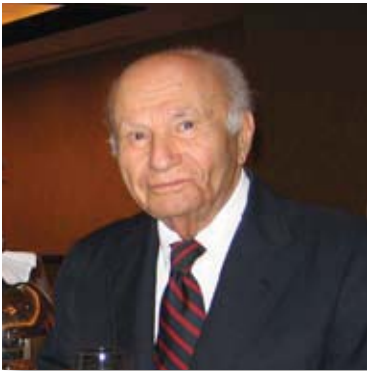


Respected Leader in the Geosciences... Proud Alumnus Who Remains Involved

Sidney Kaufman '30, PhD '34 knows first-hand the power of geophysical study to reveal the nature and resources of the earth. Dr. Kaufman also knows first-hand the power of outstanding faculty members to push the limits of knowledge about Earth as well as to inspire young people to pursue careers in geosciences. To assure that Cornell University's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences continues far into the future to be a leader in geophysical research and to educate the geoscience leaders of tomorrow, he has generously endowed the Sidney Kaufman Professorship of Geophysics.



Dr. Kaufman's convictions are rooted in personal experience. A graduate of Cornell's physics department, Sid was a pioneer in the use of seismic reflection methods for oil exploration. During a lengthy career with Shell Oil, his impact stretched from pushing the technological frontier in field operations, to guiding the corporation's entire geophysical program in support of exploration and development of oil fields. His technological innovation was demonstrated through his work to organize and carry out history's first off-shore

seismic survey, designed to follow trends detected in onshore Louisiana into the shallow water of the Gulf of Mexico. After his retirement as a vice president of Shell, Sid's talents for recognizing novel approaches to gathering subsurface data and for managing intricate and complex projects involving large numbers of participants remained vital in his second career. In 1973, Sid Kaufman and Professor Emeritus Jack Oliver co-founded the COCORP project, which transformed the hydrocarbon industry's seismic reflection method into a tool for studying the deep parts of the continents. Sid remained a professor at Cornell University until the late 1980's, at which time he retired - again.

The title "Sidney Kaufman Professor of Geophysics" will be held by a highly deserving senior faculty member in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, whose area of research and expertise is in geophysics. All Cornell's named Chairs are reserved for truly outstanding individuals. The endowment gift enables the department to reallocate funds that in past years would have paid the salary of the distinguished full professor, to the employment of a talented and innovative young faculty member.

Gifts like this illustrate to the Cornell community that the study of the earth's interior, its resources, its surface environment, its oceans, and its atmosphere are highly valued by society.

EAS faculty continue to seek Sid Kaufman's opinions about program activities. Most recently, Chair Terry Jordan visited with Sid at his home in Houston. He talked about activities that include participation in an online discussion group that often debates climate change.

This professorship has become another way for Kaufman to show his unwavering support of Cornell's program. In recent years he has helped students through the Sidney Kaufman Travel Fund. Students who wish to participate in the annual US national conferences of the major geophysical and geological societies may receive generous support from the Kaufman Fund for their travel expenses and meeting registration costs.

The EAS community is grateful for Sid's support, which allows us to achieve many of our goals. We applaud his accomplishments, dedication, and sheer generosity.