THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Peter Honeyman, Ph.D., research professor, electrical engineering and computer science in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2020.

Professor Honeyman received his B.G.S. (1975) degree from the University of Michigan and his M.A. (1979), M.S.E. (1979), and Ph.D. (1980) degrees from Princeton University. He joined Bell Labs as a member of the technical staff in computer systems research in 1980, and returned to Princeton University as an assistant professor of computer science in 1983. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate research scientist in 1986, and was promoted to research scientist in 1997, and research professor in 2006.

From 1986-2008, Professor Honeyman held posts at the Center for Information Technology Integration (CITI), including director (1997-2001, 2009-13) and scientific director (2001-2008). CITI was a research and development unit of the University of Michigan with a mission to enhance the university’s information technology environment and a strategy of partnering with external sponsors to fund the efforts. As an experimental computer scientist, Professor Honeyman investigated and built middleware for file systems, security, and mobile computing. He was instrumental in software projects, including Honey DanBer UUCP, PathAlias, MacNFS, Disconnected AFS, WebCard (the first Internet smart card), the Linux-based open source reference implementation of NFSv4, and pNFS extensions for high-end computing. Professor Honeyman served on the USENIX Association Board of Directors from 1996-2004. In 2007, he was awarded the USENIX Lifetime Achievement Award “for his work as a mentor to so many leaders in our field.”

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Peter Honeyman, research professor emeritus, electrical engineering and computer science.

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