Associate Professor David Clark Sheldon died in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 13, 1970, at the age of 62. He had retired from active teaching in January because of ill health. His service to the Department of English at the University Extension Center in Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee extended from 1938 to 1970 with the exception of his four years in the United States Army during World War II.

Professor Sheldon received his B.A. from William College and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin. His wide scholarly interests included Shakespeare, the early Seventeenth Century, Comparative Literature, Latin, Linguistics, Comparative Philology, and Metrics. His publications were confined to the fields of the Seventeenth Century and contemporary Poetry.

During World War II, Dr. Sheldon was in the army from 1942 to 1945, during which time he saw active duty in France and Germany. After VE Day, he taught English at the Shrivenham Army University in England.

He was made as Assistant Professor in 1952 and an Associate Professor in 1959.

From its beginning in 1948 until 1954, he was a group leader in the Great Books movement. Then, for two years, he was Guest Lecturer at the Drama Incorporated School of the Professional Arts.

In his committee work and his tireless work with individual students, Professor Sheldon performed his greatest service to the University. In the developing days of UWM, he did much toward building a solid foundation for our library holdings. The same kind of foresight went into his work as chairman of the Curriculum Committee. For many years, he served the Letters and Science advisory pool in addition to counseling both the students who were assigned to him and those who appreciated the richness of his knowledge and the easy skill with which he conveyed it. They felt uncommonly free to ask for conferences not only for help but also for the mere pleasure of talking about literature with a learned man. He was a fine teacher as well as a conscientious scholar.

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