In Memoriam

James F. Fales, 1941–2008

In addition, Fales was the driving force behind the University’s Automatic Identification and Data Collection Technical Institute.

Considered the first professor in the world to teach a university class devoted to automatic identification, Fales was named the department’s Loehr Professor in 1993 and received the Russ Teaching Award in 2006.

He also was an AIDC-100 member, acknowledging those who have most significantly contributed to the growth and advancement of the AIDC industry. The organization recognized him as “the pioneer university educator on the subject of AIDC and its use for improvement of productivity.” He is the only educator to have received the AIDC-100’s Percival Award (1998), presented annually to an individual or organization and recognizing outstanding contributions in the application of automatic identification and data capture technologies.

Fales earned doctoral and master’s degrees in education from Texas A&M and a bachelor of education degree from the University of Miami.

Memorial contributions may be made to the James F. Fales Scholarship fund. Checks should be payable to The Ohio University Foundation, with the memo line reading “James F. Fales Scholarship,” and mailed to the foundation, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701.