MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR I. CARL ROMER JR.

I. Carl Romer Jr. Associate Professor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs in the College of Engineering and Applied Science died very unexpectedly on June 24, 1987 at the age of 55. He had served as the Associate Dean for the past ten years and was highly respected by both students and faculty for the manner in which he performed his responsibilities.

Carl obtained his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rochester in 1952 and went on to get an M.S. in engineering from Northwestern University in 1955. After working as a combustion research engineer in the Flight Propulsion Division of General Electric Corp, he entered the University of Wisconsin-Madison and obtained his Ph.D. in 1965. At that time he accepted a teaching position in the newly formed College of Engineering and Applied Science at UW-M.

During his career at UW-M Dean Romer made significant contributions to the teaching and research efforts of the College. As a researcher, he was particularly interested in the mechanics of sound in various gases, in the world of energy problems and in the problems associated with noise in an industrial environment.

Carl had an illustrious teaching career at UWM. He was instrumental in organizing the programs in what was then called the Energetics Department (now the Mechanical Engineering Department) and in developing courses in thermodynamics and the design of experiments. A very active and dedicated teacher, he developed an equally loyal and dedicated student following.

It was as the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs that Carl's commitment to quality education and service to students really came to the forefront. While not an "easy touch", he fought hard to preserve and maintain the rights of students as they pursued their studies. He was advisor to several engineering student organizations and was in the process of establishing a student chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, an honor society for Mechanical Engineering students.

He was also a strong supporter of his profession. He was the past Chairperson of the Milwaukee section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and was also active in The American Society for Engineering Education.

But Carl was not a single-faceted man; he was an avid member and recently, the president of the Bay Players. He was also an accomplished pianist and an ardent photographer. For many years, Carl worked on the scenery and had occasional parts in the productions offered by the Players. But this spring, he got a major role in the play "Black Comedy"; Carl considered this one his finest moments. As a pianist Carl often entertained his friends with his rendition of "the oldies" and as a recent entrant into the field of photography, he specialized in taking pictures of the old Spanish missions of southern California.

A deeply religious man, Carl was an active participant in the activities of the Roundy Memorial Baptist Church.
Ever mindful that life should be a quality experience, I. Carl Romer was a gentle man who enriched the lives of all those who came in contact with him: students, faculty, practicing professionals and members of the community. In memory of his commitment to his students, a Carl Romer Scholarship Fund has been established.

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