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**IN MEMORIAM  
WALTER T. ROLFE**

Walter T. Rolfe, retired professor of architecture, died on June 10, 1967. He was 66.

Professor Rolfe was born on August 22, 1900, in Granada, Kansas. He received a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in 1922 and a master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1923. He received a professional degree in architecture from Kansas State University in 1936.

He taught at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and at North Dakota State University, where he served as chairman of the Department of Architecture. Professor Rolfe joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1928. He served as chairman of architecture from 1935 until 1946. Professor Rolfe was a consultant for the home economics and architecture buildings on the campus. He served as the architect and manager for the Texas exhibit at the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition in 1933.

Professor Rolfe was a designer and consultant for architectural projects in Kansas, Massachusetts, Alabama, Illinois, North Dakota, Washington, and Texas. He was also national chairman of the Committee on Education of the American Institute of Architects and vice president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. In 1946 he resigned from the University to pursue private practice with the firm of Goleman and Rolfe in Houston, Texas.

In 1965 Professor Rolfe received the Order of the Sun award from the government of Peru for his contributions to architecture education and practice in that country.

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