

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

CARL E. BICKLEY
PROFESSOR

September 19, 1924 - December 18, 1985

On December 18, 1985, IPFW lost a long-time friend and a colorful individual when Carl E. Bickley died unexpectedly of complications from surgery performed two days earlier. At the time of his death, Carl was serving the university in the capacity of director of development and assistant to the chancellor for athletics, a position held since 1982 when the former DGTS programs were integrated with various academic units on campus.

A former registrar and director of admissions at the University of Evansville, Carl had served as assistant director of the Purdue University Extension Center in Fort Wayne from 1960-62, after which he was a vocational-technical consultant for the superintendent of the Fort Wayne Community Schools until 1966, when he was appointed assistant dean and director of the newly created Division of General and Technical Studies, a pilot program begun by Indiana University and housed in the former Indiana University Extension Center building at 1120 South Barr Street. Under Carl's leadership, the Fort Wayne program flourished and at one time enrolled more than 1,200 students in a variety of associate-degree technical programs.

When the DGTS programs were merged with the campus in 1982, Carl was selected by the administration to head the drive for a million-dollar library endowment. Carl, who was quite active in our community, worked closely with his campus constituents as well as community leaders; and by the end of 1982, the Helmke Library Endowment was fully subscribed. This team effort was a meaningful accomplishment for our campus and was a source of great satisfaction to Carl.

Carl was a unique person, and his absence will be noticed by many friends and acquaintances both on and off campus. A gregarious person always ready with a smile or a joke, Carl was nevertheless quite serious where matters concerning the welfare of the university were involved. He was a great motivator and possessed an unusual talent for mustering people behind worthwhile causes. He took great pride in each of his undertakings whether it was contract bridge, golf, beagling, trapshooting, or any of the other recreational activities he so greatly enjoyed. A person of boundless energy, he was a great competitor; and perhaps his greatest pleasure in life was playing the mock role of the naive "country boy" while he exerted every effort to skin his opponents. Good to his family, loyal to his friends, and dedicated to his work, Carl left an indelible impression on all those who met him; and his passing will leave a void in many lives. His advice to his survivors, be they family, constituents, or friends, would be one of his favorites frequently uttered in trying times--"Keep chopping wood."