

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Noel P. Dusendschon

1927-1991

Members of the Fine Arts Department, and indeed the entire University, lost a dear friend and valued colleague as the 1990-91 school year ended. Noel P. Dusendschon, Associate Professor, died Thursday, May 9, 1991 following a lengthy illness.

Noel, a native of Indianapolis, was born June 13, 1927. In 1945 he graduated from Broad Ripple High School, seventh in a class of 346. He quickly joined the fight to end World War II. Noel served in the Navy until August of 1946 and later from 1950-52 in Korea. After six months of world travel, Noel returned home to take advantage of the G.I. Bill. He attended Indiana University for three years and then moved on to major in painting at John Herron Art Institute. In 1955, Noel graduated from Herron with a B.F.A. degree and won a graduate assistantship at the University of Illinois in Urbana. There he studied painting and design and received his M.F.A. in 1957.

In that same year Noel joined the faculty of the Fort Wayne Art Institute and moved his young family to Fort Wayne. Noel came to IPFW when the Fort Wayne Art Institute's School of Fine Arts merged with the Fort Wayne campus in 1976. During his long teaching career, Noel shared with students his broad expertise in the areas of painting, design, print making, drawing, water color, perspective, illustration, figure drawing, movie making, animation and art history.

Noel always challenged students to think creatively and helped them to express their thoughts in new and interesting ways. Firmly believing that learning also occurs outside of formal class time, Noel was always ready to discuss ideas and philosophy with students and to help them find new directions for their work. Noel was one of the first artists in the Fort Wayne area to recognize the potential of video as an art medium. He introduced students to the exciting possibilities of video in the Sixties when color video equipment was still experimental.

Noel was a frequent exhibitor in numerous galleries and shows. In his hometown of Indianapolis, the Lyman & Snodgrass Gallery featured his work. In Fort Wayne, Noel's art appeared at the Linker Gallery, Artlink Contemporary Art Space, Canterbury Gallery and Local Color Gallery. His work also was often seen at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, the Allen County Public Library, Saint Francis College, annual Tri Kappa Regional Art Exhibitions and the 59th Annual Indiana Artists Exhibition.

Noel's many professional honors included first place in the Oakland, California, Bay Area Printmakers Show; the Fisk Lander Lithographic Award from John Herron Museum of Art; second place awards from the National Small Sculpture and Drawing Exhibition at Ball

State and from Tri Kappa Regional Exhibitions; and five Theodore Thieme Incentive Awards in the years with the Fort Wayne Art Institute.

Reflecting his broad artistic interests, some of Noel's honors were in less traditional genres. He achieved film-making awards in Fort Wayne and Ann Arbor competitions in the early Seventies and he was also published as illustrator of *Serendipity*, a children's book by Judith Speicer.

Like his colleagues, Professor Dusendschon had looked forward with excitement to moving to the new Fine Arts Building. However, his dream of a new studio remained a dream. As the Fine Arts Department settles into its new quarters, Noel Dusendschon is truly missed by his colleagues and students. But he will be remembered always with great fondness and sincere respect by the hundreds of art students he inspired and guided during his long tenure here.