Memorial Resolution for Associate Professor Raymond E. Hatcher

The death of Raymond E. Hatcher on September 16, 1967, is a sad loss to his many friends and to the Botany Department of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

Raymond Hatcher was born in Murphysboro, Illinois, on November 8, 1930. He attended the University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1952. After a summer of study at the University of Michigan Biological Station he attended the University of Cincinnati where he earned the Master of Science degree in 1954. He went as a Fulbright Scholar to Canterbury University College, New Zealand, in 1954, then returned to Cincinnati where he earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1959. He taught at the University of Southern Illinois during the summer terms of 1958 and 1959, then went to the University of Tennessee as an instructor in botany for one year. In 1960 he came to the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee as an assistant professor; he was promoted to associate professor in 1964.

Despite his early death Dr. Hatcher had earned an international reputation as a bryologist. In addition to his Fulbright year in New Zealand, he had travelled and collected botanical specimens in Brazil, Argentina and Chile on a W.A.R.P. travel grant in 1962 and participated in the National Science Foundation-sponsored expedition to the Juan Fernandez Islands in 1965. At the time of his death he was working with one of the world's largest collections of bryophytes in pure culture. Among his important publications were monographs of the genera Isotachis and Trichocolea and a series of articles which resulted from his studies of liverworts in pure cultures. He also contributed to the department for permanent use extensive collections of bryophytes, fleshy fungi and fossil plant materials.

Dr. Hatcher extended his lively interest to many fields besides bryology. He read widely, particularly in history, enjoyed both classical and folk music, kept abreast of foreign affairs, and participated in tennis, hiking, and canoeing as well as other outdoor pursuits.

He will be remembered by his students and friends for his keenness of mind, his zest for living and the equanimity of his disposition. He liked students, enjoyed his profession and was vitally concerned that the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and particularly its Botany Department should be among the foremost of their kind.

Dr. Hatcher is survived by his mother, Mrs. Augusta Hatcher of Murphysboro, Illinois, to whom his many friends and colleagues at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee extend their deepest sympathy and their sincere appreciation of his important contributions to his profession and to the University. We ask that a copy of this Memorial Resolution be addressed to her.

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