

English professor dies

A memorial service was held Sunday for Irma Zwergel Sherwood, English associate professor. Sherwood died last Tuesday at Sacred Heart General Hospital at age 64.

She had taught classes last Monday, including administering a mid-term in her English literature survey class.

Her husband, John Sherwood, is also an English professor at the University.

"She was a much loved teacher," says Thelma Greenfield, long-time friend, neighbor and fellow English professor.

Students said they liked her "humorous, excited, anecdotal approach," Greenfield says.

"She had the ability to bring the literary figures to life."

In the department, she was a "force for sanity and humanity," Greenfield says.

Sherwood served on many Ph.D. and ad-hoc committees, and was director of graduate students in the English department for two years, Greenfield says.

Born Oct. 6, 1918, in New York City, Sherwood earned a bachelor's degree from Barnard College at Columbia University in 1940 and became a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

She obtained a master's degree from Yale University in 1942 and a doctorate in 1944.

She taught as an English instructor at Weylister Junior College, Newcomb College at Tulane University and Cornell University before holding intermittent part-time appointments at the University from 1946 until 1965.

Sherwood then became a full-time assistant professor in 1965 and was promoted to associate professor in 1972.

She specialized in 18th century English literature, with emphasis on Samuel Johnson's work, and co-authored a composition text, "A Writer's Reader."

Sherwood is survived by two daughters, Martha Sherwood-Pike and Sarah Sherwood, a son, Jeremy Sherwood, and two sisters, Carrie Burger and Adele Wilson.

Death penalty should be abolished because of backlog, justice says

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, citing an "intolerable" backlog of criminals on death row, said Monday that the death penalty should be abolished unless prolonged delays in carrying it out are eliminated.

"This malfunctioning of our system of justice is unfair to the hundreds of persons confined anxiously on death row," Powell told a conference of judges from the 11th U.S. Judicial Circuit.

"It also disserves the public interest in the implementation of lawful sentences..." he said.

"Unless the courts — and Congress — discharge their duty to move effectively to address this problem, the legislatures of the several states should abolish capital punishment."

Powell played an important role in the April 22 execution of John Louis Evans III, convicted of murdering a Mobile, Ala., pawn shop owner in 1977. Powell rejected attempts to delay Evans' execution and, to head off further appeals to other court members, let Evans'

lawyers know that six other justices agreed with his decision.

Evans was six hours away from the electric chair in 1979 when Powell's Supreme Court colleague, Justice William Rehnquist, issued a stay based upon an appeal by Evans' mother.

Powell warned against a "rush to judgment" in capital cases, but criticized the use of "repetitive review to draw out for years the resolution of issues that have or should have been resolved earlier."

Powell said the courts "often contribute to the slowness of the process."

"Murders continue, many of incredible cruelty and brutality, as mindless killings increase in much of the world. We now have more than 1,000 convicted persons on death row, an intolerable situation."

The Supreme Court has been studying the expediting of death sentences in a Texas case and is expected to announce a decision by July. The decision may provide guidelines for handling 11th-hour appeals of the type that Powell said are frustrating justice.

Two faculty members honored

University pres. Paul Olum will honor two University faculty members for receiving the Governor's Management Service Recognition Award today.

Lois Ackerman, a law school management assistant, was selected for the level of service she has provided to students, faculty and staff, according to the University selection committee.

Dorothy Goode, assistant director for employee relations/development, received the award for her efforts in

developing an employee training program as well as in implementing an effective employee assistance plan and contributing to the perfor-

mance appraisal system now in use.

The two will be honored at a reception in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge at 4:30 p.m.

Dorm rooms up for grabs

Current dormitory residents waiting for special rooms next year will be able to reserve their choices beginning at 5 p.m. today.

The housing office expects about 800 students to reserve rooms today and Wednesday, says Marge Ramey, assistant housing director. Ramey says many residents want to move to another dormitory next year or change roommates.

No fees will be collected today, but the housing office charges a \$40 prepayment due by June 10. The fee will be deducted from residents' first dormitory payments next fall.

Located in Walton Complex, the housing office will accept reservations between 5 and 9 p.m. today and Wednesday.

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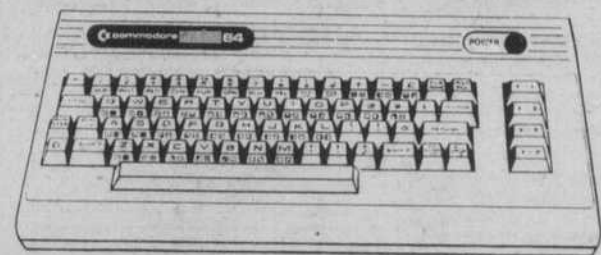
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