

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 3rd Anderson Sport Performance Lecture

With

Dr. Don Kyle

**Associate Professor
Department of History
The University of Texas at Arlington**

**“The Pentathlon at the Ancient
Greek Olympics: Performance and
Problems”**

Wednesday, October 29, 1997 – 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"

DR. DON KYLE

Don Kyle received his Bachelor of Arts in History and Humanities from York University in Toronto, Ontario. He was awarded the Master of Arts in History from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and a Bachelor of Education in History and Physical Education from the University of Toronto. His Ph.D. in History from McMaster University focused on "A Historical Study of Athletics in Ancient Athens to 322 B.C." As a graduate student Dr. Kyle was on archaeological teams in Tunisia and Italy and he conducted research in Greece. Seeking an interesting dissertation topic that he could share with non-experts, he researched the history of ancient Athens from the perspective of sport history, and in 1987 his dissertation was published as a book, *Athletics in Ancient Athens*, and republished in a revised edition in 1993. Teaching jobs led Dr. Kyle from Ontario to Manitoba to Saskatchewan and to The University of Texas at Arlington in 1984, where he is an Associate Professor of History

Dr. Kyle has continued to research aspects of the history of ancient sport, seeking to uncover the reality and the relevance of the ancient sporting experience. He and other scholars are demythologizing the ancient games, dispelling popular myths about amateurism, race, idealism, and moral decline. They are revealing materialism, politicization, brutality, and excessive competitiveness in ancient games. A supporter of the ideals of the Modern Olympics, Dr. Kyle, however, feels that the ancient games must be viewed realistically, not as a pseudo-historical precursor for the modern games.

In addition to *Athletics in Ancient Athens*, Dr. Kyle has co-edited *Essays on Sport History and Sport Mythology*, written book chapters on the Panathenaic Games and on the evolution of athletic prizes, published over 10 journal articles on topics such as sport in Homer, Greek athletic festivals, the historiography of Greek sport, and hunting in ancient Rome. He recently completed a book on *Spectacles of Death in Ancient Rome*, which is being published by Routledge Publishing of London. He has reviewed over 30 books and presented over 30 conference papers. He has sat and presently sits on various editorial boards for sport history, and he has held various offices in the North American Society for Sport History. Known as an effective teacher, he won UTA's campus-wide teaching award in 1990 and was a Liberal Arts nominee for the Academy of Distinguished Teachers at UTA in 1997. He has been interviewed by the local media and acted as a consultant on projects on ancient sport (e.g. a museum exhibition on the Panathenaic Festival; an A&E program "Blood and Honor at the First Olympics").

Dr. Kyle's work is recognized internationally and his research and publications have contributed to the emergence of the study of ancient sport as a sub-discipline within the young but thriving field of sport history. Today Dr. Kyle will talk about the ancient Greek pentathlon competition -- its events, setting, operation and scoring, as a way to introduce us to the study of ancient sport and to the reality, not the illusion, of the ancient Olympics.