Memorial Resolution for Emeritus Associate Professor Irene Langwill

Irene Schenkenberg Langwill was born in Waterford, Wisconsin, on February 2, 1889, and died in Saratoga, California, April 21, 1964. She attended Rochester Academy and graduated from Menomonee Falls High School. In 1910 she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Following her graduation from the University, she taught in the Fox Lake High School for three years; and in 1913 was married to John Langwill. Her husband died in 1914, and in the same year a son, John, was born. He now resides in Saratoga, California, where Mrs. Langwill lived for the past several years.

After working as a secretary in the Extension Division of the University of Indiana for four years, she returned to Wisconsin and was appointed Registrar at the Milwaukee Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin. Despite her busy schedule as Registrar, she always found time to listen sympathetically and to give counsel to students with academic, personal, or financial problems. Until the student loan fund was established, she often used her personal funds to aid students in financial difficulty. Always interested in encouraging good students, Mrs. Langwill was responsible for establishing at the Extension Division a chapter of Sigma Epsilon Sigma, national freshman honorary society, and became one of its first faculty advisors. Her relationship with the faculty was exceptionally close, and the faculty members in turn had a deep affection and respect for her.

Mrs. Langwill took an active part in community affairs throughout her adult life. She was a devoted and active member of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, and also an active member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She was a past president of the UWM Women's League, which she served long and faithfully, and was elected to Delta Kappa Gamma, national honorary society for women in education.

In 1946 she asked to be relieved of the responsibility of the Registrar's office. The administration reluctantly granted her request and appointed her Faculty Secretary and Adviser to Women with the rank of Associate Professor. She continued in this capacity until 1949 when she retired at a relatively early age so that she might have the time to do the many things which had long interested her. Mrs. Langwill's interest in educational pursuits never waned, and she continued to take courses in a wide range of subjects until a short time before her death.

When the news of her retirement became generally known, literally hundreds of former students sent letters and telegrams to Mrs. Langwill. These testimonials revealed the love and respect of people whose lives she had significantly touched. No one will ever know how many men and women there are whose success in life to a large degree is due to the help and guidance of Irene Langwill.

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