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Alpha Chi Mourns Loss

Searcy, Ark.— Professor Bobby Deaton made a lasting impression on Texas Wesleyan University students and faculty and also on those in Alpha Chi who knew him over his years as a sponsor, accompanying undergraduate students to regional and national conventions. He started his career at Texas Wesleyan 47 years ago. He died January 13, 2015 in Arlington, Texas.

An outstanding teacher and scholar, Dr. Deaton's contributions to the university and the field of science are numerous. During his tenure at Wesleyan, he conducted research on superconductivity, solid state physics, and more recently, applications of UV spectra to geological and archaeological problems. Deaton was especially loved by his students, was an avid tennis player, and in 2008 was inducted into the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's Hall of Fame. He actively served for many years as the faculty sponsor of the Texas Mu chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society.

Alpha Chi's executive director, Dr. Trisha Yarbrough, reflecting on Dr. Deaton said, "I wish there were a way to convey to people what a great, warm, easy smile he had, how proud he was of his chapter's scrapbooks and the students who compiled them, and how supportive he was of anyone in leadership." Alpha Chi expresses sympathy to his family, colleagues, and students.

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