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Southern Arkansas University
Dr. Robert Walz

- History professor for 29 years
- Southern State College, 1958-75; Southern Arkansas University, 1976-87
- A. A., Magnolia A&M College; B.A. Henderson State College; M.A. and Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin
A colorful and eccentric lecturer, Dr. Walz’s classes were filled to capacity by students, despite weekly tests and a comprehensive final. He made a point of learning every student’s name and often stopped students walking across campus to thank them for studying hard.
Dr. Walz traveled for years over southwest Arkansas copying and preserving more than a thousand historic photographs showing the region’s social history. A selection of these photos hangs on the walls of the Reynolds’ Center.
A pre-med major, Parker said she was not looking forward to history. But on the first day in Dr. Walz’s class “he proceeded to capture and maintain my attention on into a second semester that I eagerly registered for. This professor had a knack for relating the”
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“the feelings as well as the facts of particular moments in our country’s past, and in a most unique way. It was almost as though he had been there. His course broadened my horizons . . . [and] there is another trait . . . there was a lot of concern . . . . He continued”
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“to check on the progress of myself and several of my pre-professional peers as the college years passed. It was so satisfying to hear a voice of encouragement and praise, especially when parents were far away.”
Dr. Annette P. Meador

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