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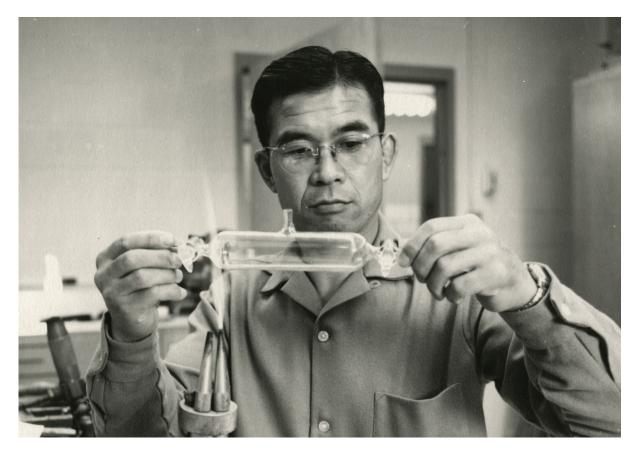
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Master of glass

Mitsugi Ohno was Kansas State University's first full-time scientific glassblower. Ohno created custom glass research apparatus for many departments on campus. He also is known for his glass sculptures and replicas, some of which are permanently displayed at the K-State Student Union. Ohno worked at K-State from 1961 until his retirement in 1996. He died in 1999. In this photo, Ohno is creating a gas sampling tube with a syringe port, which is used for the collection and storage of gas samples. Jim Hodgson now serves as the university's senior scientific glassblower and worked with Ohno before his retirement. The scientific glassblowing shop serves many departments on campus as well as other universities with their research needs for specialty scientific glass devices.

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