

Memorial Resolution
CLINTON I. CHASE
(14 August 1927 – 12 September 2005)

Clint Chase was born in a small logging town in northern Idaho. His father, Charles I. Chase, came from a pioneering family that in America dates back to 1632. His mother, Agnes J. Eikum Chase, was a first generation American of Norwegian ancestry. When Clint was two years old, his father died, leaving a family of five with considerable obligations and few assets. Clint attended a rural elementary school and then Lewiston High School in Idaho, where he was president of the student body and a letterman in football and track. Upon graduating he enlisted in the Navy, and was stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Station outside Chicago, the naval station in Bremerton, Washington, and aboard ship off the northwest coast of the United States. He was discharged from the Navy in June, 1946, and entered the University of Idaho.

Clint spent his summer vacations during his undergraduate years working in the forests and lumber mills, managing to cover expenses for his studies. He graduated in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He remained at the University of Idaho to complete a master's degree in psychology and educational administration in 1951, and then took a position at Washington State in the Office of Student Personnel as assistant to the dean of students. But Clint had taken a commission in the Air Force during his year of graduate study, and when the Korean War broke out he was called to active duty in 1952. He spent the next three and a half years as a psychologist in the military. He was released from active duty with the rank of captain in 1955.

During his tour of duty in the Air Force Clint encountered what he claimed was his greatest stroke of luck. He met Patricia L. Cronenberger, a fellow member of the Air Force, and in 1959 they were married in Reno, Nevada. They have one son, Steven M. Chase, and two delightful grandsons.

After leaving the Air Force, Clint enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, where he completed a PhD in Educational Psychology in 1958. During his graduate study he worked part time as a school psychologist. Following brief faculty appointments at Idaho State University and Miami University of Ohio, Clint came to Indiana University in 1962, where he was appointed in the Bureau of Evaluative Studies and Testing and in the Department of Educational Psychology. He served as associate director and director of the Bureau for eighteen years. In his first years in the Bureau data analysis was still being done via punched cards, and formatting was done by manually wiring an 80 x 80 board. Clint brought automated electronic test scoring to IU, and he developed the first electronically scored student rating of faculty programs, known as Multi-Op. Clint also served as chair of the Department of Educational Psychology for four years.

Clint taught statistics and psychometrics courses for more than thirty years. He was a respected and popular instructor; in 1979 he received a University distinguished teaching

award. He also taught as a visiting professor at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Washington.

Clint was a productive researcher and writer and did valuable service in his professional association. He was the author of five books (one co-authored) and 124 articles. His writing brought him correspondence from every continent. For eight years he served on the board of the Educational Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association, was an editor for the APA, and holds an APA citation for distinguished service to the profession. He also served as consultant for domestic and foreign education endeavors.

Professional service beyond the university was also a regular activity for Clint. He testified before the Senate Education Committee on several occasions, and also before the House Committee. He was a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee that developed the first ISTEP statewide tests for Indiana public schools. He conducted dozens and dozens of workshops in public schools to help teachers make better examinations and to make better use of examination data. On many research projects sponsored by the State Department of Education he was the Project Director. He also assisted nine medical groups in developing certification examinations for admittance to various specialties.

Clint's wife, Pat, has worked as a remedial reading specialist in the Monroe Country Community Schools, and Clint also worked in the community of Bloomington. During the years that Monroe County supported a children's home he served on the Board of Directors and as chairman of the board during its last year in operation. He also served two terms on the board of the Monroe County Cancer Society. Clint was awarded the rank of Kentucky Colonel for service performed to the state of Kentucky. He was listed in Who's Who in the Midwest and in Who's Who in America.

Clint was a gentle person, well-liked by colleagues and students alike. He was particularly well-known for his wry sense of humor and his fondness for puns. He enjoyed sailing, and he was an amateur painter, winning numerous ribbons at statewide and regional exhibits. In his retirement he continued to pursue research and writing, contributing several papers to professional journals and presenting papers at profession meetings, all the while spending time with oil painting and taking long walks in the woods at the family's cottage on Lake Monroe.

Be it resolved that this memorial resolution be presented to a meeting of the Bloomington Faculty Council, and that a copy be sent to the wife of Clint Chase, Pat.

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With the assistance of the family of Clinton Chase