

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**  
**MARGARET CATHERINE BARR**  
**(1898 - 1984)**

Margaret C. Barr, Associate Professor Emerita of Physical Education and Education, died in her sleep at a convalescent home in Menlo Park on January 1, 1984. At her request, no funeral services were held. No heirs survive Professor Barr.

Margaret Catherine Barr (née Bogart) was born in Hannibal, Missouri on February 21, 1898. Upon completion of high school, she attended the University of Missouri at Columbia where she earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. Her first teaching assignment was in Philadelphia where she began her active participation in the American Red Cross Water Safety Program. Through this association, she met and married William D. Barr, a Field Representative for the American Red Cross. After Mr. Barr's death in 1930, Marg moved to the West Coast, enrolling in graduate study at the University of Southern California in 1931.

Marg received the Master of Arts degree in Physical Education from the University of Southern California in 1933 and traveled north to Stanford for additional graduate study. Following a year as Resident Assistant at Elm Cottage, Marg received her initial appointment (September, 1934) in the Department of Physical Education for Women as Instructor. Her retirement in 1963 culminated a career dedicated to both the professional world of education and the volunteer world of community service. Barr's personal hobby was devoted to the raising, obedience training, and judging of West Highland terriers. Barr was an American Kennel Club Obedience judge and charter member of the Deep Peninsula Dog Training Club. She intertwined these interests with a long-time involvement in the Palo Alto chapters of both the American Red Cross and the Girl Scouts of America. Marg was a member and chairman of the Area Water Safety and First Aid Committee of the American Red Cross. Through her efforts, the ARC certification programs in both Lifesaving and Water Safety Instructor were made possible for Stanford students on campus rather than in Palo Alto.

As a head counselor and consultant for the Palo Alto Girl Scouts Big Basin Summer Camp, Marg (or Honey Bee as her campers knew her) enabled numerous Stanford students opportunity for summer jobs and sharing of their talents with young campers. Marg linked her camping experience and interests to teaching the theory and practice of camp administration and organization as part of her department's curriculum. She shared her love of the California redwoods with Physical Education majors and non-majors by introducing them to the rigors and beauty of primitive camping. Her close association with Stanford's legendary Sam McDonald enabled access to these camping grounds.

Barr was known at Stanford primarily as an archery and field hockey teacher without peer. Her excellence in teaching, however, extended well beyond these two sports and included badminton, basketball, fencing, and volleyball, as well as English Country and Scottish Dance and games for elementary school age children. During the early years of "competitive sport for girls and women," Marg was one of only ten national trainers of women's sports officials. She held Lifetime Certification as a National Official in basketball, field hockey, and volleyball. Indeed, Barr was a pioneer in athletics for college women.

Her academic life at Stanford extended well beyond the physical education classroom and into the lives of the university students. An academic advisor for many years, Barr shared time and experience with both men and women students, aiding them in their intellectual and personal development. As advisor to the Women's Athletic Associate (WAA), Barr was instrumental in assisting undergraduate women to develop and reinforce leadership skills. In recognition of these contributions, the Cap and Gown Honor Society for Women at Stanford elected Barr to Honorary Membership in 1944. Her deep appreciation of this honor has been reflected in her request that memorial contributions be made to the Stanford Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund. Her former colleagues and students shall miss this woman and teacher.

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