

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
DeWAYNE A. STONEBARGER  
1923-1983

With the unexpected, untimely death of DeWayne A. Stonebarger on July 15, 1983, the Indiana University-Purdue University community lost not only a highly regarded member of its faculty and a veteran academic administrator, but also a valued educator and representative of the university to the community in which we exist. This assembly mourns the passing of a worthy consultant, colleague, and friend. During his sixteen years of service to IPFW, Professor Stonebarger compiled an impressive record as a scholar, teacher, leader, and counselor.

Professor Stonebarger's association with Indiana University began in September 1967 with his appointment as professor of business administration. He became chair of the newly consolidated division of business and economics in 1970. Prior to his arrival in Fort Wayne, he served as professor of business at the University of Houston. Dr. Stonebarger earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1955.

In 1977 Professor Stonebarger was appointed as the first director of IPFW's faculty of professional studies and was instrumental in the process of merging both Indiana University and Purdue University academic programs during the latter part of the decade. His directorship was held concurrently with his division chair responsibilities. During the time Dr. Stonebarger served as an IPFW administrator he continued his association with students in the classroom on a part-time basis. After resigning his administrative positions in 1979, Dr. Stonebarger returned to the classroom on a full-time basis. During his career at IPFW, Dr. Stonebarger established himself as an effective teacher, having been selected as Instructor of the Year in 1974. Perhaps his greatest influence on his students was his communicating that he cared and that they could count him among their friends.

Professor Stonebarger was an early supporter of IPFW's evolving leadership role within the local and regional community. His firm belief in the importance of a positive, working relationship among the university and the communities it serves prompted his untiring participation in community activities at all levels. A frequent lecturer to various civic, public, and private organizations, he was often called upon to assume more active roles in professional and philanthropic concerns. His active association with the Fort Wayne Economic Development Commission, the United Way, and the First Presbyterian Church were only a few of the activities which demonstrated his concern for those around him.

Professor Stonebarger was also looked to as a leader within the northeastern Indiana business community. As a frequent consultant to business enterprises in the area, he counted among his acquaintances the chief executive officers of many regional, national, and international corporations. However, it is a further tribute to this individual that he was interested equally in those at all levels in an organization, from president to production-line worker. In an effort to further the ties between the university and the business community, Professor Stonebarger developed the concept of a major, regional business conference. His efforts led to the IPFW Annual Business Conference, which has gained in reputation since its inception in 1974.

Throughout his career at IPFW, Professor Stonebarger was active in institutional governance. His faculty obligations were fulfilled as a long-time member of the Indiana University at Fort Wayne Faculty Senate and as a member or chair of numerous faculty committees. He constantly demonstrated both sensitivity and concern for his colleagues' welfare and a consistent commitment to the highest ideals of academe.

Professor Stonebarger's loss is deeply felt among those individuals and organizations to whom he provided both the wisdom of his counsel and the benefit of his involvement. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Crain) Stonebarger; his son, David A. Stonebarger; his daughter, Lt. Janis Stonebarger; his mother; two grandchildren; and two brothers.