MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSOR A. CLARKE HAGENSICK

Dr. A. Clarke Hagensick, Professor of Political Science in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Professor of Governmental Affairs in the University of Wisconsin Extension, died on April 20, 1985, at the age of 51 after a valiant fight against cancer. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and their sons Colin and Craig. His death is a great loss to his family and to the many colleagues, students, government officials and professional associates whose personal and professional lives were enriched by his scholarship, teaching, public service and loyal friendship.

Clarke began his university studies in 1951 at the downtown Milwaukee Center of the University of Wisconsin Extension Division, one of the two predecessor institutions of UWM. He received his B.A. in 1955 and his M.A. in 1956 from UW-Madison and his Ph.D. in 1960 from Johns Hopkins University, all in the field of political science. In 1960, he accepted a faculty appointment in UWM's Department of Political Science and UW-Extension's Governmental Affairs unit, then known as the Bureau of Government. During his quarter century of professional service in Milwaukee, Clarke demonstrated an unusual ability to excel in both campus and outreach responsibilities. He was a productive and successful scholar-teacher who also provided direct assistance to public officials through extension teaching and consulting. Clarke's students—ranging from freshmen to city managers, from graduate students to elected officials and from colleagues to television audiences—were appreciative beneficiaries of his extraordinary ability to formulate insights and transmit knowledge.

Clarke was a specialist in public administration and state politics and he continued to contribute to the scholarly journals in his field even during the last months of his fatal illness. His roots were deep in Wisconsin and he had a unique ability to relate his teaching and scholarship to the Wisconsin experience. A text which he coauthored on Wisconsin government and politics has become a basic teaching resource on University of Wisconsin campuses. It was in its third edition at the time of his death.

Clarke's knowledge of Wisconsin and Milwaukee politics and his commitment to providing UWM students with practical experience in governance led him to develop in the Political Science Department an internship program for undergraduate and graduate students. He placed students in national, state and local government offices, monitored their progress in a caring manner, and met with them regularly to assess their work and research experiences. Students were frequent and welcome visitors to his office, and he regularly held informal discussions with them in his home.

His interests in political science were wide ranging, as is illustrated by his teaching and research in Thailand from 1969 to 1971. As a result of his Thailand assignment under a Ford Foundation Project Grant, he published books and articles on government and public administration in Southeast Asia in collaboration with Thai political scientists.
Clarke's expertise was respected beyond academic circles. He served as an election night analyst for ABC News coverage of Wisconsin elections. This professional involvement continued through the 1984 elections even though his illness was by then in its advanced stages.

Although Clarke held only a partial appointment in the Department of Political Science at UWM, he served the Department as though he were a full-time colleague. The Department viewed him as a full participant in all of its operations and depended heavily upon him for teaching, student advising, program development, and administration. He carried out all these responsibilities with grace, good humor and quiet efficiency.

His sense of responsibility extended beyond the Department to the total UWM community. He was a major contributor to Wisconsin's unique system of faculty governance through long-term membership on the committee which codified the rules and regulations of the faculty. He also provided leadership to the UWM athletic program during a turbulent period and helped it achieve stability and a sense of mission. He was a contributing member of the university community in the fullest sense of the term.

Clarke avidly pursued a variety of personal interests--politics, music, theater, history, literature, stamp collecting, and both participatory and spectator sports. Sharing these or other activities with Clarke was always an enjoyable experience because of his natural conviviality and his wry wit, incisive but never derogatory. He saw the humor of the human experience and skillfully transmitted it to his associates, both social and professional.

Clarke Hagensick's professional career was regrettably cut short before its full fruition. Nevertheless, he had already established an enviable record of significantly productive contributions to his Department, the University, his profession, and the Milwaukee community. Clarke's impact on the lives of his colleagues and friends will be long remembered and cherished. He was a good man, and he is sorely missed.

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