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REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
RICHARD VAL LECLERCQ

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Richard Val LeClercq, retired associate professor, English, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary
The General Faculty

IN MEMORIAM
RICHARD VAL LECLERCQ

Richard Valentine LeClercq, retired Associate Professor of English, died July 29, 2005. Val, as he was called by friends and family, came to The University of Texas as an assistant professor of English in 1970 after three years of teaching at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He was promoted to the rank of associate professor in 1974 and retired in 2003.

Val was born on June 18, 1942, in Los Angeles. He received his B.A. (1964), M.A. (1966), and Ph.D. (1968) from UCLA. As an undergraduate, he swam the butterfly on the swim team and sang tenor in the Opera Workshop. As a graduate student, he served as a teaching assistant and as associate editor of the UCLA edition of The Works of John Dryden, later publishing scholarship on Dryden’s dramatic criticism. His monograph on Richard Crashaw’s Epithalamium appeared in the University of Wisconsin Literary Monographs Series in 1975. Later in his career, his research concentrated on problems of methodology in literary scholarship, which was also a focus of his teaching not only in his theory classes but also in his literature classes on Milton and seventeenth-century poetry.

In his later career, Val suffered from serious illness, and when hospitalized or homebound, always seemed to find devoted students to help care for him. For his genuine contributions to the discipline in his earlier years, the Department of English will always be grateful.

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This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors James D. Garrison (chair), Dolora Wojciehowski, and Kate Frost.

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