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Dedication of the Paul G. Allen Center for Computer Science & Engineering

October 8 and 9 were momentous days for CSE as we dedicated our extraordinary new home and welcomed visitors. Dollar by dollar and brick by brick, the Allen Center was built through the generous support and dedicated work of so many. Tom Alberg and Jeremy Jaech, campaign co-chairs, helped galvanize private funding. Lead donors Paul G. Allen, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Microsoft Corporation were key to ensuring the doors would open. More than 250 donors (see pages 5-6) affirmed strong community support for CSE's mission and goals. Our thanks to all. Faculty, staff, and students are thrilled with the facility. Education and research are in full swing in our terrific laboratories. The future is exciting. Come visit soon!

David Notkin, Chair

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Allen Center Wins Rave Reviews at Dedication



The doors officially opened on October 9, the visitors streamed in, their eyes widened, and many exclaimed "Wow!" No words of praise meant more, however, than the one from Paul G. Allen — "Stunning!"

Clearly the building design had achieved its goals — a great facility where people can do great work. Allen said it all in responding to a question about his impression of the Center. "I'm proud to have supported this beautiful and unique facility, but what really sets UW's computer science program apart are the people — the faculty and the students. ... at the end of the day it's the excitement, intelligence, and innovation of the men and women in this organization that make it what it is. The faculty here is unparalleled, and the undergrad and graduate students are dedicated and inspiring."



Hank Levy, faculty coordinator of Allen Center design and construction; Paul Allen; David Notkin, CSE chair; and Ed Lazowska, past CSE chair and faculty leader for the Allen Center campaign

Leadership Donor Celebration Dinner

October 8, 2003

A festive dinner to thank leadership donors launched the dedication celebrations. Excitement infused every corridor, meeting room, and laboratory as guests toured this splendid facility they helped to create. The Microsoft Atrium was a spectacular dinner setting, with entertainment provided by a CSE graduate student string quartet.



CSE Campaign Co-chairs Jeremy Jaech and Tom Alberg thank donors.



Gerald Grinstein, president of the UW Board of Regents, congratulates CSE.



In the highlight of the evening, Paul Allen and Bill Gates regale guests with stories of exploits from their high school days when they sneaked into UW computer labs to do programming — and often helped the college students solve tough problems.



No more sneaking in! CSE's Ed Lazowska presents building key cards to Allen and Gates to ensure 24/7 access.



WRF's Ron Howell and Bill Gerberding, former UW president, listen to remarks.



Byron and Sheila Bishop and David and Cathy Volta Habib chat on the Grand Stair.



Wayne Yamamoto, Melissa and Kirk Glerum, Don Hacherl, and Greg Hitchcock



Tony Naughtin, Emer Dooley, and Beth Naughtin



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Allen Center Dedication

October 9, 2003



Senator Maria Cantwell, Paul Allen, UW Interim President Lee Huntsman



UW Regent Sally Jewell served as emcee.



David Notkin, CSE chair, and Ed Lazowska, faculty leader for the campaign, thank Paul Allen after unveiling an honorary dedication plaque for the entrance to the Allen Center.



Denice Denton, dean of the College of Engineering, applauds the CSE team for the success of the Allen Center building campaign.



More than 500 people — CSE donors, alumni, and friends, and UW faculty, students, and staff — filled the Microsoft Atrium for the dedication ceremony. On the podium to deliver remarks were Paul Allen, Senator Maria Cantwell, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, engineering alumna and UW Regent Sally Jewell, Interim President Lee Huntsman, Dean Denice Denton, and CSE's David Notkin and Ed Lazowska. Visitors then toured laboratories, meeting rooms, and offices during the Open House.



Lauren Bricker and Keith Grochow



Students at work in the W.T. Baxter Computer Engineering Laboratory



Visitors watch a student demonstration of soccer-playing robot dogs in the Mobile Robotics Laboratory.

Dedication Luncheon

October 9, 2003



Hank Levy, faculty coordinator of Allen Center design and construction, spoke about the outstanding work done by LMN Architects, M.A. Mortenson Company, and the UW Capital Projects Office.

Dedication Day events began with a luncheon for more than 350 campaign donors and CSE friends. Dean Denton welcomed guests, Hank Levy spoke about what the Allen Center means to the department, and David Notkin and Ed Lazowska thanked Paul Allen and all donors who supported the Allen Center campaign. Allen gave his namesake building an enthusiastic stamp of approval.



Paul Allen acknowledges applause from luncheon guests.



Bob Ritchie, former CSE chair, and his wife, Audrey



Tony Naughtin with John and Kathy Wilcox

"It is a fantastic facility. The Center has exceeded my expectations on so many levels."

Paul G. Allen



Norm Maleng and his wife, Judy, who was among the first group of students to graduate from the computer science program



David Notkin and his proud mother, Isabell



Michelle Kastner, wife of alumnus John Colleran, brought a future CSE student to the luncheon.

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Recognizing the extraordinary commitment of our friends and alumni, whose generosity helped make this building a reality

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Lauren Bricker

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“The Allen Center is already taking CSE to the next level. The projects I saw in the laboratories combine cutting-edge research with a keen eye for eventual application.”

Charles Simonyi

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