MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR
ALBERT H. GEHM (1925-1972)

Albert H. Gehm was born in Berlin, Germany on October 21st 1925. He attended the Staatliche Ingenieurschule at Essen (in Germany) and the University of Wisconsin where he received his B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1956 and his M.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1965. He began his career as a dedicated teacher at the Milwaukee School of Engineering in 1959 and later came to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1965 where he remained until he died on June 28, 1972.

Al Gehm taught a variety of basic and applied courses in Engineering Mechanics with an enthusiasm and dedication that must be appreciated by all faculty who believe in the fundamental value of good teaching. Heavy homework assignments were not uncommon. He was demanding in the execution of assignments and in class presentations. Because of his obvious interest and concern for each of his students he was held in high esteem even with his strict code of performance. His students were an important part of his life. Even though in obvious poor health for sometime he was determined to spend all possible time in teaching his classes. He was teaching two courses in summer school at the time of his death.

Al was a "student" instructor who was completely available to not only his students but any student in need of help. He took direct action in several cases to assist students in resolving difficulties with other faculty. He was a crusader for proper and concerned consideration of students.

Al demonstrated good manners and behavior and expected it of his students and fellow faculty also. He did not hesitate to express his displeasure with either students or faculty when he considered their behavior inappropriate for a particular situation.

Al strongly believed in involvement with students outside of the classroom. He was active in assisting students in their organizations and pressed other faculty to do the same.

Al was also an accomplished sailor and skier. When he took time for recreation he did that, too, with a vengeance. His enthusiasm for these two sports compelled him to persuade others to participate. Here too he was always willing to be a teacher. Many of the faculty probably enjoyed their first time on a boat bigger than a rowboat because of an invitation from him.

Al, too, though from the "old country" in manners, was almost ministerial in his appreciation of the freedom offered in this country. His escape from East Germany with his wife, leaving almost all possessions behind, emphasized his convictions.

UWM was fortunate to have the dedicated services of Al Gehm.

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