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Project staff with significant contributions are listed in the table on the next page. The proportion of their individual contributions is reflected in a general way by the length of stay and/or by the issue numbers in the Report Series of the Department of Geodetic Science to which the individual contributed most. In a university environment where there are important interactions between the students themselves and the instructional staff, it is generally difficult to separate out individual contributions from the team work. Thus the Report Nos. listed reflect, in most cases, responsibilities in a given area rather than "individual" contributions. Exceptions to this are theoretical studies contained in Report Nos. 114, 147, 150, 177, 185, and 216 where very little input came from persons other than the authors.

Those students receiving financial assistance other than direct fellowships (travel, etc.) have asterisks next to their names. In addition to those listed in the table, fifteen students also carried short-term appointments for various generally nonprofessional responsibilities.

	1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972		1973		1974		1975		1976		Contribution in the Reports of the Department of Geodetic Science			Degrees Earned			
	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	BS	MS	PhD				
<u>Student Assistants or Associates</u>																											
Krakiwsky, E. J.	X	X																			X	X		X			
Blaha, G.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
Reilly, J.P.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X											X	X	
Schwarz, C.R.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																X	X	
Hornbarger, D.H.*	X	X																						X			
Veach, J.P.*	X	X																						X			
Gross, J.*	X	X																						X			
Arur, M.G.							X	X								X	X	X	X					X			
Whiting, M.								X	X															X	X		
Kumar, M.								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	
Soler, T.								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X		
Tsimis, E.								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X		
Joshi, C.S.*											X														X		
McLuskey, D.														X	X	X	X	X							X		
Dermanis, A.															X	X	X	X							X		
Leick, A.																											
van Gelder, B.H.W.																											
Gildengorin, M.																X	X	X	X							X	
<u>Administrative Assistants</u>																											
Miller, J.R.	X	X	X																								
Preston, J.C.	X	X	X																								
Tesfai, I.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																			
Rist, E.							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Mason, A.																X	X	X									
<u>Research Associate</u>																											
Saxena, N.K.						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
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Graduate students on regular fellowships also received full tuition waivers from the University which is acknowledged here. Other University contributions came from the Computer Center, which provided a significant amount of free computer time and from the Department in the form of 6.1% cost sharing of the total research budget.

The achievements of this project are reported in the Reports of the Department of Geodetic Science listed on the following pages and in the 18 Semiannual Status Reports submitted to NASA Headquarters. Scientific papers presented at various national and international meetings sponsored under this grant are also listed.

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- 190 The Ohio State University Geometric and Orbital (Adjustment) Program  
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"Global Satellite Triangulation and Trilateration"

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"Sequential Least Squares Adjustment of Satellite Trilateration"

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and Geodynamics, Athens, Greece, May 14-21, 1973.

"Earth Parameters from Global Satellite Triangulation and Trilateration"  
International Symposium on Earth's Gravitational Field and Secular Variations  
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"Review of Problems Associated with Geodetic Datums"  
International Symposium on Problems related to the Redefinition of North  
American Geodetic Networks, Fredericton, N.B., Canada, May 20-25, 1974.

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International Symposium on Application of Marine Geodesy, Battelle Auditorium,  
Columbus, Ohio, June 3-5, 1974.

"Station Coordinates and Geodetic Datum Positions from the National Geodetic  
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"Review of Classical Methods for the Determination of Geodetic Datums"  
International Colloquium on Reference Coordinate Systems for Earth Dynamics  
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Intercosmos Symposium on Results of Satellite Observations  
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"Applications of Laser Satellite Ranging for Geodesy"

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Santa Maria, California, May 3-4, 1976