

IN MEMORIAM

Scholar of economic history

Prof. Kevin H. Burley died Feb. 16 in Victoria, British Columbia at age 78. He had taught at Western as a professor of economics, specializing in economic history, from 1966 until 1991 when he joined the University of Victoria's economics department as an adjunct professor.

Before beginning his academic career, Prof. Burley fought in southeast Asia for England during World War II and was later employed by the Home Branch of the British Civil Service. He was also a mountain guide in the Alps; during one of his tours, he met his wife, June.

Prof. Burley received his Baccalaureate in Arts from the University of London (the London School of Economics and Political Science) in 1953 and earned a PhD. from the same institution in 1957. He was a Research Fellow in the Department of Economics at the Australian National University from 1957 through 1960. In 1960, he became a lecturer in the Faculty of Commerce at the University of Birmingham.

In 1966, Prof. Burley joined the Economics Department at Western. He retired in 1986, but continued teaching in the department for another five years on a

post-retirement contract. During his career, Burley published numerous articles, books, and book reviews, all on varied economic history topics. His best known works were his articles and books utilizing historical accounting and other records to analyze the activities of eighteenth century clothiers, of the New South Wales Coal trade, international shipping, and occupational structure in London, Ontario, in 1871.

Colleagues from Western remember Prof. Burley as a diligent administrator who served on many departmental, faculty, and university committees. "He labored tirelessly to encourage the pursuit of both fairness and excellence, and was a formidable champion of the positions he favored on each issue," says Prof. John Palmer. Also, Prof. Burley was recognized as one of the top lecturers in the Economics department, consistently scoring high on the evaluations of his teaching. He always insisted that students work hard, analyze carefully, and write well.

Outside the university, Kevin Burley was an active fundraiser for the Canadian Kidney Foundation. During the 1970s and 1980s, he organized and led numerous different types of campaigns including bingos, door-to-

door solicitations, and lotteries to raise money for the support of kidney research and help the victims of kidney disease.

Prof. Burley is survived by his wife June, who presently lives in Victoria, BC, and by their three children. Their son, Steven Burley, is a Rhodes Scholar graduate from UWO and a world-renowned bio-

chemist. Son Christopher Burley received a master's degree in Business Administration from Western and is active in mergers and acquisitions in Canada. Daughter Justine Burley, a UWO graduate, continued her studies in law and philosophy at Oxford University and is now a highly regarded scholar in that field.

'Good fit at whatever he did'

Funeral service was held Feb. 24 for Prof. Terence Base, Department of Mechanical Engineering, who died Feb. 20 at age 65.

A faculty member at Western for 30 years, Prof. Base dedicated himself to excellence in his profession, in research, and in teaching, said friend and colleague Prof. John Tarasuk.

"He never ceased to be an engineering practitioner," said Tarasuk, noting Prof. Base's active involvement in a variety of areas, including the Electrostatics Research Group, the Chemical Engineering Reactor Group, and the Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel in the Faculty of Engineering Science. "Terry was a good fit at whatever he did. He did not have to search for opportunities - they came to him."

Born in Bristol, England, Prof. Base completed his Honors BSc in aeronautical engineering from the University of Bristol. He held a master's degree in fluid mechanics

from Brown University in the United States and a PhD in sound and vibrations from the University of Southampton, England.

He came to give Western a try for two years as a faculty member, a step which extended into 30 years until his death.

A prodigious researcher who was engaged in many areas of crossdisciplinary work, Prof. Base was one of the most popular readers of graduate theses and a much requested reviewer of many scientific and engineering papers, said Tarasuk.

He also was an outstanding teacher who was nominated for a Pleva Award and in 1998 won the outstanding teaching award in the Faculty of Engineering Science.

"Terry brought his enthusiasm, knowledge of the subject, his love of students and his humor to the classroom," said Tarasuk. "Students would intentionally select his courses just to be in his class."

A devoted family man, Prof. Base is survived by his wife Irene and three children.

FACULTY & STAFF

UWO linguists were well represented at the 3rd Bilingual Workshop in Theoretical Linguistics (BWTL-3) hosted at Queen's University, Kingston. Jacques Lamarche (French) gave a paper on "Description lexicale et niveaux de représentation", while Michiya Kawai (Huron, ICS) spoke on "Against A-trace (Lasnik 1999) and Theta Theory". French PhD students Svetlana Kaminskaia and Oxana Borzdyko spoke on "La prosodie des structures ambiguës", David Heap (French) on "Complexité morphologique et variation", while Juvénal Ndiviragije with PhD student Yavor Tsedryk (French) presented on "Grammatical Functions and Ergativity".

At the Modern Language Association of America convention in Chicago, Prof. Michael Groden, Department of English, organized, chaired, and spoke on a panel called "Joycean Communities: Fictional, Biographical, Pedagogical, Scholarly, Virtual, Imagined... A Communal Discussion." The panel was sponsored by the international James Joyce Foundation. Groden also participated in the MLA's Delegate Assembly as the elected delegate from the Division on Twentieth-Century English Literature.

Education presents rock opera

Students in Western's Faculty of Education are out to find the good life in the musical production of Pippin at Althouse Auditorium March 1 - 3.

Produced by education students, and directed by Nicole Cranston, the Steven Schwartz rock opera begins at 7:30 pm each day. Future music, drama, art and other teachers make up the cast and crew of this full-scale musical production.

A major Bob Fosse hit on Broadway in the 1970s, the show follows the journey of Prince Pippin, son of King Charlemagne. Returning home from university, Pippin, led by a group of players, is intent on finding an extraordinary life, trying his hand at several careers. Satisfied with none of them, Pippin finally comes to accept his own limitations and embraces a more ordinary existence.

"The revealing, hilarious and often touching musical tale challenges our assumptions about the good life and those who lead us to it," says Maija Saari, Pippin promotions & publicity.

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