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Prof. Arthur Margosian

Professor Emeritus Arthur “Art” Margosian, Ph.D., was a teacher, administrator, family man and community leader who had a long history at California State University, Fresno.

Margosian was a student and served as co-editor of the yearbook before his graduation from Fresno State. In addition, he served as editor-in-chief for The Collegian. He was named “Outstanding Senior Male Student” and graduated from Fresno State in 1956 with a bachelor’s degree in journalism and social science.

After graduation, Margosian earned a master’s degree in education and accepted a teaching position at Fresno City College where he became the founding president of the State Center Community College Foundation, a local fundraising organization. He was also on the state Board of Governors for California Community Colleges, where he served with distinction.

Margosian left FCC to serve at Fresno State as director of public relations and as an assistant professor in journalism. In 1966, he resigned his public relations role to teach full time. Soon after, he was promoted and named dean of the school of professional studies. During this time, he was working toward a doctorate from the University of Southern California.

In 1970, Margosian resigned as dean in order to return to teaching journalism and counseling. From 1976 until 1979, he served as chairman of the rapidly expanding journalism department at Fresno State and was a member of the journalism department for approximately 20 years. He worked in the journalism and public relations department and became head of the department after Bernard Shepard, Ph.D., retired. Margosian continued to work at Fresno State until his retirement in 1986.

The year Margosian retired, he was named “Outstanding Journalism Teacher at a Four-year University” by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Margosian passed away of cancer on November 19, 1994 at the age of 64. A scholarship was established to provide funding for journalism students with an emphasis in public relations in his honor.