

DR. EUGENE W. ANDERSON (1932-1997)

Dr. Eugene W. Anderson was Professor and Chair of the Department of Exercise, Sport and Health Studies at The University of Texas at Arlington from 1978-1994. At the time of his death, Dr. Anderson was in the cherished position of a modified service-retired Professor (50% employment) in his 19th year in our Exercise, Sport and Health Studies department. His professional career of over 40 years included service as an assistant vice-president for academic affairs, university department chair, college coach, high school instructor and high school coach.

Eugene W. Anderson received his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education in 1954 and the Master of Science in 1959 from Fort Hays State University in Kansas. He received the Doctorate in Education in Physical Education from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona in 1970.

Dr. Anderson's Sport Performance career began with the Kinsley, Kansas Coyotes where he participated in four years each of football, basketball and track. He continued in the athletic world at Fort Hays State University by participating in football (one year), basketball and track where he finished fourth in the high jump at the NAIA National Meet. After serving two years in the United States Army in Fort Bliss, Texas, Dr. Anderson taught history, health, drivers' education, boys and girls physical education and coached the Wildcats in Hanover, Kansas. He then was a high school instructor of history and coached football, basketball and track for two years in Hays, Kansas. Upon the completion of his Masters' Degree, he was employed at Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan from 1960-64 as an assistant professor of physical education and assistant football coach, head basketball coach and golf coach. He then became an assistant professor of physical education and basketball coach at Chico State College in Chico, California (1964-68). In 1968, Dr. Anderson became Chair of the Physical Education Program and subsequently in 1972, Professor and Chair of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Athletics at Southwest State University in Marshall, Minnesota. In 1977-78, he was the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the same institution.

Dr. Anderson was very prominent in the development of our current Exercise, Sport and Health Studies academic program. During his tenure at UTA, the Health Education and Dance minors were developed. The Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science degree was started for students in the Allied Health Sciences. The physical education-athletic coaching degrees, along with certification for teaching K-12 were shaped and refined. Dr. Anderson's expertise and appreciation for science in sport and performance created the popular Biophysical Principles of Human Movement class (there are currently two lecture and five laboratory sections per semester). His understanding of the acquisition of motor skills dramatically influenced the pedagogy curriculum. His experiences in sport and coaching directly impacted the departmental performance curriculum. Perhaps Dr. Anderson's most intense interest, in addition to curriculum, was in how the curriculum affected facility development. In the 1981-85 academic years, he gave numerous hours to the planning of an educational facility for our ESHS academic unit. The facilities' blueprint included numerous laboratories, classrooms, learning centers, student, faculty and activity areas that would have provided an educational setting that would be comparable to the academic program he helped create. The facilities' plans continue to be a model for our departmental future.



The Department of Exercise, Sport & Health Studies

presents

The 4th Anderson Sport Performance Lecture

With

Dr. Abu Yilla

Assistant Professor

**Department of Exercise, Sport & Health Science
The University of Texas at Arlington**

**“The Evolution of the High
Performance Sport Chair”**

Wednesday, April 29, 1998 – 12:00 Noon

Lone Star Auditorium

Activities Building

THE ANDERSON SPORT PERFORMANCE LECTURE

Overview:

The curriculum of the Department of Kinesiology includes the study and practice of sport. It is clearly understood that sport is a significant element of our culture and that it is conducted in a variety of settings and for a variety of purposes. Therefore, this lecture is established to provide all interested individuals an opportunity to broaden their understanding of this culture phenomenon.

Purposes:

1. This activity is designed to supplement the department's educational mission through presentations and interactions with significant professionals from various areas of the sport culture.
2. This activity is designed to recognize significant professionals from the area who are making contributions to our sport culture and can provide different perspectives relative to sport performance.
3. This activity is designed to develop more interaction with sport enterprise outside the department and the university.

Previous Anderson Sport Performance Lectures:

Fall 1996	Mr. Mark Holtz, B.A., Texas Rangers Major League Baseball Club Television Play by Play Announcer, Arlington, TX, "The Media Perspective in Sport"
Spring 1997	Dr. David Cook, President of Mental Advantage, Inc., Fort Worth, TX, "The Mindset of a Champion"
Fall 1997	Don Kyle, Ph.D. "The Pentathlon at the Ancient Greek Olympics: Performance and Problems"

DR. ABU B. YILLA

Abu Yilla received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Nottingham in University Park, Nottingham, England. He then was employed by the municipality of Broxtowe Borough Council in Nottingham as a trainee for a chartered public finance accountant for a period of three years. He was awarded the Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education from The University Texas at Arlington in 1987. Mr. Yilla then worked at the Dallas Rehabilitation Institute for three years as a Wheelchair Sports Coordinator with responsibilities to develop and supervise a wheelchair sports program that offered both recreational and athletic opportunities for the disabled in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Abu Yilla received the Master of Science in Kinesiology from Texas Woman's University in 1993. He continued in the doctoral program at Texas Woman's University and received the Ph.D. in Kinesiology in 1997. Dr. Yilla is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Exercise, Sport and Health Studies at The University of Texas at Arlington. He lists his responsibilities as "to instruct theory classes and promote and conduct quality research projects in the area of adapted physical activity."

Dr. Yilla is also a member of the Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks basketball team. He is the Executive Secretary with responsibilities to organize the team's tournaments, solicit and service sponsors, and to interact with agencies associated with the team. The Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks were national champions in 1997 and 1998. Additionally, they won the World Club Championship in 1997. Dr. Yilla had been named to various United States All National and Sectional All Tournament Teams.

In addition to basketball, Dr. Yilla competed in Wheelchair Track from 1985-1988. He was the Texas State Games Best Male Athlete in 1985 as well as the 100 meters national champion for Great Britain. He was a member of the 1986 4x100m national champions and a national record setting team. Finally, Dr. Yilla was a member of the USA International Team in the 1988 Paralympics in Seoul, Korea where he was a bronze medal winner.

Dr. Yilla is also an inaugural member and the founding president of the United States Quad Rugby Association. In 1990 he was the first International Coach for the USA in the International Stoke Mandeville Games where the team won the Gold Medal.

Dr. Yilla has been active in the research arena with service and scholarly presentations about wheelchair athletics and adapted physical education activities throughout the country. He has also published numerous articles in Sports 'n Spokes and Palaestra as well as a recently published article in the national refereed journal Adapted Physical Education Quarterly.