

## Introduction of Dr. Tom Hohenshil

(This Tribute to Dr. Hohenshil was presented October 8, 2010 on the occasion of Dr. Hohenshil's receipt of the Kent State University College of Health and Human Services Distinguished Alumni Award. Tom was my first doctoral student and retired in 2006 after a very successful professional career.)

I met Tom Hohenshil in the late 1960's, after he had already graduated from Kent State University three times (two Bachelors' degrees in Business and a Master's degree in School Psychology). Tom had decided to pursue a PhD in Counselor Education... a degree he was awarded in 1971. Tom is a true Blue and Gold Golden Flash.

Sue, Tom's wife, is also a KSU graduate with a Masters Degree in School Counseling. My wife Ruth and I became close friends with Sue and Tom soon after we met them. We traveled to conventions together and several times they watched our four kids while we were out of town....the most notable time when Ruth and I went to the May 1970 Kentucky Derby. When we returned on May 3<sup>rd</sup>,

Sue, Tom and the kids were full of stories regarding that infamous weekend.

Tom's academic achievements are exemplary. He retired from Virginia Tech, as an Emeritus Professor in 2006 after a thirty-five year professorial career, all but one year at Virginia Tech. He also taught at several other universities on special assignments. During his career, Tom published one hundred twenty-five articles and book chapters, served as an advisor to forty-five doctoral students, was editor or editorial board member of twelve journals and guest editor of ten special journal issues...a number of those issues on one of Tom's specialties ...counseling the disabled and persons with learning disabilities. Tom has been extremely active leader in professional organizations nationwide. His professional and teaching contributions have been recognized by his receipt of the highest state and national honors, including the Dwight L. Arnold

Outstanding Alumnus Award from Kent State University in 1998.

Tom is a man of courage, honor and principle, and above and beyond his academic and professional achievements, has led a distinguished personal life as demonstrated in his commitment to his forty-four year marriage to Sue, and his family involvement with his daughter Kara, son-in-law Jason, and their two grandsons, Jackson (5) and Nate (2). He is a loyal friend, an outstanding professional person, the consummate family man and ... unquestionably deserving of the Kent State University College of Health and Human Services, Distinguished Alumni Award.