MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR LEO DICKER

We were deeply shocked and saddened by the death of our colleague and friend Leo Dicker at the age of 49 on March 1, 1984.

Leo came to UWM in 1970 from the University of Kansas where he received a doctorate in special education. He received his bachelor’s degree from UW-Madison in 1957 and his master’s degree from Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. in 1964. He taught Junior High School at the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, California from 1964 through 1968.

Always active in the community, particularly the "Deaf Community," Leo served on local, state and national advisory committees on the education of the hearing impaired. He consulted throughout the state and country and tirelessly gave of his time interpreting for the deaf on TV, in synagogues, in the courts and for deaf individuals and their families who needed his help.

Among the numerous organizations to which he belonged, Dr. Dicker was a member of the Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf, the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and the National Association of the Deaf. His publications include the Interpreter Training Manual: For Interpreters, Students, and Teachers of Signs. Research interests included the development of techniques to predict the aptitude of individuals for interpreting for the hearing impaired. His zest for learning, along with his fascination for gadgetry, inevitably focused on techniques to aid the hearing impaired.

Most important to his colleagues and friends was his sensitivity to others, especially the handicapped. The wounds caused by the loss of Leo Dicker to his family, his many friends in the Department of Exceptional Education and the School of Education will not be easily healed.

In the words of his rabbi: "He was indeed a mensch."

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