

Member News continued

Edward Tezak, PhD (U.S. Military Academy), was awarded the Frederick J. Berger Award at the American Society for Engineering Education annual conference on June 27, 2007. The award recognizes both an individual and a school or department for demonstrating outstanding leadership in curriculum, techniques, or administration in engineering technology education. Tezak is SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Alfred State College. He is being recognized for his work at the forefront to advance engineering technology and to obtain an identity and recognition for engineering technology, apart from engineering.

Joe Tribout (Western Illinois University) has joined Walton Construction as a cost accountant. Tribout earned his Bachelor of Business in accountancy from Western Illinois University. He is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



Michael Twomey, PhD (Ithaca College), was awarded an Ithaca College Dana Professorship of Humanities/Arts. The Dana Professorship is the highest honor that

the college bestows upon a professor. The award recognizes professors who excel in teaching, have significant scholarly/creative

and/or professional activity, and have made significant contributions to the department, school, and college. Professor Twomey will remain a Dana Professor throughout his tenure at the college. He is the Phi Kappa Phi chapter president at Ithaca College.

Laurie Warrington (University of Mississippi) was named to the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy's Hall of Fame as she earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from the school in spring 2007. Warrington was selected by her classmates in recognition of her significant contributions to the school, both scholastically and professionally.

Lydia Weisser, DO (West Virginia University), has been appointed clinical director at Mississippi State Hospital. Weisser comes to the position from serving as clinical director at East Central Regional Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, and before that from the same position at West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus, Georgia. After receiving her degree from the Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, she completed her residency in psychiatry at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama, and then served as an assistant professor of psychiatry at the Medical College of Georgia.

Phoebe D. Williams, RN, PhD, FAAN (University of Kansas), was named the 2007 Distinguished Alumnae at the University

of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. Williams is a professor at the University of Kansas School of Nursing. Williams, who also has taught at the University of Florida and at the University of the Philippines Health Sciences Center College of Nursing, has published numerous books and refereed articles.

Elaine Yontz, PhD (Valdosta State University) and **Wallace Koehler**, PhD (University of Tennessee) helped lead the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) Program at Valdosta State University (VSU) from its startup in 2001 through its accreditation with the American Library Association (ALA), granted in June 2007. The VSU MLIS Program is the first functioning LIS program to have been begun at a North American university with no prior LIS history since 1974. It is also the first LIS Program to have been accredited under the most recent ALA procedures. Both Yontz and Koehler joined the VSU Program in 2001.

Arden P. Zipp, PhD (State University of New York-Cortland), retired after forty-one years of teaching chemistry at the State University of New York Cortland. He retired as a Distinguished Teaching Professor and chair emeritus of the Chemistry Department.

In Memoriam:

Lawrence Sommers, Former National Phi Kappa Phi President



Former National President **Lawrence Sommers**, PhD (Michigan State University), passed away August 3, 2007, at age eighty-eight. A long-time Phi Kappa Phi member, Dr. Sommers served on the Board of Directors of the Society for twelve years, including as National President from 1992 to 1995 and National Past President from 1995 to 1998. Born in Clinton, Wisconsin, in 1919, he served in the U.S. Army in North Africa during World War II and graduated from Northwestern University in 1950 with a PhD. During his forty years as a member of the Geography Department at Michigan State University, Sommers was department head for twenty-four years and helped raise the department to national prominence during that time. Current National Past President of Phi Kappa Phi, Paul Ferlazzo, remarks: "Larry Sommers set very high standards for how a president of Phi Kappa Phi should lead — with insight, imagination, and gentle grace."

Catherine Clark-Eich, who served on the Board of Directors with Dr. Sommers, stated that "Along with many other current and former Board members, I shall miss Larry's quiet humor, his wisdom, his gentle manner, and his wise leadership."

The family suggests that a suitable tribute to Dr. Sommers's life would be a contribution to the Marjorie and Lawrence Sommers Graduate Fellowship Endowment, c/o the Michigan State University Development Office, 300 Spartan Way, East Lansing, Michigan, 48824-9911. The fellowship supports geography graduate students at the university.