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## Tom Strong

(1944-1990)

Tom Strong died in September, after a lengthy battle with lung cancer and a brain tumor.

From its conception through issue 3.3, *Computing Systems* was set by Tom.

Through my three years as Executive Director, I worked closely with Tom: membership renewals, election materials (for the 1984, 1986, 1988, and 1990 elections), manual and tape order forms — even the most trivial printing was treated with a seriousness and care that was lavished on major efforts like the journal.

Tom was an outdoorsman who would periodically appear in my office with a fish; it was he who established the opening day of trout season as a USENIX holiday. For many years, I thought that Tom smoked the worst cigars available; perhaps they acted as a fish lure.

I last took Tom for coffee in May, after his condition had been diagnosed and he was undergoing radiation therapy. He was still able to maintain his jovial and optimistic mien.

The Association (and the UNIX community as a whole) will miss Tom. So will his widow and family to whom I, on behalf of the many thousands who knew Tom's work, offer sincere condolences. Future issues of *login:* and *Computing Systems* will stand as continuing, permanent memorials to Tom's efforts and his dedication.

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