

## **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 6th Anderson Sport Performance Lecture**

With

***Dr. Mark A. Thompson***

**Sport Psychologist  
Proprietor of Inner Edge  
Adjunct Professor, University of Kansas**

**“Finding the Good: Psychological  
Skills for Coping in Sport and Life”**

**Friday, March 5, 1999 – 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"
Spring 1998	Abu B. Yilla, Ph.D., UT-Arlington, Exercise, Sport & Health Studies Department. "The Evolution of the High Performance Sport Chair:
Fall 1998	William P. Morgan, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison. "The Role of Hypnosis in Exercise and Sport Science"

## DR. MARK A. THOMPSON

Dr. Mark Thompson is the founder of Inner Edge, a private applied sport psychology consulting firm offering performance enhancement consultation to the sport and exercise communities. He is also currently adjunct Faculty with the University of Kansas, Baker University, and St. Mary College where he teaches graduate courses in sport psychology, sport sociology, research methods, among other graduate and undergraduate courses.

Dr. Thompson received B.S. in Psychology from Kansas State University in 1985 and his M.S. (1988) and Ph.D. (1991) in Education (sport psychology emphasis) from the University of Kansas. Dr. Thompson is a Certified Consultant, AAASP, is a member of the USA Gymnastics National Health Care Referral Network, and is former Chair of the NASPE Sport Psychology Academy. He served as lead editor and author of Case Studies in Applied Sport Psychology: An Educational Approach, published by Kendall/Hunt in 1998. Dr. Thompson's research has addressed mental training programs, aggression in sport, training in applied psychology, and sport participation dynamics. He has over 30 research presentations and numerous invited presentations to his credit in addition to journal manuscripts and abstracts.

Dr. Thompson served as an assistant professor in the Department of Exercise, Sport, and Health Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington from 1990-1997. While at UTA, Dr. Thompson taught applied sport psychology and sport sociology courses and worked closely with a number of the University's athletic teams and coaches. He has consulted with recreational and professional athletes in golf, gymnastics, basketball, baseball, volleyball, swimming, tennis, and track & field. His competition background includes participation in basketball, football, track & field, golf, and baseball. He currently enjoys coaching his children's baseball, basketball, and soccer teams as well as finding time to golf, play basketball, and scare himself to death on roller blades.

The Anderson Sport Performance Lecture has special significance for Dr. Thompson as Dr. Anderson was department chair upon his arrival at UTA, and he served as a valuable mentor, father-figure, and dear friend to Dr. Thompson. Dr. Thompson's presentation on "Finding the Good" will endeavor to honor Dr. Anderson's influence by highlighting the challenge of succeeding and the value of perseverance in sport, academics, and life.