

**Agricultural Information Center  
Report on the Flood of January 4, 2001**

On January 4, 2001 at 1 p.m. water that had back up from a sink that had been leaking on the second floor of the Agricultural Science Center came cascading out of the ceiling with no warning. Harold Hale, who was working the information desk was drenched as were the current issues of scientific journals that were checked in. The entire information desk, including the two computers were covered in water and everything on or around the desk was wet. Quick action by the AIC staff and a number of other people enabled us to save the computer equipment and all but two of the current issues of the scientific journals. What was lost was a tremendous amount of staff time at a time that we could least afford to lose it. Below is a list of people who worked to reclaim both the equipment and the journals and the time that they spent.

Alger, Janet	AIC Staff	1.0 hour
Baker, Whitney	Conservation Librarian	1.5 hours*
Burkett-Ragase, Jill	AIC Staff	9.75 hours
Charron, Amelie	AIC Staff	5.5 hours
Dismuke, Heather	Microlab Consultant	3.5 hours
George	PPD	0.5 hours
Greider, Toni	AIC Staff	4.5 hours
Hale, Harold	AIC Staff	2.5 hours
Hornback, Patty	AIC Staff	3.5 hours
Kemp, Tom	Horticulture	1.0 hour
Mairian Hocker	PPD	0.5 hours
Perry, Valerie	AIC Staff	3.5 hours
Rob	PPD	0.5 hours
Ross, Jason	Tracey Farmer Center	1.0 hour
Thayer, David	AIC Staff	15.5 hours

**Total Staff Time**

**54.25 hours**

\* - plus the time to gather supplies and equipment

In addition to the time lost, 2 scientific journals were so heavily damaged that they could not be salvaged. David Thayer secured one of them at no charge and is waiting to hear on the second one. Replacement cost for that journal is estimated at less than \$100. Other supplies used were 8 packages of paper towels.

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