Memorial Resolution for

Professor Benjamin A. Sullivan

Benjamin A. Sullivan, Professor, Department of Student Counseling, died on July 1, 1970. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and four daughters, Lynne (Mrs. Kealey), Gail, Cecelia, Patrice.

Professor Sullivan was born in Milwaukee on April 17, 1915. He attended Milwaukee elementary schools and was graduated from Milwaukee West Division High School in 1931. In 1935, he earned the Bachelor of Education degree from the former Milwaukee State Teachers' College. He received the M.A. degree in education and psychology in 1940 and the Ph.D. in personnel and guidance in 1955, both from the Northwestern University.

For six years, he was a teacher in the Milwaukee public schools. In 1942, he entered the armed forces, serving in the U.S. Army as a psychologist and flight trainee over a period of a year. In June 1943, he joined the U.S. Navy where he spent three years with duty as an educational services officer and a clinical psychologist.

From 1946 to 1956, he served as Director of Student Personnel Services at the Milwaukee Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin. Following the establishment of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, in 1956, he became the first director of the Department of Student Counseling and served in that post until 1964, when he was named Director of Psychological and Counseling Service in the UWM Peace Corps Training Center and Assistant to the Dean of International Studies. At the time of his death, he was a counselor in the Department of Student Counseling.

Over the years, Professor Sullivan participated in programs and professional meetings at the local, state, and national level and contributed to professional journals such as The Journal of Educational Research, The Personnel and Guidance Journal, and The Journal of Higher Education.

He was active in organizing the Milwaukee County Mental Health Committee in 1947 which later became the Milwaukee County Health Association. He held the office of president of the Wisconsin Association of Educational and Vocational Guidance (now the Wisconsin Personnel and Guidance Association) and of the Milwaukee County Psychological Association.

He served on numerous University Committees including the Committee of Thirty which laid the groundwork for the establishment of UWM.

In his service in various professional capacities, his flow of ideas and articulate expression were influential in shaping and improving the quality of these groups. His colleagues recall that he was an "idea" man, whose innovative thinking stimulated groups in their activity.
Many students identified him as an effective counselor who was eager to help them with their problems at any hour of the day or night. Among his main attributes as a counselor were his fund of recent and specific information on college and university programs and curricula and his wide-spread contacts in the fields of higher education, industry, and the arts which he often drew upon in helping students.

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