

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**PROFESSOR EMERITUS THEODORE ROBERT DEPPE****(September 2, 1921 – July 5, 2013)**

Dr. Theodore (Ted) Robert Deppe, emeritus faculty member and former chairperson of the Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies (formerly Recreation and Park Administration) died in Bloomington, Indiana on Friday July 5, 2013.

Born in Baraboo, Wisconsin Ted said that his primary goal upon graduating from Baraboo High School was to enroll at the University of Wisconsin to become a physical education teacher and coach as well as earn a spot on the Wisconsin basketball team. He made the basketball team and was a member of the 1941 NCAA Championship team. With the outbreak of World War II, he attempted to enlist in the US Army in February 1943, but was turned down due to a basketball injury. He proceeded to another recruitment center and was accepted, and although he had never been in a plane in his life, he became a pilot in the US Army Air Force. In June 1943, while learning to fly a B-24 in Montgomery, Alabama, Second Lieutenant Deppe met Alice Woodbourne Minot, who was visiting her college roommate. They married on September 2, 1943 in Boise, Idaho. Two months later, he was sent to Italy where he flew twenty-seven missions over Germany and Austria.

After the war and completing his B.S. and M.S. degrees in physical education at the University of Wisconsin, Ted took his first professional position as Assistant Superintendent of Recreation in Beloit, Wisconsin. Subsequently, he was invited to become the first Superintendent of Recreation for a newly created department in Superior, Wisconsin; a position he held for the next three years. During this time, he came to know Lebert H. Weir, who with Garrett Eppley was instrumental in creating the department of Recreation and Park Administration at Indiana University. Weir persuaded Ted to quit his job and enroll at Indiana University to pursue a doctorate degree. Upon completion of his Doctor of Recreation Degree in 1953, Ted was asked to join the faculty for a year or two. He spent his next thirty-four years as a faculty member at Indiana University.

Rising through the faculty ranks at Indiana University, Ted was appointed Assistant Professor in 1953; Associate Professor in 1958; and Professor in 1964. In 1966 he became Chairman of the Department of Recreation and Park Administration in the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (now the School of Public Health-Bloomington) at Indiana University. Ted's served twenty-one years as Chairman. He was actively involved in service to numerous professional organizations. He chaired the National Recreation Association's (NRA), National Advisory Committee on Recreation, Training, and Placement of Recreation Personnel. This committee advanced the professionalization of recreation services and providers by establishing standards and guidelines for undergraduate and graduate education in recreation, establishing a code of ethics for the profession, and advocating for registration and certification of professionals in the field. Ted was elected President of the Society of Park and Recreation Educators (1967) and served as a member of National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Board of Trustees (1968-1971).

As Chair of the Department and Chairman of over 50 doctoral committees, Ted became aware of the need for an outlet for students and faculty to publish their research results. He met with several members of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and asked whether the association might sponsor a research journal. With positive feedback from those present, he asked Professor Joe Bannon, from the University of Illinois, to join as co-editor and the *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration* was created. The purpose of the journal was to bridge the gaps between research and practice for administrators, educators, consultants, and researchers.

Ted's major areas of interest and expertise were in management and administration of public recreation operations with a particular emphasis in budgeting and finance. He was co-author of the text *Recreation in American Life* with fellow Indiana University faculty members Doctors Reynold Carlson and Janet MacLean. First published in 1963, this text was a standard in the field for many years.

Ted was a Founding Fellow of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (1982) and the Academy of Leisure Sciences (1980). He received the Outstanding Service Award (1966), Man of the Year Award (1969), and Distinguished Life Award (1987) from the Indiana Park and Recreation Association, and served as President of this organization in 1969-1970. In 1975 he was recognized for his contributions to higher education by being named a Distinguished Fellow by the Society of Park and Recreation Educators. In 1976 Ted was awarded a Senior Fulbright Scholarship, the first faculty member from the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation to earn such an award. For his lifetime of service and impact to the profession he was recognized in 2010 by the National Advisory Committee of the Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies at Indiana University with the Legend Award.

Upon retiring from Indiana University, Ted continued to serve as President of the Bloomington Parks Foundation, being recognized for this service with the Heart and Hand Award for his lifetime service in 2006. Ted and Alice moved to Meadowood Retirement Community sixteen years after his retirement. There they enjoyed attending IU sporting events and programs presented by the School of Music and the Auditorium Series. True to his background, Ted served as Chairman of the Recreation Committee at Meadowood for nine years. Ted and Alice loved sailing, golfing, summering on Cape Cod, watching IU sports, following the Boston Red Sox, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Ted was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-four years, Alice. He is survived by four children: Joan, of Medford, MA; Theodore and his wife Annie of Renvyle, Ireland; John and his wife Shari Barrett of Evansville, IN; and Doug and his wife Deborah, of Westhaven, CA. He is also survived by seven grandchildren (Caitlin Lewando, Peter Deppe, Michael Deppe, Lauren Broocker, Ross Deppe, Ryne Deppe, and Dayne Deppe) and one great granddaughter (Alanna Deppe).

Please accept this memorial resolution as a permanent part of the minutes of the
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