

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS HERMAN A. J. KUHN

Herman A. J. Kuhn, professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering, passed away in November, 2004. Professor Kuhn was born and raised in Buffalo, New York and attended Cornell University where he was conferred B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering. After receiving his B.S. and before entering graduate school, Herm served for two years in the United States Air Force. Then, after receiving his M.S. from Cornell in 1957, Herm was employed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as a design engineer, while, at the same time, pursuing PhD research at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He received his PhD in transportation engineering from UW-Madison in 1967 and shortly thereafter accepted a tenure-track faculty position with the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Professor Kuhn specialized in traffic engineering and transportation safety. He was a nationally-recognized expert in accident reconstruction, for which he developed and applied a number of innovative techniques that have been widely adopted by others in the field.

Professor Kuhn devoted much of his academic career to undergraduate education. He was committed to excellence in helping young people learn. He served as undergraduate chairperson of the department for a number of years, during which time he advised all in-coming undergraduate students. He kept a sharp mind and keen eye on the CEE undergraduate curriculum and, as a result, the department and its students were assured of quality and rigor in course offerings and the overall educational program.

Professor Kuhn immersed himself in work with his graduate students, many of whom became life-long friends. Long after his retirement in 1987, he remained in touch with his former students, spoke fondly of them, and they of him.

Herm Kuhn was one of those unique personalities who make the University of Wisconsin – Madison a very special place. Herm truly heard a different drummer, but marched to none. He was tough-minded and expected the best possible efforts from his students and from his colleagues. Yet, he was a gentle and caring person who placed the welfare and education of his students well above his own self-interests. He was selfless in his approach to research. The quality and value of his graduate students' theses meant more to him than the count of his own grants and publications. Professor Kuhn was a highly-principled, highly-valued colleague.

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