

Memorial Resolution
Professor Emeritus Conrad Mueller

Professor Emeritus Conrad Mueller died at the age of 87. Connie received his Ph.D. at Columbia University, where he remained on the faculty, becoming a full professor and chair of the department. Connie came to I.U in 1965, where he also served as chair of the department. He retired in 1987.

Connie's research interests were in sensory systems in general and the visual system in particular. He co-authored one of the most influential books in visual sciences, *Vision and Visual Perception*. He also wrote *Light and Vision* and *Sensory Psychology*. The latter book was a general work on sensory systems and was translated into five languages.

As a prominent visual scientist, Connie was asked to and served on a number of national organizations such as the Advisory Committee on Biological and Medical Sciences of the National Science Foundation, a Presidential Task Force on Education under President Lyndon Johnson, and the Executive Committee for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Similarly he served as a consulting editor for many of the major journals in psychology, including the *Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology*, *Psychological Review*, the *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, and *Annual Review of Psychology*.

Connie was instrumental in the education of numerous graduate students. He felt that working with graduate students was one of the most rewarding aspects of academic life. He served on the dissertation committees of over 60 students at I.U. He is remembered as one of the most perceptive, but gentle, reviewers. He had the ability to get to the heart of an issue and ask questions such that one's view shifted, sometimes of an entire line of research. Students fortunate enough to have Connie on their committees always came away with a much deeper understanding of their own work.

Connie served a similar role with his colleagues. Many of his colleagues sought his help in trying to clarify what seemed to be particularly difficult issues. Connie might begin by suggesting that there might be a different way to view the issue, often an unconventional but rewarding way. With his wide-ranging interests, Connie played a major role in the sensory reading group in the department, a sometimes formal, sometimes informal group of faculty members and graduate students. A core paper might be used to start the discussion with the majority of the group analyzing the relevance of the paper along more or less conventional lines. It was up to Connie to offer a different view of the paper and the line of research such that the discussion often went on a new and more interesting path.

Connie's analyses and advice were never offered in a confrontational manner but in the spirit of trying to reach a common understanding. Indeed, many of us came away from talking with Connie thinking that we had personally achieved a breakthrough. It was later that we might come to realize how that breakthrough had actually come about.

Connie will be remembered not only for his scientific contributions and the contributions that he made to others work, but also for his kind and good humored ways.

Connie is survived by his wife, Roberta (Daley) Mueller, and two sons, Stephen Scott Mueller and Richard A. Mueller, Richards' wife, Christina Dougherty, one brother, John F. Mueller, and five grandchildren.

This resolution of admiration and appreciation will be presented to the Bloomington Faculty Council and become part of the minutes of that body. Copies of the resolution will be sent to Roberta Mueller, who will send them to her sons.

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