MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
PROFESSOR SAMUEL D. STELLMAN

Samuel D. Stellman was an educator and community activist. He loved to develop creative continuing education programs where he felt university resources could be used to help solve criminal justice problems. On December 14, 1993, while on one of his numerous visits to UWM to discuss new program ideas with Institute faculty and staff, Sam died of a heart attack.

A native of Toronto, Canada, Sam graduated from the University of Toronto in 1943. He served overseas in the Canadian Armed Forces during the remainder of World War II. He subsequently moved to the United States, directing several community based youth services programs in Ohio. It was while in Ohio that Sam earned a MSW degree at Ohio State University (1953) and a Ph.D. in Adult Education (1963). Following his graduation Sam was on the Social Work faculty at Ohio State University. In 1968 Sam joined University of Wisconsin-Extension where he was Professor and Chair of the Center for Social Service. In 1973 he was appointed Chair of the newly created Criminal Justice Institute, a position he maintained from 1973-1976 and from 1984 until his retirement in 1987.

It may take years to realize the full extent of Sam's contributions to UWM, to the adult education field, and to the community. He was instrumental in developing non-credit courses for professionals and citizens working in social work and criminal justice. He was the founder or co-founder of the Milwaukee Underground Switchboard - the largest drug helpline in Wisconsin; the Wisconsin Criminal Justice Education Association - A statewide consortium of faculty and students in higher education; Volunteers in Probation - a training program for correction's staff and citizen volunteers working with first time adult/juvenile offenders; and numerous offender education programs. A litany of Sam's accomplishments could go on and on.

What legacy does Sam, the person, leave to be remembered? When others seem to thrive on high profile recognition, Sam was always the low profile one, doing the job effectively and creatively, without the glitz. When others trumpeted their discovery of the answer for all the problems of criminal justice, Sam was the one who steadily insisted on realistic respect for complexity and diversity in people and approaches. When some of us, feeling rejected by the criminal justice establishment, fell back on our own cliannishness, Sam was the person who always made everyone feel welcome and needed. When some of us within the academic community were all too ready to believe in the necessary pomposity of an "academic", Sam was as friendly and unassuming a human being as one could find anywhere.

It is hard to think of the world without Sam Stellman. However, of us who knew him, we can always take heart from his courage, competence and positive example.