

Mulerider Spirit

Southern Arkansas University

Inez Couch



- English Professor for 38 years
- Magnolia A&M College, 1925-50, Southern State College, 1951-63
- B.A., University of Arkansas; M.A., Emory University

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A generally serious demeanor occasionally receded when she would teach Shakespeare and delight students with anecdotes about ‘naughty’ behavior of English monarchs and aristocracy.

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She sponsored the creation in 1939 of the school's first academic honor society, the Gamma Omega chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Carl Benson's Tribute to Couch



Carl Benson, class of 1935, later declared that Inez Couch was his best teacher. “Inez never got it into her head that one was a good student. One always had to prove it.”

Dr. Carl Benson



Carl Benson later earned a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois and taught at Auburn University from 1947 to 1974, rising to the rank of Hargis Professor of English. The Benson Lecture at Auburn is named in his honor.