MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS

PROFESSOR HARVEY A. UBER

Harvey A. Uber, former Chairman of the Geography Department, died on the morning of October 21, 1969, in downtown Milwaukee. He died as he was about to embark on one of his favorite activities, a field trip. Although death prevented him from conducting the trip, his well written directions guided the day's events for the group of retired teachers.

Harvey August Uber was born on Milwaukee's south side on December 8, 1892. He attended Milwaukee elementary schools, and was graduated in 1912 from South Division High School, Milwaukee. In 1914, he was graduated from the two year course of the old Milwaukee Normal School; in 1916, he received a Ph.B. degree from the University of Wisconsin; and in 1917, he received a Ph.M degree from the same institution.

In 1917, he was drafted from his graduate studies at the University of Chicago, and ordered by the army to Milwaukee Normal School to teach military mapping and weather.

After World War I, he continued on the faculty of Milwaukee Normal School and its successor institutions; Milwaukee State Teachers' College, Wisconsin State College, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He also continued work towards the Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago, but later transferred his studies to Marquette University from which he was granted the Ph.D degree in 1935.

In the spring of 1937, President Frank E. Baker appointed him head of the State Teachers' College Geography Department. He continued in that capacity until the merger of the State College with the University of Wisconsin in 1956. Appointed first Chairman of UWM's Geography Department, he remained in that position until 1958. At his retirement in June 1963, he had served UWM and its predecessor institutions forty-six years.

He had served outstandingly, especially in the field of conservation. He was a member of Congressman Reuss's Advisory Committee. In 1957, the American Association for Conservation Information presented him with an award of merit as the most outstanding conservation teacher in the country. Upon his retirement Secretary of the Interior, Stewart L. Udall, wrote him, "Your career has been long and productive...The wealth of our nation is in its natural resources....its land, water and living matter. We cannot remain strong as a nation, nor can we be secure, unless we conserve this natural wealth and develop it in the common good. And people are a part of our resources....persons like you who have done so much to enlighten others through conservation education. You have given generously throughout your career."

He served on many faculty committees over a period of many years. He was advisor to the Mens' Club; supervisor for athletic gate receipts; and he was chairman of the Student Housing Committee.
He had long been active in Lutheran Church work. He was instrumental in founding the Lutheran Student House at UWM. In 1935, he received the Danforth Foundation Award for his work as chaplain on the campus. In 1936, when he was asked by church leaders to form an active Lutheran church group on the campus, he organized the Lutheran Student Association of America.

In addition to his work at the State Teachers' College and UWM, he was a visiting professor at Cardinal Stritch and Alverno Colleges.


His membership in professional societies included the National Council for Geographic Education, the Wisconsin Council for Geographic Education, The Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, the Association of American University Professors, Gamma Theta Upsilon, and Sigma Xi. He was also a member of the Izaak Walton League, the Wisconsin Geological Society, Friends of the Soil, Wisconsin Soil Conservation Society, Wisconsin Conservation Teachers, Audubon Society, and many others.

After retiring, he helped form the UWM Alumni Association's Half Century Club, and was chairman for two terms. He served as a trustee on the first board when the Alumni Association was organized in 1966. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Alumni Association in April, 1969.

He will be remembered by his many students and colleagues as a dedicated teacher and friend.

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