

Larry Dennis Cannon (10/3/1933—2/10/2009)

IPFW lost one of its finest teachers, and an exemplary chairperson, when L. Dennis Cannon died in Parrish, Florida on February 10, 2009, after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Dr. Cannon earned his BA in psychology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1955. He then attended Purdue University, Lafayette, receiving his PhD in Psychology in 1959. From 1959 until 1967, he was a Senior Research Scientist at HUMRRO (the Human Resources Research Office) at George Washington University, Alexandria, Virginia.

Dennis came to IPFW in “the early years,” beginning his stay here on September 6, 1967. He was admired by his colleagues and revered by his students, even though he taught some of our most difficult classes. Every semester, he made a point of knowing all of his students by name by the end of the second week of classes. In July 1986, Dr. Cannon was promoted to Associate Professor, and began his tenure as Chair of the Department of Psychology, a position he held until his retirement, in June 1995. We remember Dr. Cannon for his leadership, kindness, sense of justice and sense of humor, and his dedication to IPFW.