V. Everett Kinsey: A remarkable man

Anyone who is familiar with the vision research literature recognizes Everett Kinsey as an outstanding scientist, but many do not recognize his contributions above and beyond science to vision research. Everett has devoted himself selflessly to the furtherance of vision research, and has recognized, more than most in our field, the need for a wedding of laboratory science and clinical science. His retrolental fibroplasia studies defining the role of oxygen in this disease attests to his remarkable ability to combine fundamental laboratory research equal to any in the world, with clinical research of inestimable importance and impeccable rigor.

Everett not only represents a remarkable insight into the total breadth of laboratory and clinical vision research, but an understanding and devotion to the often disagreeable tasks required to further this research. He played an important role in ophthalmology’s inclusion in the original National Institute of Neurological Diseases, and throughout the years served on its Council as well as Study Sections. He has similarly served the Eye Institute in attempting to steer vision research into areas most essential for its growth, and to protect and foster the finest in both laboratory and clinical research.

Everett was one of the early and important Trustees of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO). His time and efforts were not spared in helping this organization to develop, and as a Trustee during some of its most critical periods, he sought here, too, to foster the finest in all areas of vision research. Everett has been a man of Catholic interests and broad understanding, and worked with ARVO at a time when such interests were extremely important in preventing the vision research community from fragmenting into isolated parochial groups.

It seems only fitting that INVESTIGATIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY pay tribute to one of its previous Editors and one of the truly great men of ophthalmology.

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