MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS ARTHUR A. KRUEGER

Arthur ("Art") A. Krueger, emeritus professor of physical education, died on May 2, 2001, at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife Paula, a son Jeff, a daughter Amy, and grandson Kelson.

Art was born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 17, 1919, and he attended Burley Elementary School and Lane Tech High School in Chicago. Following World War II, Art enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison receiving the B.S. degree with honors in physical education in 1949 and the M.S. degree in 1951.

During World War II, Art first served as an enlisted man with the rank of corporal and sergeant. After his transfer to the U.S. Air Force, Art qualified as a single and multi-engine pilot, and was later commissioned a 2nd lieutenant and promoted to 1st lieutenant. As a B-17 pilot, 1st Lieutenant Krueger flew 26 missions with the 2nd Bomb Group 9th Air Force in Italy, 14 missions with the 390th Bomb Group 8th Air Force in England, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, seven Army Air Medals, and three Bronze Battle Stars. While Art was most reticent in discussing bombing flights from Africa, Italy, and England, he admitted that his one Adriatic Sea “ditched” plane trip was “just one too many.”

Art was a natural athlete and a gifted teacher by nature. During the summers of 1947 through 1965, he served as a waterfront director at Camp Chickawah, Maine. From 1946 to 1950, Art was an assistant instructor in the Department of Physical Education-Men. During the school year of 1951-1952, he served as a physical education teacher and coach at J.P. Jacobs High School in Stevens Point. In 1952, Art was appointed instructor in the Department of Physical Education-Men at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was promoted to assistant professor with tenure in 1965. In addition to teaching ten sections per week, he was also the diving coach and assistant swimming coach from 1953-1964.

During a period of thirty-three years as a faculty member, Art was a devoted and an exemplary teacher dedicated to the welfare and development of students enrolled in the required and elective physical education programs. His dedicated leadership involving course and program development promoted the program’s theme of “fitness for living and sports for leisure.” In all, he was responsible for teaching nine different aquatic and sport activities. Art was not just a “talker” but also a “doer” in the sense that he practiced what he preached with respect to regular physical activity. He was not only an excellent role model for our students, but he enhanced the desire to learn, the love for knowledge, the joy of vigorous physical activity, and care of one’s body” through participation in a variety of physical activities. Art was held in high esteem by his colleagues, and he was regarded as a “master” teacher in the program’s bowling, golf, handball, and conditioning courses.

Professor Krueger, with the support of colleagues and The Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation, played a significant role in starting the Wisconsin State Special Olympics Swimming Meets. As an official in the Special Olympics for five years, Art served with dignity and excellence as a starter, judge, and recorder of events involving all ages of youngsters and adults in the Special Olympics.

Professor Krueger retired in June of 1985, and he was granted emeritus status on July 21, 1986.

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