processing, which also is being used in Austin. A third ASC, No. 1A, is being used in Austin for research and development.

ASC No. 7 is being developed for use by the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Two previous ASC's are in use by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for weather research at Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory in Princeton, N.J. and by the U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Defense Agency for defense research at Huntsville, Ala.

Another ASC is located in TI's Services Group facility in Amstelveen, Holland and it is processing seismic data.

DallaSite January, 1975

May 21, 1984

## The History of the Advanced Scientific Computer

Harvey G. Cragon

Return now to the GFDL ASC. This machine was delivered in April 1974 and passed its acceptance test at GFDL in November 1974. GFDL required a large secondary storage system for the ASC. We investigated several approaches to this requirement and selected an array of video tape recorders which were modified to store digital data. After much difficulty, this system finally passed acceptance tests in 1975 (month?). However, the system would not stand up to round-the-clock operation, and we finally negotiated a reasonable settlement with GFDL. This system represents the only complete hardware failure of the ASC project; all other problems were solved in some way. For example, the answer variability problem at GFDL was solved by redesign of the memory error checking boards and the thin film memory problem was solved by the use of semiconductor memories.

The GFDL ASC was turned off and replaced by an IBM??? in ?? (I need the story of the last days at GFDL).

## Sensitivity of a Global Climate Model to an Increase of $\text{CO}_2$ Concentration in the Atmosphere

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MANABE AND STOUFFER: GLOBAL CLIMATE MODEL OF  $\text{CO}_2$  INCREASE

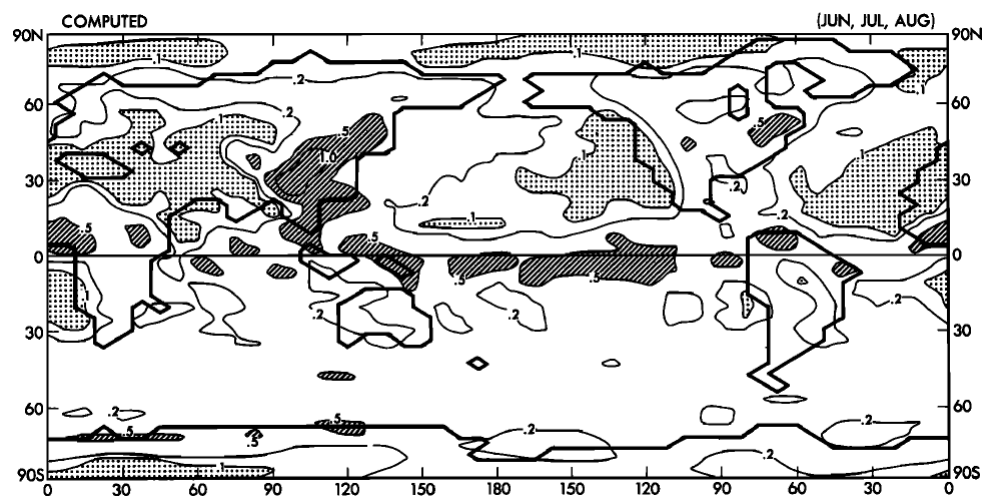
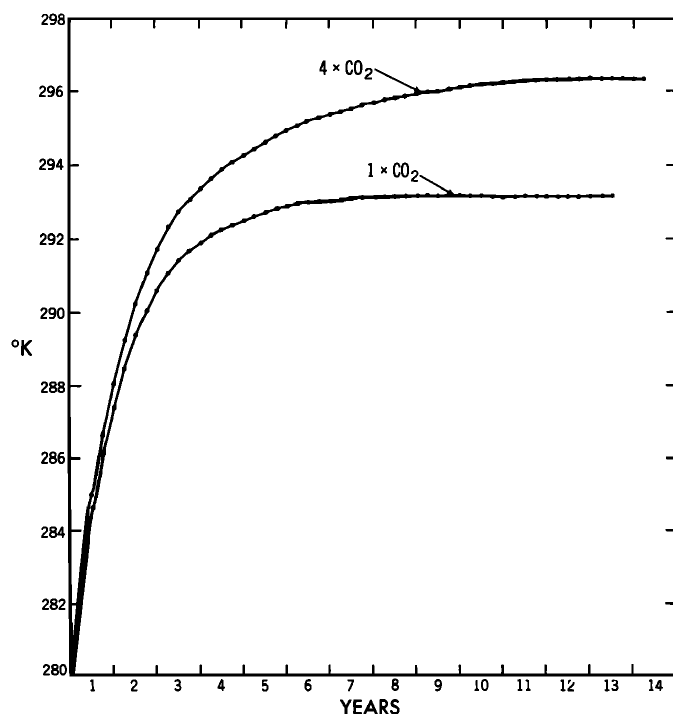


Fig. 6. Time variation of the global mean water temperature of the mixed layer ocean from  $1 \times \text{CO}_2$  and  $4 \times \text{CO}_2$  experiments. A 1-year running mean operator is applied to both curves.



# A VAST MACHINE

COMPUTER MODELS, CLIMATE DATA, AND  
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### Box 7.1 (continued)

#### Supersource

In the late 1970s, Leith Holloway began to re-code the GFDL spectral model to add modularity and user-specifiable options. The resulting model, Supersource, remained in use at GFDL through the 1990s. Supersource physics descend from Manabe et al.'s Zodiac grid model series. Users can specify code components and options. Supersource has often been used as the atmospheric component in coupled atmosphere-ocean GCM studies.<sup>f</sup>

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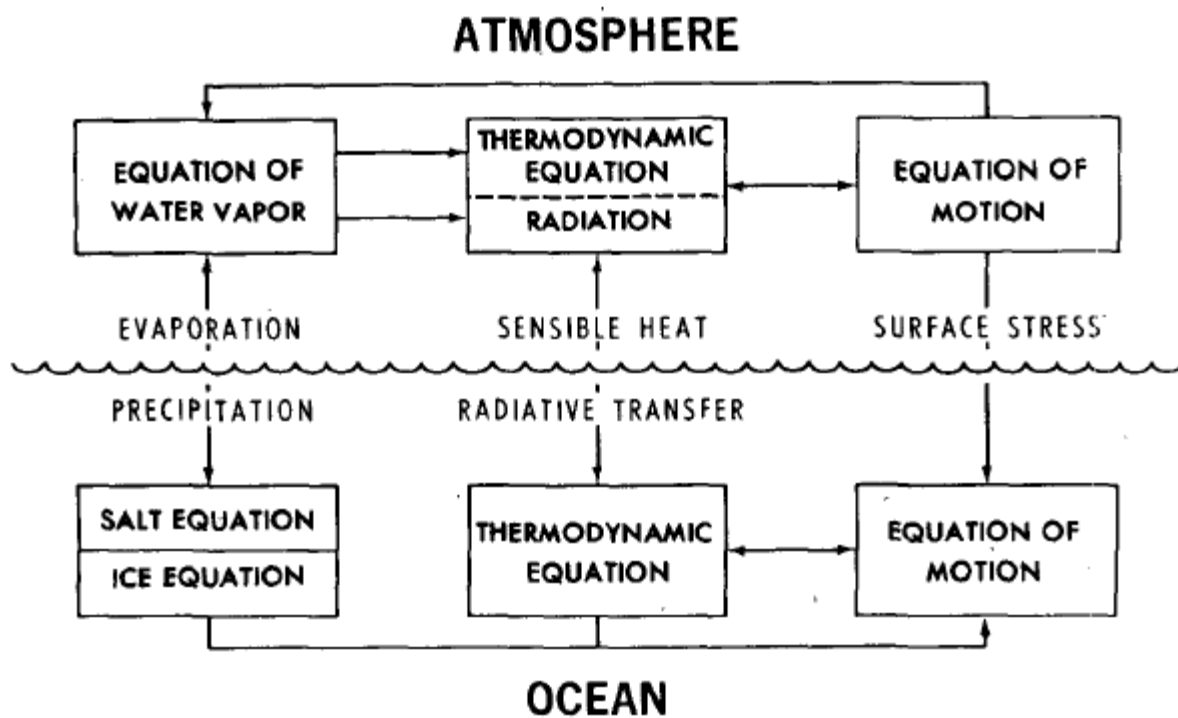


FIG. 1. Box diagram which identifies the major components of the coupled ocean-atmosphere model and their interactions.





“How many numerical modelers does it take to outrun Steve Lyons?”

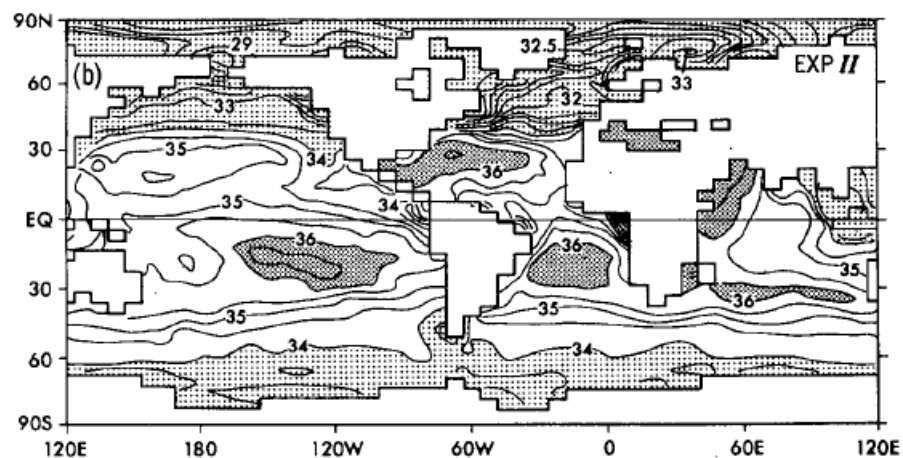
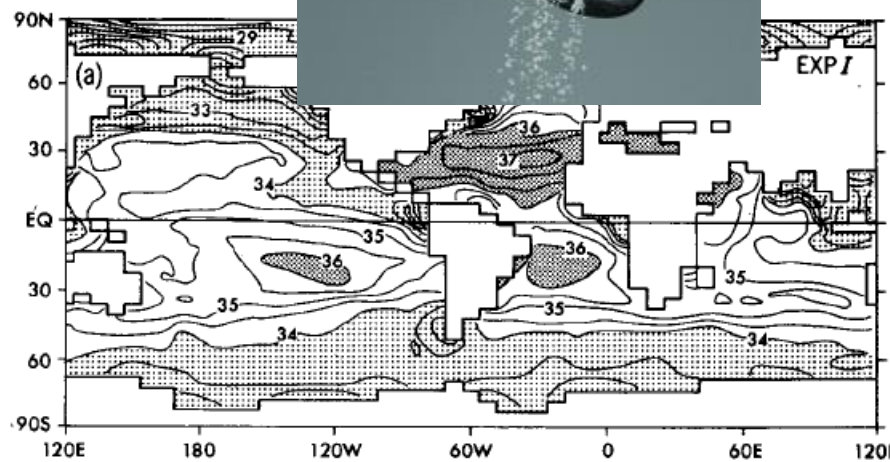


## Two Stable Equilibria of a Coupled Ocean–Atmosphere Model

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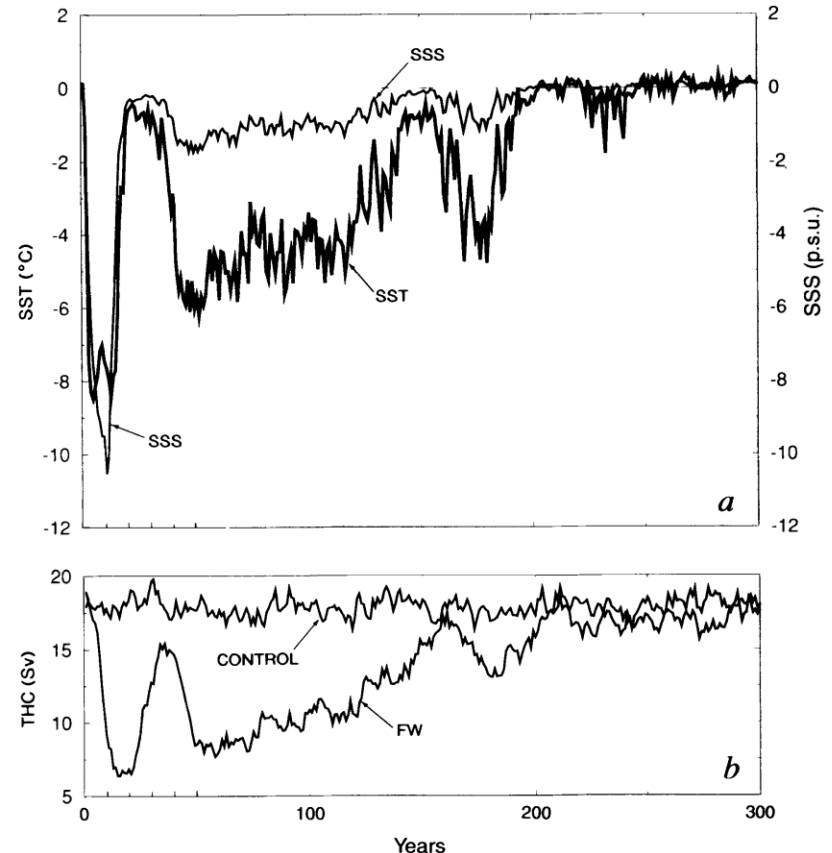
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# Simulation of abrupt climate change induced by freshwater input to the North Atlantic Ocean

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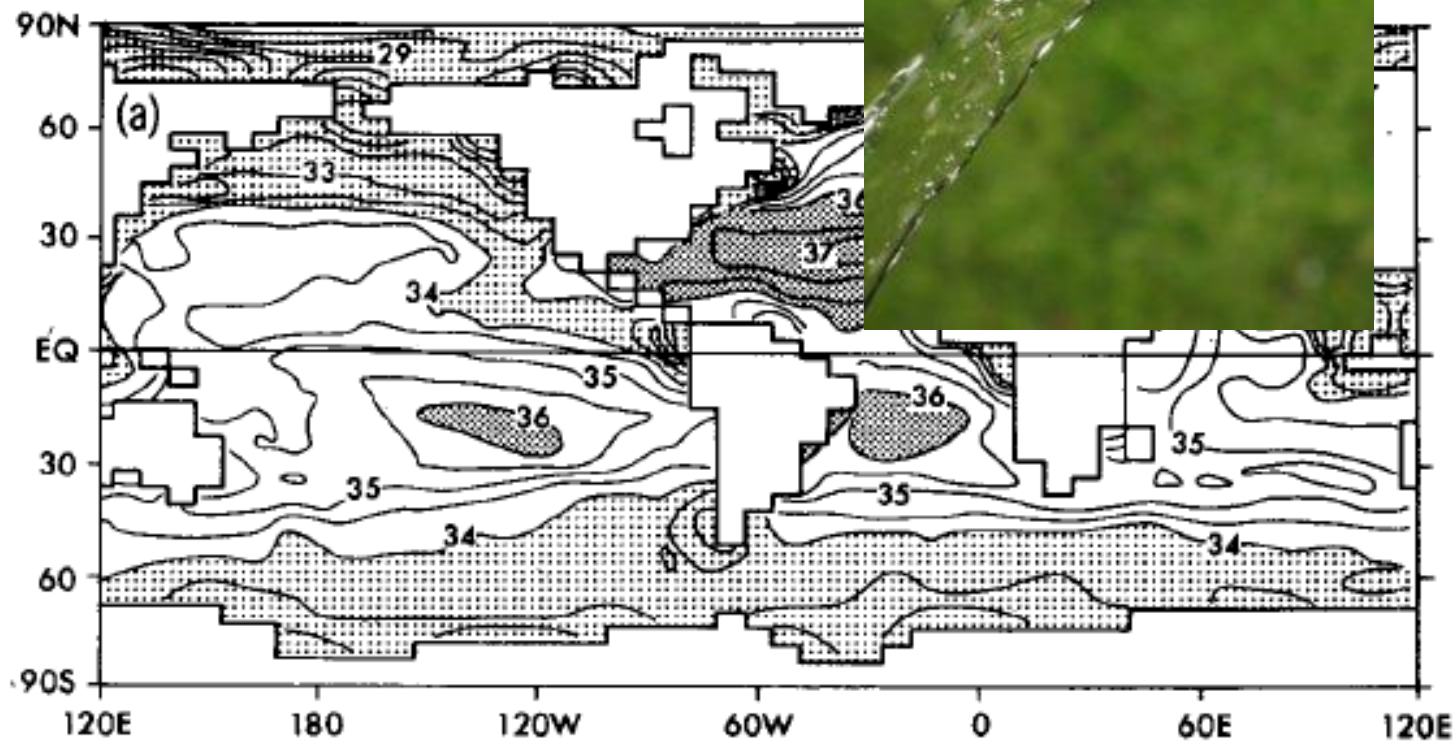
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**TEMPERATURE** records from Greenland ice cores<sup>1,2</sup> suggest that large and abrupt changes of North Atlantic climate occurred frequently during both glacial and postglacial periods; one example is the Younger Dryas cold event. Broecker<sup>3</sup> speculated that these changes result from rapid changes in the thermohaline circulation



**FIG. 1** *a*, Time series of the deviations of sea surface temperature (SST) and sea surface salinity (SSS; p.s.u., practical salinity units) from their initial values (that is, 7 °C and 35 p.s.u., respectively) at a grid point in the Denmark Strait (60.75° N, 37.50° W) obtained from the FW experiment. *b*, Temporal variations of the rate of THC in the North Atlantic obtained from the control and FW integrations. Here, the rate of THC is defined as the maximum value of the stream function of meridional circulation in the North Atlantic (Fig. 4).





- “Three sets of simulations are analyzed, with each set including a control run and a **freshwater hosing** run.”
- “In a transient **water-hosing** experiment, where suppressing the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (MOC) causes a reduction in northward ocean heat transport...”
- “**Freshwater hosing** experiments with a comprehensive coupled climate model...”
- “...similar to the responses in previous **water-hosing** experiments with an input of freshwater in the subpolar North Atlantic.”
- “The global response to a shutdown of the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC) is investigated by conducting a **water-hosing** experiment...”
- “Simulations are performed for preindustrial conditions using **hosing** levels consistent with present-day observations of  $3000 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ...”
- “...two 5-member ensemble runs with a coupled climate model (CCM), the difference being that in one ensemble a **hosing** experiment was performed.”





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## Letter

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# The impact of Greenland melt on local sea levels: a partially coupled analysis of dynamic and static equilibrium effects in idealized water-hosing experiments

## A letter

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DATE : October 20, 1976  
TO : J. Leith Holloway, Jr., Bruce Ross and Lou Umscheid  
FROM : J. Smagorinsky *JS* 10/20/76  
SUBJECT: GFDL Computer Users Advisory Board

I have reviewed your proposed charter for a Computer Users Advisory Board. Since I strongly believe the computer facility exists solely to serve the research needs of GFDL, I endorse your recommendation with the following qualification.

You state in your proposed charter that "(operations and systems personnel and non-users are specifically excluded)" from the board. While operations and systems personnel need not be members of the board, they must have an opportunity to react or respond to user suggestions before those suggestions are submitted to me by the board. If you believe this to be unworkable, then please see me, directly, and explain why you believe it to be unworkable.

Clearly, after discussion with the operations and system personnel and Mr. Frazier, you wish to recommend a change in practice or policy to me, then I want you to do so. I expect problems to be resolved at the lowest practical level and do not want the board to escalate all user problems to me.

Within that framework, I believe the Computer Users Advisory Board can serve a useful purpose.

I wish to make the following appointments to the board:

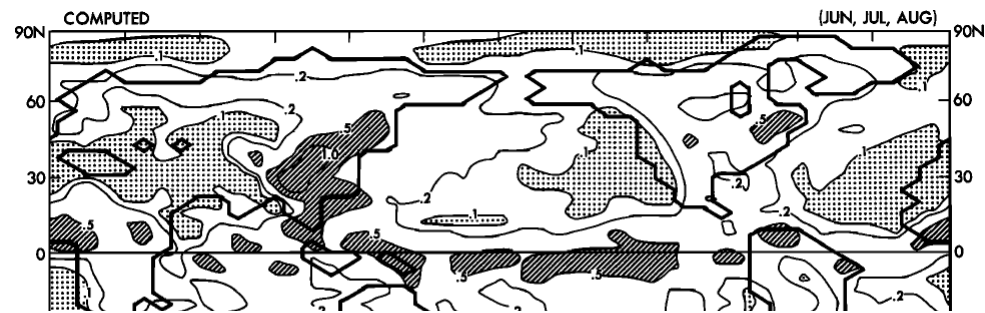
Lou Umscheid	- 1 year term (present to 12/31/79)
J. Leith Holloway	- 2 year term (present to 12/31/79)
Bruce Ross	- 3 year term (present to 12/31/80)

Ron served three terms on CUAB:

1983-85

1992-94

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## Response of the ITCZ to Northern Hemisphere cooling

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[1] Climate simulations, using models with different levels of complexity, indicate that the north-south position of the intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ) responds to changes in interhemispheric temperature contrast. Paleoclimate data on a variety of timescales suggest a similar behavior, with southward displacements of the ITCZ and associated changes in tropical atmospheric circulation during cold periods in the Northern Hemisphere. To identify a mechanism by which ITCZ displacements can be forced from the extratropics, we use a climate model with idealized geography and a simple slab ocean. We cool the northern extratropics and warm the southern extratropics to represent

models, when one of the authors (RJS) noticed a dependence of the latitude of the intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ) on the interhemispheric temperature contrast. The southward bias of the tropical rainfall maximum in one simulation [Manabe and Stouffer, 1980] results from an austral warm bias caused by the underestimation of cloud cover in the southern extratropics. The ITCZ was displaced toward the warmer hemisphere, in a manner consistent with its observed seasonal migration between its northernmost latitude in boreal summer and its southernmost latitude in boreal winter.

## **GFDL's ESM2 Global Coupled Climate–Carbon Earth System Models. Part I: Physical Formulation and Baseline Simulation Characteristics**

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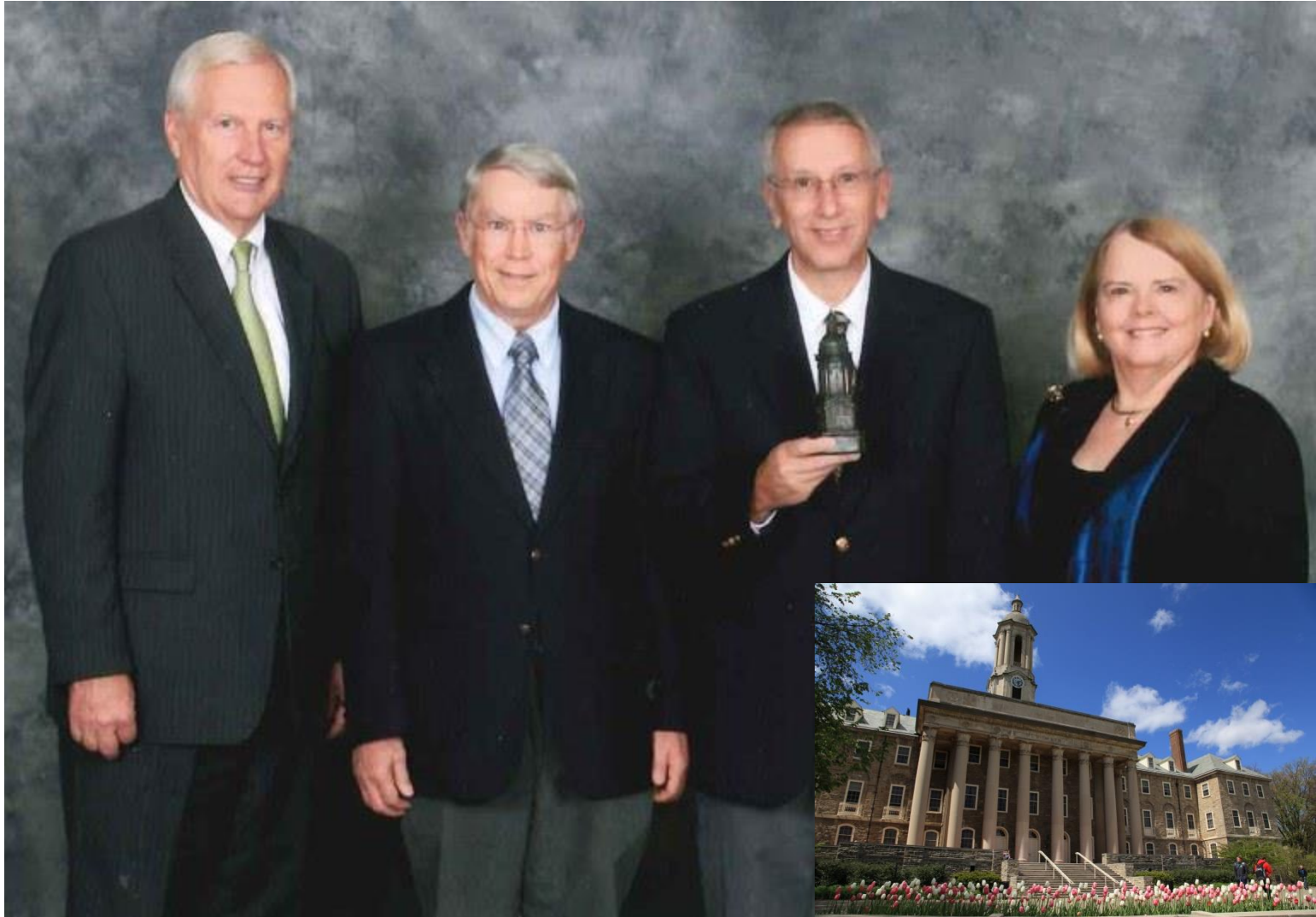
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