MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
for
Associate Professor Joseph D. McPherson

Joseph D. McPherson, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, died on May 28, 1995 at the age of 53. He had been an active member of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at UWM since 1971.

Professor McPherson received his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering in 1964 from the University of Wisconsin--Madison and an M.S. in Mathematics in 1967 from UWM. From 1964 to 1969, Joe (as he preferred to be called by everyone) was an instructor at UWM. He then went on to earn his Ph.D in Electrical Engineering in 1971 from Purdue University and rejoined UWM as an Assistant Professor in the Fall of 1971. He advanced to the rank of Associate Professor in 1976. He served as the department chair for 1977-1979, and again from 1987 to 1993.

Known as a fair but demanding teacher, Joe won the College of Engineering and Applied Science’s Outstanding Teaching Award in 1989. During his tenure at UWM, Joe taught a wide variety of courses, both undergraduate and graduate, in circuits, systems, control theory, and digital filters to name but a few. He also served as the faculty advisor to the CEAS student chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

According to former CEAS Dean Charles F. James, many individuals have benefited from Dr. McPherson’s association: "Joe was an incredible guy with a full range of interests. I think that any students he worked with, whether they were younger or older, were lucky to have had the benefit of his experience. We have lost a prize-winning teacher, a loyal faculty member always willing to accept any assignment, and a wonderful, personable, warm and caring friend."

Joe is survived by his wife Eydie, his son Joe, and a sister Nancy, as well as a brother Mike.

His faculty colleagues and students mourn his passing and extend their deepest sympathies to his family along with their appreciation for his service to this University.

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