

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

ON THE DEATH OF ASSISTANT DEAN AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS ROY W. HALLER

Professor Emeritus Roy W. Haller was born in Kenosha on December 19, 1932 and died on Washington Island, Wisconsin, on April 21, 2010. He is survived by his wife Mary of Washington Island, his son Jon of Verona, and his daughter Elise Balough of Spokane, Washington. Roy was predeceased by his parents and his son Jeff. He received his BS in poultry science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1955 and earned an MS degree in 1960, also from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. While earning his BS degree, Roy worked as an undergraduate hourly for the poultry science department and upon graduation was hired as an instructor in the department, working with Professor Milt Sunde in teaching the introductory poultry science class, as well as working with various aspects of the department's research birds, both on campus and at the Arlington research station. During this time Roy Haller also served his country in the army reserves from 1956-1964.

In addition to the campus teaching responsibility, Haller served as the superintendent for research activities at the Arlington chicken and turkey farms and the Rieder farm. During these early years Roy lived in one of the Arlington farmhouses so as to be near his work. In 1964 poultry chair Herbert Bird recommended that Roy Haller be appointed assistant professor. As a result Roy continued to teach, advise students, and supervise the civil servant employees at the campus Poultry Research Lab, as well as the outlying poultry research employees. Roy Haller continued to work as a primary teaching professor until 1972 when he was asked by Associate Dean George Sledge to serve as an assistant dean in the office of Resident Instruction for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. One of the primary reasons for Roy being selected for this position was his outstanding record of teaching and advising undergraduate students for the poultry science department.

Roy served as an assistant dean in the Resident Instruction office (later called Undergraduate Programs and Services) from the fall of 1972 until his retirement in July 1989. Assistant Dean Haller had primary responsibility for transfer students and UW Centers relations (now UW Colleges). Roy visited most center campuses twice a year during this time period, worked diligently to improve transfer credit policies and credit evaluations, and to develop key relationships with center campus advisors and counselors.

Assistant Dean Haller was one of two assistant deans in the office that regularly visited with students about academic issues or problems. Roy's schedule typically had seven to ten student appointments on the days he was in the office. His knowledge of the campus and his genuine interest in students made him a popular campus advisor. Roy was recognized by the campus Student Personnel Association in 1986 with an achievement award for his work with students.

Roy served on numerous campus and college committees, including the curriculum, instructional improvement, scholarships and loans, scholastic policies and actions, minority/disadvantaged students, internship, and university calendar committees.

Roy Haller was a terrific representative of the university and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences as he staffed exhibits at agricultural shows and events, high school career days, State Fair, alumni events, and of course UW Centers campus events. Roy had a great memory for current and former students and therefore was one of the most popular faculty attending alumni events for the college.

Roy Haller encouraged so many young students to pursue their dreams and careers that it is impossible to measure the impact he had on student lives. He worked in the college during a time of great enrollment increases, a time when the percentage of women increased from 10% to over 40% and undergraduate enrollment grew from 1,100 students in 1972 to over 2,000 in 1989. Roy Haller gave his heart and soul to advising undergraduate students in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Upon retirement in 1989, Roy spent 21 years on Washington Island with his wife Mary. He was a beloved island volunteer in many ways and a longtime member of the local Lions club. Roy Haller will be long remembered by the many students that he helped achieve their degrees and because he made this university a better place.

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