

Thomas D. Morris  
1921 - 1984  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID, EMERITUS

B.A., M.Ed., Counseling and Guidance, Gonzaga University, May 27, 1962  
California State University, Fullerton From September 1, 1964 To August 21,  
1984

Birth: March 21, 1921; Death: December 14, 1984

Tom Morris joined the staff of what was then Orange State College in 1964 following his retirement from the U.S. Army the same year.

During his Army career, Tom held several jobs in personnel administration and served as an instructor in the ROTC detachment at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. Tom had graduated cum laude from Gonzaga and earned a Master's of Education degree in counseling and guidance, also from Gonzaga. He had risen to the rank of captain.

In April of 1964 Tom became Financial Aid Officer. He remained the chief financial aid officer of the institution until his retirement in 1984. He advanced through the academic ranks, achieving tenure as an Associate Professor in 1968. His title was changed to Director of Financial Aid in 1970.

During his days here, Tom became well known for his extensive knowledge of the financial aid field. He was a member of the State Scholarship Commission and of the American Personnel & Guidance Association Commission V, a national committee dealing with financial aid problems. He also contributed to the University by teaching classes in personal financial management. When he was originally hired, Associate Dean of Students Ron Bristow wrote to Dean Ernest Becker that it was too bad that the effort to establish a student union was not far enough along so that Tom could be hired to set it up since "this is the type of person that we will be looking for in our union program." Tom was later to use his talent in the student area by designing and furnishing the interim student union which was established in the basement of Miles McCarthy Hall (then the Letters, Arts & Sciences Building) when the area was vacated by the move of the College library to its new building.

Tom was always interested in community affairs and contributed to his community by serving as a member of the Planning Council of the city of Placentia.

Always a person of many interests, Tom obtained a difference in pay leave in 1972 and spent one year living in New Zealand and studying the delivery of student services in that country.

Tom will be missed by his many friends in the financial aid community, by his colleagues on campus and by the hundreds of students whose lives he touched during his 20 years as Chief Financial Aid Officer.

Submitted by  
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