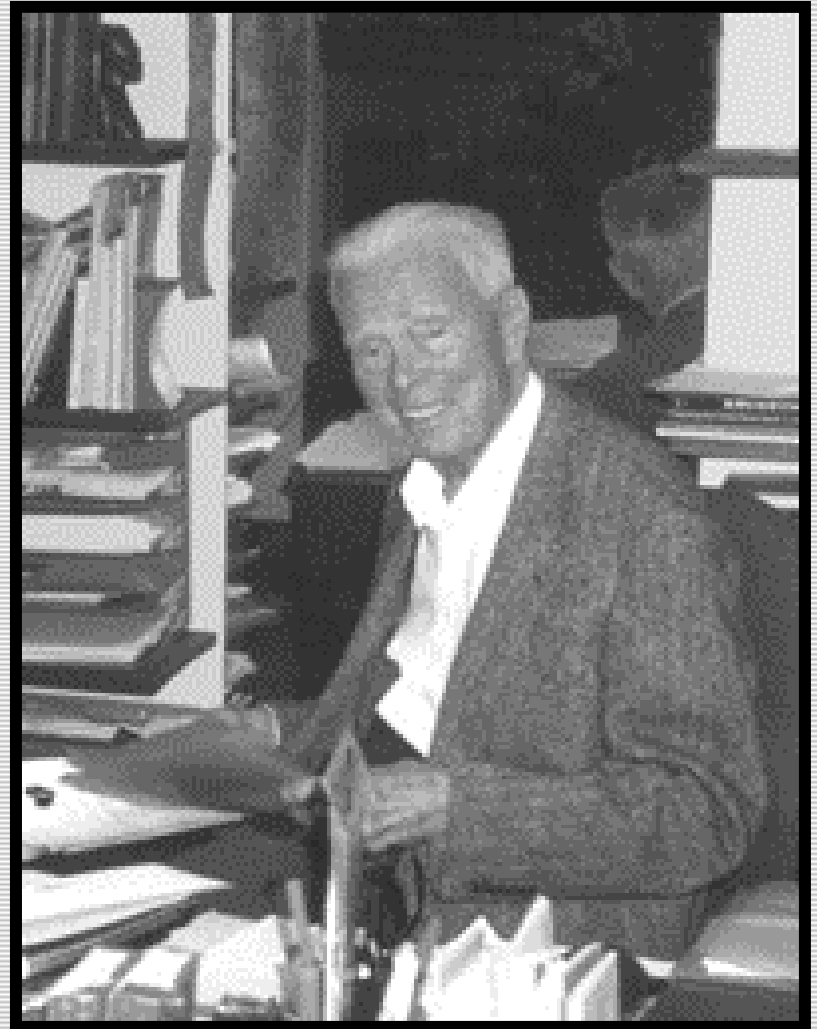


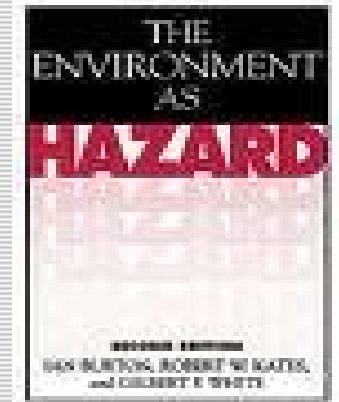
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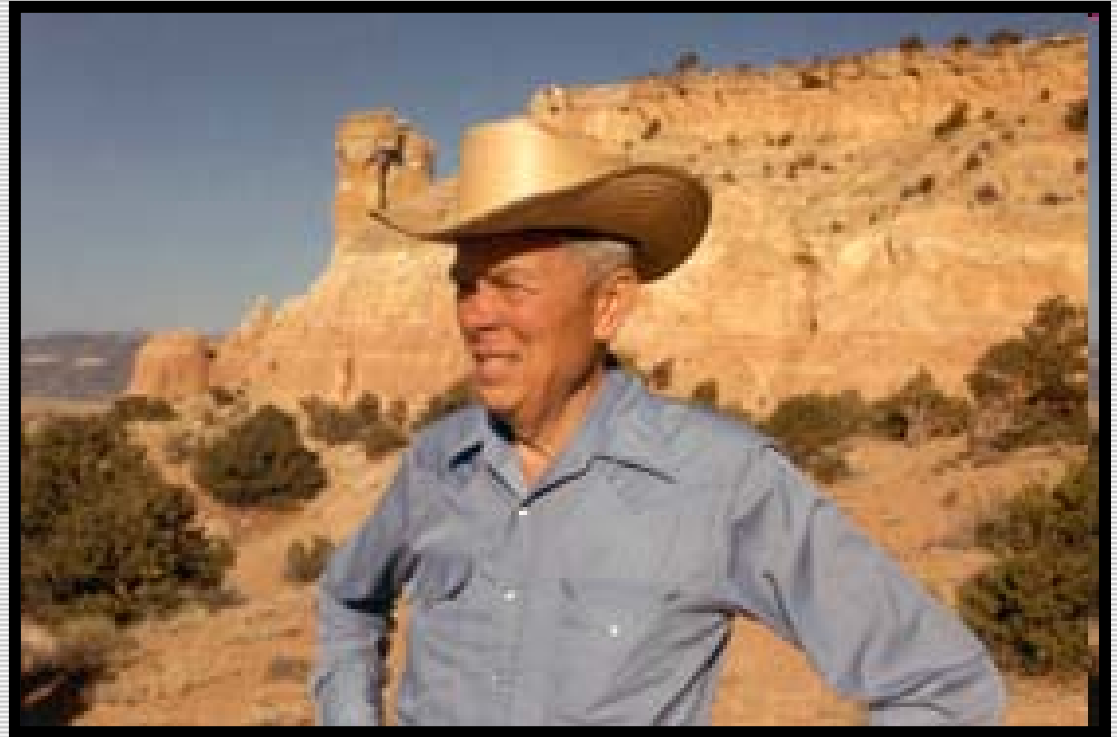
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Gilbert was retired in 1976 but he was still active & starting the Natural Hazards Research & Applications Information Center

ALPHABET SOUP

Going through Gilbert's desk and trash can – Learning about the national, international organizations of geographic research

Gilbert set an example



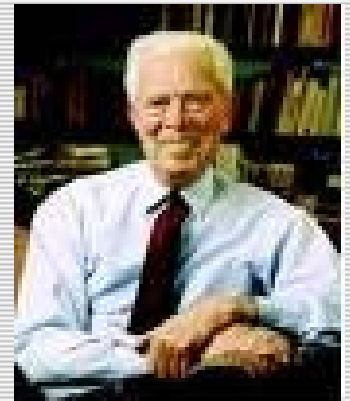
- **Philosophical approach**
 - Always cautiously optimistic
- **Presentation formula**
 - Always positive, less positive, then positive outlook
 - Incredible ability to synthesize complex ideas without jargon

Lessons for graduate students

1. Be your own best advocate

2. Constructive criticism is G R E A T

3. Be opportunistic



Learn from MY MISTAKES

stay out of your
own way

Don't let it take
you 10 years to
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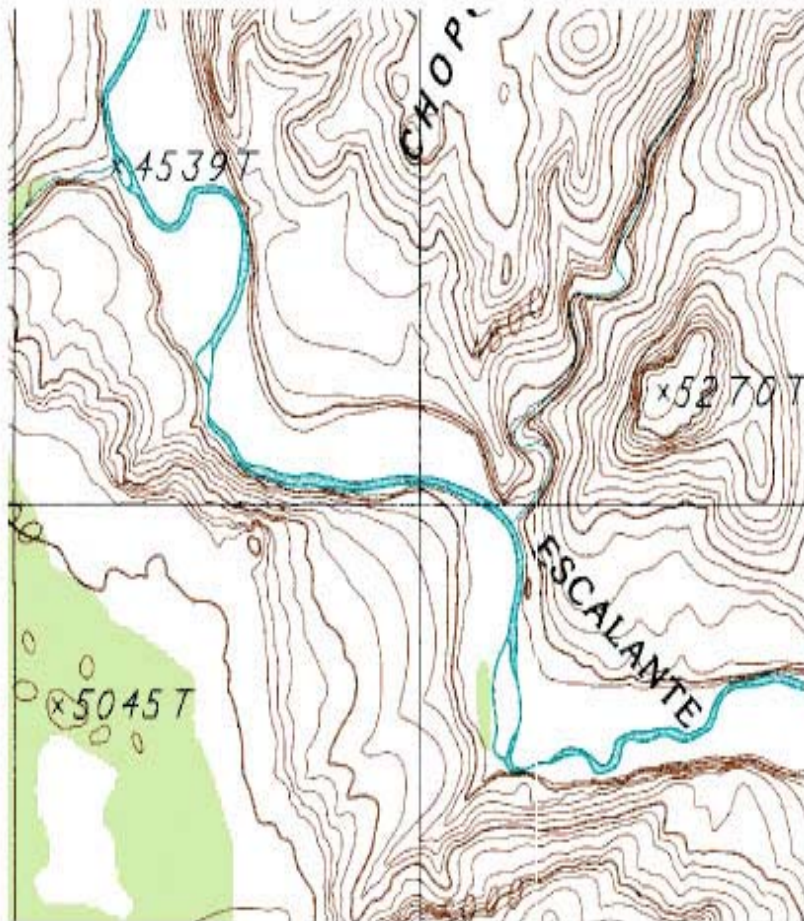
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<http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/bcfn/>

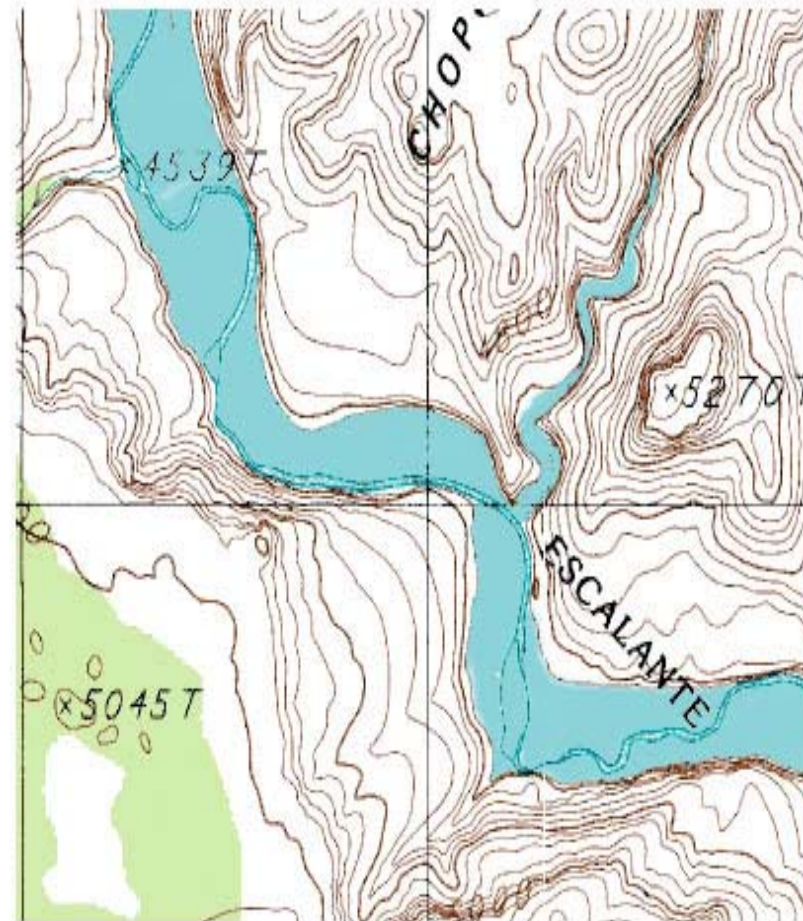


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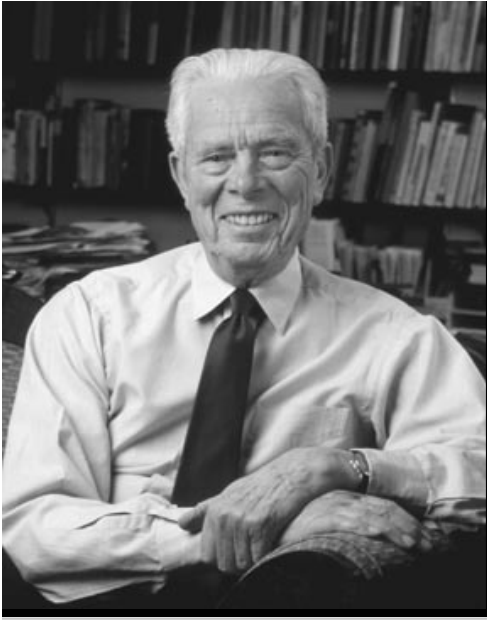


During Peak Flood









2000



**I remember a very kind, gentle man
who had a... way of making you feel
guilty for not doing more to improve life
on this planet.**

-anonymous on new tribute site for GFW