



Harry Hoffee (fourth from left) at the 1976 retirement dinner in honor of then-Professor Richard R. Selleck (seated). Others, noted by the titles they held at the time, are (left to right): Professor of Electrical Engineering Wai-Kai Chen, graduate student Michael French, Professor of Electrical Engineering Gustavus E. Smith, Hoffee, Professor of Electrical Engineering Roger C. Quisenberry, Chairman and Professor of Electrical Engineering G.V.S. Raju, Assistant Chairman and Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering Joseph E. Essman, Professor of Electrical Engineering Harold F. Klock, and Dean and Professor of Chemical Engineering Richard S. Mayer.

Irvin Badger, dean from 1968–69, passed away March 5, 2005, at his home in Marietta, Ohio. A former resident of Nelsonville, Ohio, he retired in 1977. Russ College alumnus and Dean Emeritus Dick Robe, B.S.C.E. '55, M.S.M.E. '62, remembers him fondly—Badger was his professor for a course in statics, dynamics, and strength of materials in the early 1950s. “He not only taught some of the basic courses in mechanics to all engineering students, but he was truly a ‘master teacher’—and a friend to all students,” Robe said. “Many generations of engineering students benefited not only from his effectiveness as a teacher, but from his caring services as assistant dean and then later as acting dean of the College.”

Harry L. Hoffee, M.S.'51, of The Plains, Ohio, passed away June 20, 2005, resulting from a major stroke he suffered in January 2004. A former Russ College faculty member, he also served as chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering and assistant dean of the College. He received professor emeritus status in 1979. Mike Braasch, currently Thomas Professor in the School

of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, took DC circuit analysis from Hoffee in fall 1985. “He was a fantastic instructor who knew his material extremely well and genuinely cared about the students,” Braasch said.

Hoffee also taught Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering Joseph Essman, who said Hoffee was very easy going and worked well with all around him. “Harry Hoffee was one of the finest professors that I had as an undergraduate student. He later became my colleague and very good friend. He was a great mentor while my career was developing,” Essman said.

Professor Emeritus of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering Robert L. Williams agreed with Essman’s sentiments. “Harry was a good guy. He was a no-nonsense teacher and administrator, practical in a highly theoretical field. He was tough with students but also was liked and respected by them,” Williams said. ☺