MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSOR R. PAUL ANDERSON

R. Paul Anderson '34, Professor of Music, died on January 24, 1988, at a Sun City, Arizona hospital after a long battle with heart disease. He was age 80.

Prof. Anderson's career spanned 45 years in Milwaukee, with over 35 of them at UWM and its predecessor institutions: Milwaukee State Teachers College and Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee. A dedicated teacher who thoroughly understood the dynamics of classroom teaching, he was uniquely capable of instilling his intuitive teaching genius in his students. Without a doubt, he affected the lives of many who went on to become influential musical leaders and teachers across the state and nation.

A fine trumpeter, Paul Anderson worked his way through school at Beloit College, the Milwaukee State Teachers College and the University of Michigan by playing the trumpet in a number of popular dance bands of the day. In the forties, he played first trumpet in the Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra under Dr. Julius Ehrlich.

Prof. Anderson taught in Lake Geneva Schools from 1931 until 1934, when he was asked to join the Milwaukee Public Schools. In 1940, he returned to his alma mater--the old State Teachers College--as a teacher of instrumental music. He saw the college through its transformations to an urban university, and periodically led its music department from 1960 until his retirement in 1976. He is remembered by the faculty as a warm and supportive influence. He had a wonderful, dry sense of humor. A gentle man in every true sense of the word, he epitomized the respect people should have for one another.

An accomplished conductor, Anderson directed the UWM bands for 22 years, conducted the Milwaukee Civic Band from 1959 to 1973 and led the West Allis Band for three seasons ending in 1972. He was the recipient of numerous honors in local and regional music circles. In 1974, UWM named him "Man of the Year".

In addition to his wife, Alice, whom he met when they were music majors at Milwaukee State Teachers College, Prof. Anderson is survived by two daughters, Julie McDowell of Wilmette, Ill., and Christine Hempel of Brentwood, Tenn.; a sister, Eleanor Masslich of Bull Valley, Ill.; and a brother, Noble Anderson of Appleton.

A scholarship fund in honor of R. Paul Anderson has been established in his memory by the UWM Music Alumni Association as an expression of appreciation and esteem.

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