Tribute to Dr. Albert Chandler

O voyagers, O seamen,
You who came to port, and you whose bodies
Will suffer the trial and judgement of the sea,
Or whatever event, this is your real destination.'
So Krishna, as when he admonished Arjuna
On the field of battle.

Not fare well,
But fare forward, voyagers.

The Dry Salvages – T. S. Eliot

Dr. Albert Morrell Chandler was Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He served as Interim Chair of the Department more than once with a cumulative service of six years. He taught biochemistry for 30 years and co-edited a long-seller medical review, *Biochemistry Oklahoma Notes*. Apparently, Al’s origin is chandler, a family name Chandler, originated from a wax and candle seller who specialized in shipping and sailing items that is called ship chandlerly. According to Stinchcombe (1995), the ship chandlery business played a crucial role in the development and expansion of the modern world and was central to the social and political dynamics of ports and their waterfront areas¹. After serving his country in the Naval Reserve (1951-1959) Al married Margaret Jean Gould on August 29, 1959. Jean lives in Oklahoma City. Al received a PhD in Physiological Chemistry from Wayne State University in 1962 and after postdoctoral experience at Ohio State University and Wayne State University he accepted a faculty position at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 1966, one of the many faculty hired by Dr. Connor Johnson to develop the Department. Al’s patriotism and enthusiasm in the Naval Reserve may have had an origin in his family imprinting as a shipman and his aesthetics and ethics may have been formed at that point. He sailed his Luder 21 and Santana 22 at Lake Hefner alone and with his family as time allowed. Al Chandler was a true gentleman, which harmonized well with his love of sailing that requires strict accordance with both the physical and natural laws of society. Al will be remembered for his contribution to the Department, by his excellent teaching in biochemistry, his integrity as Interim Chair, his sense of humor, and his collegiality and friendliness to fellow faculty and students.

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