Memorial Resolution for Miss Grace Hildreth

Grace C. Hildreth, Associate Professor Emeritus of Physical Education, died in LaCrosse on April 11, 1974, at the age of 83. Miss Hildreth was a native of LaCrosse and completed her undergraduate degree in Physical Education at the LaCrosse State Normal School in 1931. Previous to receiving her bachelor's degree in Education, Miss Hildreth had been graduated from the first two-year Physical Education class at LaCrosse and the following year (1913) was graduated from the first three-year course to be established. Her early teaching included the supervision of Physical Education in Port Jarvis, New York and later in Massena, New York. Miss Hildreth did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, Marietta College, the University of Minnesota and New York University.

The greater part of Miss Hildreth's teaching career was spent at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and its predecessor institutions. Her first appointment was in 1919 and she taught until 1961 when she was retired after 42 years of continuous service. As Director of Physical Education for Women, Miss Hildreth helped to develop the professional and service programs in both Recreation and Physical Education. She was also instrumental in establishing the first athletic program for women and gave continuous support to the intramural program which flourished under her guidance.

Much of Grace Hildreth's life was spent in the service of others. She was active in the YWCA, the American Red Cross Nurses Aide Program both on the local and national levels, the International Institute, the Community Chest and similar organizations. She was also active in professional organizations including the Milwaukee Women's Physical Education Club, the Midwest Association for Physical Education of College Women and the Wisconsin Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Miss Hildreth was a member of the Milwaukee Retired Teachers Association at the time of her death. Perhaps her greatest service after her retirement was her volunteer work in the Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, where she was a Deaconess for many years and where she was active in committee work until her final illness.

Grace Hildreth has left many friends among the current and retired UWM faculty and staff. Their memories of her are punctuated by the life of service to others that she led and helped others to lead. Such a life of service can leave no mourners.

Elizabeth Ludwig (Chairperson)
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