In Memoriam

Betty Ann Thompson

Professor Betty Ann Thompson was born April 17, 1928 in Escanaba, Michigan. After receiving the degrees Bachelor of Science (The University of Wisconsin, 1949) and Master of Arts (The Ohio State University, 1953) she came to The University of Texas at Austin in 1954 as a Teaching Fellow and served The University for the remainder of her career.

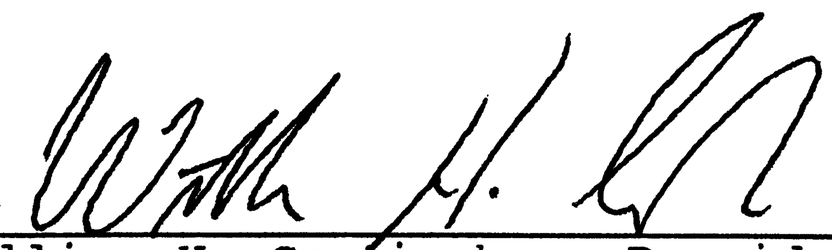
From 1954 until 1956 she was an Instructor in the Department of Physical Instruction for Women, now combined into the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education. She served as Assistant Professor, 1957-1960, Associate Professor, 1960-1970, and as Professor from 1970 until retirement in 1988.

Professor Thompson directed the program of required physical training for women in 1968 and the same year was appointed Director of Women's Intramurals. In 1972 she became the first Director of Recreational Sports for both women and men at a major university, the position she held until her retirement.

Betty served The University of Texas at Austin and many generations of its students through her commitment to the values of sports and the necessity for physical fitness. She was instrumental in bringing to reality the new recreational

sports facility to be opened in 1990. It will stand as a symbol of her commitment, vision and perseverance.

Her death on February 22, 1989 diminishes us all.



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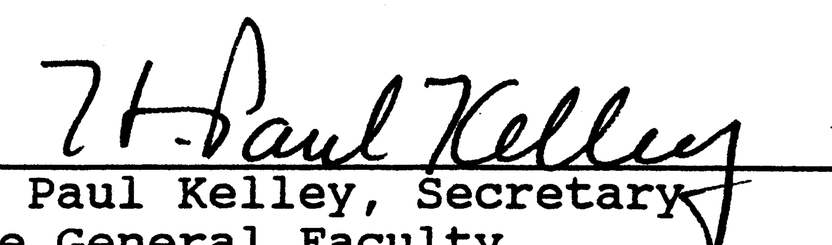

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