Memorial Resolution for Associate Professor Robert Randolph Howard

Associate Professor Robert Randolph Howard died in his sleep July 25, 1965, in Missoula, Montana, of a sudden and unanticipated coronary attack which left no evidence of pain or struggle.

Professor Howard had only shortly before returned from an extended trip through Spain, Portugal, and Greece to the home of his parents in Missoula, where his father is Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at the University of Montana. His journey was a long-anticipated opportunity to travel in countries omitted on his previous trips to Europe which had acquainted him with Austria, Belgium, England, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. He had also spent considerable time in the Caribbean, where he frequently conducted field work, and in Hawaii and East Asia. He saw military service in Japan and Korea during World War II, from 1943 to 1946.

Born December 6, 1920, at Missoula, he took his B. A. with honors at the University of Montana in 1942 and completed his Ph. D. at Yale University in 1950. He taught at several institutions, including the Universities of Connecticut and Colorado, before coming to UWM as Assistant Professor in 1956, Associate Professor from 1961 to his untimely death.

Robert Howard served the University as an outstanding teacher whose offerings were deservedly popular. He initiated many new courses and was vigorously creative in building undergraduate and graduate programs in the Department of Anthropology. He was known as an exceedingly capable and understanding adviser to a large number of students. His abilities as a teacher came to state-wide notice in a series of thirty-six broadcasts of an hour's length over the State Radio Network in 1957, repeated in 1958, on 'The Indians of North America.'

Another series of broadcasts over WFMU, Milwaukee, testified to his love of music and his authoritative knowledge of the life and work of Frederic Chopin. Himself a highly competent pianist, his interest in performance led him to collect an extensive library of recordings which by his wish will pass to the University.

He also leaves to the use of the University a permanent field station in Jamaica, established largely through his activities in Caribbean archaeology. Field work supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, the UW Graduate School, and other sources, had taken him to the Caribbean in 1947-48, 1958, 1961, 1963, and 1964, when he took several UWM students on a field project to Jamaica. He was Official Collaborator in Archaeology to the Jamaican Government from January, 1959. His efforts made him a major architect of archaeological research on the island, and of a program to create a national Indian museum at the White Marl Site where he had worked. Milwaukee colleagues and students working at the museum and its associated field station, as well as tourists visiting the site, will be reminded by a memorial plaque that Robert Howard was known and respected by the people of Jamaica for his professional attainments and his contributions to their society.
His scholarship was evidenced in articles on Caribbean archaeology, including published results of his own excavations. He was Caribbean Editor of the *Handbook of Latin American Studies* and Assistant Editor, reporting on Caribbean Research, for *American Antiquity*. Besides membership in several professional associations, he was enrolled in such national honorary societies as Phi Sigma (Biology), Alpha Lambda Delta (Sociology), and Sigma Xi (Science).

His many friends will remember that Bob Howard served the University community with gifts of sound judgment, patience, tact and urbane sophistication in promoting the development of UWM through membership on the Regent-Faculty Committee and the UWM Committee, among others. Their recognition of his integrity and deep sense of responsibility led them to elect him President of the UWM Credit Union, 1961-62, and the Faculty Dining Club, 1964-65. Their sense of his generous contribution to his department and the University is the measure of their loss.

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