

Krill plans 2nd retirement; VP was Navy career man

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At the end of spring quarter post upon being named by YSU President John J. Coffelt to the position of Vice President of Administrative Affairs. Speaking of Krill, Coffelt said, "Dr. Krill has unusually strong qualifications and brings to the vice presidency broad administrative ability as well as a thorough knowledge of the University."

Krill came to YSU in July, 1971, when he was appointed dean of the Graduate School and professor of metallurgy and materials science. He succeeded Dr. Frank A. D'Isa as dean of the Graduate School.

In 1973 Krill left the graduate

Included in Krill's responsibilities
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as vice president are: campus planning, the physical plant and registration.

Among the other administrative positions Krill has held are: Associate to the Vice President at Ohio State University (1958-63), Special Assistant to the President at the University of Wisconsin (1963-65) and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (1966-71).

All of Krill's teaching was done while he was in the Navy. He is a career Navy man and retired from the Navy with a pension. During World War II, he taught at three different officers' schools. He taught fighter direction (which involved the controlling of fighter planes in the air by means of radar) and combat information (which involved training men to man large, complex radar screens which showed tracked Allied and enemy planes).

Krill was instrumental in the development of two vital Allied defense tactics, one in the Atlantic and one in the Pacific. The one in the Atlantic was "hunter-killer" groups which consisted of American planes operating from carriers which would go out and sink enemy submarines.

In the Pacific the new tactic used was "island-hopping." This involved the taking of a string of islands by taking the first island then "hopping" over the next five or six and taking the seventh island, thus cutting the enemy off from the islands in-between.

Having a close brush with death is something that some of us may have experienced once, but Krill experienced it three times during World War II. One time he took a Navy flight with 18 other people from Newport, R.I. The plane made a special stop to let Krill off at Norfolk, Va. and then was to continue to Elizabeth City, N.C. Krill got off the plane at Norfolk, picked up his car and was driving home when he saw the plane crash. All 18 people were killed.

Another time he was on an anti-submarine patrol aboard a Navy plane. The patrol crew decided to bring Krill back to base since the radar in the plane was not functioning properly. After they left him at the base, the plane flew into a mountain near Richmond Va. Everyone aboard was killed.

The third time was just as eerie. Krill had received orders to serve on board the USS Ben Franklin as the Combat Information Officer in charge of the radar station. At the last minute his orders were cancelled and a friend of his was sent in his place. The Ben Franklin was torpedoed at sea and his friend, at the same station Krill would have been at, was killed.

From all of this Krill said he developed a fatalistic attitude believing that "when your time is going to come, it's going to come."

Describing himself as a realist Krill says he is concerned about

the energy crisis and about the inflation situation.

When asked whom he admired most from history, Krill replied Ben Franklin because he was a "well-rounded man, a shrewd character and a constant politician." He also admired him for his many accomplishments.

Krill said his hobbies include playing golf and reading. He mainly enjoys reading essays, biographies and histories. He has also traveled extensively in Europe having visited Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and France.

He had hoped to emigrate to New Zealand upon retiring and was disappointed to find that New Zealand has closed immigration. He now plans to visit there for a year. He has toured the entire country and describes it as "beautiful, clean and pretty."

Two patents for the development of large round ceramic pipe are registered to Krill. Both of these pipes were developed by Krill while he was doing research funded by 27 pipe fitting companies. Krill has also done research at the Engineering Experiment Station at Ohio State University.

A native of Missouri, Krill attended Washington University and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He received his bachelor of science degree in ceramic engineering from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy. He earned his masters of science

degree in petrology from the University of Colorado and his Ph.D. in ceramic engineering from Ohio State University.