

BRUCE RYAN

Class of 1953

Bruce Ryan (1949-53) earned his B.A., Dip. Ed., and M.A. degrees at the University of Sydney, and his Ph.D. in Geography at the Australian National University. He returned to Tech High to teach Geography for three years (1959-61) and edited the Fiftieth Anniversary edition of the School Journal (1961).

Bruce Ryan is Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of Cincinnati (Ohio, USA), where he taught for thirty-three years (1966-99) and served as Department Head for a decade. He also taught at the University of Western Australia and the University College of Wales (Aberystwyth). His teaching and research have concerned lagging regions in advanced countries (growth centres, regional planning, and coastal development), national spatial policy, symbolic landscapes, urban social space, architectural diffusion, and moral maps.

Bruce was program chairman for the Association of American Geographers and North American representative of the Institute of Australian Geographers. After returning to Australia in retirement, he was appointed to the National Committee for Geography (Australian Academy of Sciences) and is a Councillor for the Geographical Society of New South Wales. His consultancies include the National Science Foundation (USA), the National Geographic Society, the US Department of State, and heritage preservation offices for Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

His avocations are tennis, sauntering, classical music, and crime drama.