Late professor McMinn’s bequest to help professorships at College of Science

Before his passing, Associate Professor Emeritus Trevor James McMinn made a nearly $1.3 million bequest in his estate to benefit the University of Nevada, Reno, where he served in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics for more than 25 years.

Through McMinn’s foresight and generosity, the College of Science is establishing the Trevor J. McMinn Research Professorships in Science. The professorships will support named faculty members in the departments of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and statistics, as well as their faculty research.

“We are deeply grateful to Dr. McMinn for his dedication to the University during his lifetime, as well as his lasting generosity that will benefit future professors at the College of Science,” says College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson.

McMinn was born in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1921, and passed away in Reno, Nov. 4, 2013. He received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley with a specialization in mathematical logic in 1956. McMinn then took a position at the University of Washington for six years before coming to the University of Nevada in 1963. McMinn also worked as a civilian employee of the Navy during the second world war degaussing ships in Florida.

McMinn retired from the University in 1988, but maintained ties with the department as professor emeritus. McMinn loved nature, traveling the world, being with friends, hiking and skiing, and is remembered by his loved ones as someone who was a true gentleman, considerate of everyone and everything, and loved by all who knew him.

—Roseann Keegan

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