MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DONALD J. MUELLER

Associate Professor of Social Welfare Donald J. Mueller, an educator and consultant on psychical research, passed away May 24, 1994 of congestive heart failure. He had devoted the last 15 years of his professional/academic life to the pursuit of a broader meaning of existence and human awareness.

A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Professor Mueller, served in the United States Army as a cryptographer from 1955-1957. In 1958, after his time in the service, he completed his degree in Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Professor Mueller then enrolled at the University of Nevada-Reno, completing an M.A. in Psychology in 1959. He continued his doctoral training at the University of Utah, and obtained a Ph.D. from that institution in 1965. During his doctoral education, he developed credentials in Clinical Psychology, Experimental Psychology and Educational Psychology.

Upon the completion of his Ph.D., Professor Mueller joined the Wisconsin Division of Corrections as a Clinical Psychologist, and the following year joined the UWM Department of Psychology. In 1967, he accepted a joint appointment to UWM's Departments of Psychology and Social Welfare. He became a tenured faculty member in Social Work in 1972.

During his almost 30 years at UWM, Professor Mueller developed and presented more than 20 courses and served as the Supervising Professor for numerous Master theses and as a member of several Dissertation Committees. The unusual rapport Professor Mueller achieved with his students was evidenced frequently in their various remarks during his Memorial Service. Consistently, they praised his interest and commitment to his students, his availability to them and his indefatigable efforts to assist them in defining their academic and career goals.

Throughout his professional career, Professor Mueller participated actively and contributed generously to organizations which reflected his interest in history, the environment, and the meaning of existence. These organizations included the Wisconsin Academy of Parapsychology and Medicine, the Association for Transpersonal Psychology, and the Society for the Scientific Study of Near Death Experiences. Two groups enjoying a special commitment were the High Wind Association, an environmental education group, and the Wisconsin Society for Psychical Research of which he was a founder.

From childhood, Professor Mueller was an aficionado of trolley cars, amassing comprehensive written and photographic materials about them and acting as an archival consultant to the Milwaukee County Transit System and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The donation of his collection established a unique and invaluable resource for UWM's library.
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Professor Mueller's legacy will be his endeavors to broaden individuals' minds and perceptions to include different levels of consciousness and a global perspective of human experience. He will be remembered as an individual of absolute integrity, puckish humor and generosity of spirit who struggled to create an environment of humanistic compassion and who was in the forefront of current movement of consciousness and spirituality.