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### *Enjoy Your Retirement Dr. Stein*

After more than 40 years of service and dedication to the students of Tennessee Tech and the Department of Counseling & Psychology, Dr. Barry Stein will be retiring at the end of this semester.

In 1979, Stein began at Tech as an assistant professor after receiving his doctorate in Psychology from Vanderbilt University in 1977, following a B.S. in the same from Penn State in 1973. Dr. Stein has been the chairperson of Counseling & Psychology since 2007.

Stein worked with the faculty to strengthen and grow undergraduate and graduate programs. "I believe we have the best undergraduate psychology program in the region because of the efforts of our faculty," commented Stein.

He and the faculty expanded graduate programs in counseling gaining national accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. This accomplishment led the department to implement a new Ph.D. program in Counseling and Supervision.

Barry and colleagues developed and disseminated the Critical Thinking Assessment Test (CAT), which is used nationally and internationally in higher education to assess and improve critical thinking and problem-solving skills. *Funded by the National Science Foundation.*

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*Thank you, Barry, for all your work, contributions, and your lasting legacy. You will be missed.*

~ Lisa Zagumny, Dean / College of Education

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