In Memoriam -- George O’Connor

A long-time, sporadic, member of ACUBE (going back to AMCBT) died on December 17, 2004. George O’Connor was a Professor of Biology at Rockhurst University for 35 years. He was 64 years old and looking to retire in two years. His on again, off again relationship with ACUBE began in 1969 when he came to Rockhurst, and was interrupted as his family grew in number. He was very devoted to his family and they took precedence over many aspects of his life. He taught Invertebrate Biology, an offshoot of his love of raising tropical fish, as well as a means of working his way through college. He also taught General Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, and in later years added Research Techniques and Evolution to his responsibilities. In the past few years George with John Koelzer of the Mathematics Department at Rockhurst developed a course in Mathematics of Biology. They presented a paper on this course to ACUBE at the last meeting. Since his children moved onto their own careers he was planning to continue and expand his contacts with his ACUBE friends. He was a good friend and colleague, and will be missed by many.

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