MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR HOWARD THOMAS

Professor Howard Thomas, former head of the Department of Art at the Milwaukee State Teachers College, a predecessor institu
to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, died on November 1, 1971 at the age of 72.

Howard Thomas was born in Ohio in 1899 and studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. He came to Milwaukee in 1923 as a teacher in high school and in 1930 began teaching at the Milwaukee State Teachers College. In 1931 he was appointed Director, Division of Art Education, a position he held until 1942 when he took leave of absence to develop an art department at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina. After two years as Head of the Agnes Scott College Department, he was appointed Professor of Art at the University of Georgia. He retired from this position in 1965.

While directing the Division of Art Education at the Milwaukee State Teachers College, Howard Thomas continued to build the professional strength of the Department and firmly established the school as a center for both art education and fine art. His contribution depended not only on his administrative commitment but on his excellence as an artist-teacher. He was capable of both nurturing the creative spirit in those he came in contact with and inspiring in them the drive for excellence. A significant number of those who were touched by him during his eleven years in the area went on to make noteworthy careers in the arts throughout the country.

As an artist, Howard Thomas had gained national notice and regional renown. His work grew and developed in depth and richness throughout his life and he came to his finest statements during his late and most productive period.

Howard Thomas' influence will not stop with the end of his life. It continues on in all those who had the privilege to know and be affected by him.

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