

Dr. Bob Stone

Dr. Bob Stone was born and raised in Texas. After graduating 4th out of 87 in his high school class, Dr. Stone attended Louisiana Tech. for his B.S. degree and received his Masters and Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. His Masters training and thesis concerned dairy genetics and his Ph.D. study and research centered on Agriculture Economics. Between his Masters and Ph.D., Bob worked and taught in the TAMU system.

Dr. Stone's attainment of the doctoral degree lead him to Northeast Missouri State University (Truman State University) in Kirksville, Missouri in 1969, where he mentored scores of undergraduate students through agriculture economics and agriculture business classes over the course of his career, retiring in 1988. Dr. Stone was an enthusiastic instructor for micro and macroeconomics, farm management, price analysis and agricultural appraisal. He was affectionately known around Barnett Hall as the "Dean of the 7:30 a.m. Class."

Dr. Stone was heavily involved in the upstart and enrichment of the agriculture student internship program and maintained extensive contacts through the United States with a wide array of agricultural industries. For 8 years he coordinated the FFA regional agriculture contests, served on the Missouri State Articulation Conference which aided students transferring between state universities, coordinated the Animal Health Technician program, was Agriculture Club advisor, and was a valued confidant for the agriculture fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho. Dr. Stone was a proud and active member of the Farm Management and Rural Appraisal Organization and was honored by The Farm and Home Administration in 1989 for his assistance in developing and encouraging students to enter this field of employment. Dr. Stone was selected as the Teacher of the Year for the Practical Arts Division in 1979 and was selected as an honorary member of the national agriculture honor fraternity, Delta Tau Alpha, in 1983.

Dr. Stone is a member of the Kirksville Kiwanis and is an active member of his church. He is also a member of the National Agriculture Economics Association, National Association of Teachers of Agriculture, and is an active member of the Association of Retired Missouri State Employees.

Dr. Stone has four boys, Roger, Reggie, Chris and Brad and he and his beautiful bride, Dorothy, continue to reside in Kirksville.