Memorial Resolution
Thomas M. Magoon

Be it resolved that on February 11, 2005, the faculty and staff of the College of Education at the University of Maryland honor the life and professional career and acknowledge the death of Dr. Thomas M. Magoon, Professor Emeritus, and Director Emeritus of the Counseling Center.

Dr. Magoon was born July 14, 1922, in Lancaster, N. H. After serving in the Pacific during World War II with the Army’s specialized training program in personnel psychology, he returned to Dartmouth College where he earned his B.A. in education and psychology in 1947. He taught at Colgate before continuing his education at the University of Minnesota, completing his M.A. degree in 1951 and his Ph.D. in 1954. Both the M.A. and the Ph.D. were in Psychology and Educational Psychology.

Tom came to the University of Maryland in 1955 as assistant professor of psychology and in a joint appointment in 1956 as assistant director of the Counseling Center. He was named director in 1960. It was in 1965 that he joined the College of Education as professor. He continued his role as professor of psychology and director of the Counseling Center. He retired in 1988 after 33 years at the University of Maryland.

Under his leadership and working with his colleagues, Tom established the University Counseling Center as a model student mental health facility and as a center that served as an aspirational goal of counseling centers across the United States. He was one of the original members of the college’s Counseling and Personnel Services (CAPS) department and was a key contributor to the Counseling Psychology and Student Personnel programs. He established the framework for the close alliance with student personnel practitioners who continue to play crucial roles in the program. He is best remembered for the impact he made on students, both undergraduate and graduate. He served as a role model and advocate, he challenged the status quo, or he served as a non-judgmental listener in solving a personnel or professional dilemma.

Tom also provided national professional leadership. He was instrumental in the establishment of the International Association of Counseling Services, an accrediting group, the first psychologist certification law in Maryland and the National Counseling Center Data Bank.

He was a Fellow in the American Psychological Association and was the recipient of many awards, including the Chancellor’s Award and the Maryland Psychological Association outstanding psychologist’s award. He was honored with Outstanding Lifetime Achievement awards from the American College Student Personnel Association and the Association of University Counseling Center Directors.

Thomas M. Magoon passed away on January 1, 2005. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Constance Froas Magoon of Silver Spring; five children, Daniel J. Magoon of Bethesda, John B. Magoon of Laurel, Steven T. Magoon of Wakefield, MA, Peter G. Magoon and Kenzie M. Raulin, both of Silver Spring, a sister Jean Frances Hubbard of Lancaster, N. H.; six grandchildren; and a great grand son.

The College of Education extends its condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.