Robert L. Thews, Professor Emeritus of Physics, passed away on Nov. 6 at the age of 73.

Thews began at the University of Arizona as an assistant professor in 1970. He was the associate department head for physics in the late 1980s, when 11 faculty members joined the department within two years.

"I will always remember Bob's leadership and concern for us 'newcomers' during this hectic period," physics department head Sumit Mazumdar said in announcing Thews' passing in an email to physics department employees.

Thews remained as associate head throughout the period that Peter Carruthers was the department head, from 1986 to 1992, and served as interim head for a period beyond that. He retired officially in 1995 but continued with his teaching and research activities until 2009.

Thews was the principal investigator of the Research Experiences for Undergraduates [1], a physics bridge program between the UA and Pima Community College, until 2011.

Over the years, many physics students from PCC were able to successfully transfer to the UA because of their exposure to physics education and research through this program, according to Mazumdar.

A celebration of Thews' life will be held in early December. Contact the physics department [2] to find out details when they become available.

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