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M E M O R A N D U M

February 1, 1993

TO: Alfred University Faculty and Staff

FROM: President Edward G. Coll, Jr.

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We are all saddened by the death Thursday, Jan. 28, 1993, of Dr. Richard M. Rulon, emeritus professor of chemistry at Alfred University. A resident of Houston, Texas, he was 70. The cause of death has not been determined.

Dr. Rulon graduated with honors from Alfred University in 1943 with a bachelor of science degree in glass technology. He studied organic chemistry at Columbia University and later received his doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. While engaged in graduate study he was a teaching assistant and later a research assistant under contracts with the U.S. Navy and the Atomic Energy Commission.

For a brief period in the 1940s, he taught mathematics and science at Clymer (N.Y.) Central School and also served as instructor in physics at Alfred University. From 1960 to 1962 he was director of research for the Hermetite Corporation of Avon, Massachusetts, where he worked on the development of new products including a series of glass-to-metal seals of unique materials. His career included working as a research engineer for the Radio Corporation of America and the Sylvania Lighting Company.

Dr. Rulon joined the Alfred University faculty in 1962 as an associate professor and he was promoted to full professor eight years later. He resigned in 1984.

Dr. Rulon was married to the former Ellen May Hodges of Ashville, New York, who also graduated from AU, with honors, in 1943, earning a B.A. in mathematics. The couple have four children: Elizabeth, Ellen, Richard and Wallace.

A service will be held on Monday, February 1, at 11:00 a.m. at Klein Funeral Home Chapel in Klein, Texas. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Ellen Rulon, 3811 Ebury Drive, Houston, Texas, 77066.

The Alfred University flag will fly at half-mast and the Carillon bells will be tolled Monday, February 1, in memory of Dr. Rulon.

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