IN MEMORIAM

JOSLEEN LOCKHART (1911 - 1978)

Josleen Lockhart, Professor of Social Work, joined the U.T. faculty in 1956. At the time of her death, she was the senior member of the faculty. She obtained her B.A. from The University of Texas at Austin (1932) and her M.S. from Columbia University (1947). Before receiving her social work degree, she was employed in Benjamin and Llano, Texas as a high school teacher of English and Spanish and in Austin as an assistant probation officer. After graduating from Columbia University, she was employed at the Community Service Society, New York City, as a social caseworker (1947-1949), at the Educational Clinic of Brooklyn College as a psychiatric social worker (1949-1950), and at the School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University as an assistant professor (1950-1956).

She was active in working with community organizations which she saw as vital to effective teaching in a professional school. Her community service activities were extensive:

Consultant, staff development, Social Service Department, Austin State Hospital (1965-1966)
Consultant, staff development, Texas Baptist Children's Home, Round Rock (1957-1966); consultant, program development (1968-1973)

Consultant, staff development, Travis County Child Welfare Unit (1965)

Consultant, Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (1966)

Regional Consultant, Project Head Start, Office of Economic Opportunity (1965-1967)

Coordinator of Annual Workshop for Personnel of Homes for Children (1959-1975)

Secretary, Consumer Advisory Council Human Opportunity (1967)

Consultant, Review of Community Action Agencies in Southwest Region Seven, Office of Economic Opportunity (1967)

Consultant-director, Austin State Hospital-St. Joseph Caregiver Project, Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (1967)

In-service training for Austin-Travis County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center (1968)

Consultant Community Council of Austin and Travis County regarding in-service training, Information and Referral Service (1969)

Consultant, Regional Resource Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (1975-1978)

She initiated in 1959 and was coordinator of the Annual Workshop for Personnel of Homes for Children for seventeen years until illness reduced the scope of her activities. It was a significant pioneering activity since the personnel of homes for children were relatively untrained and had little or no opportunity to develop knowledge and skill in the care of children. The attendance grew from 15 to 650 under her stewardship and achieved national recognition for the quality of the program. The Proceedings of the 18th Annual Workshop were dedicated to Professor Lockhart.

"Josleen Lockhart is one of the original organizers of this annual workshop. For 17 years she has served as Coordinator, having been the primary representative of The University of Texas. She served with the first consultants and has been a distinguished consultant many times.

"Josleen's concern has always been related to the basic needs of children and their families, to understanding these needs and finding better ways of meeting them. She has brought to the workshop and to her profession of social work a consistent focus on quality service and the highest degree of professionalism.

"The quality of this annual workshop through the years is directly related to her insistence on high standards. Because of who and what she is, because of what she means to all of us, and to honor her, we respectfully dedicate this book to Josleen Lockhart."
Her publications and papers reflected her interest in child welfare and the family:


Panel participant, Texas Social Welfare Association State Conference (1967): "What is Casework?"

During her 22 years of service to the school, Professor Lockhart taught in the undergraduate and graduate programs of the school. Her interests ranged from "Social Work Services" to "Social Welfare Legislation," from "Advanced Interpersonal Helping" to public policy issues. Her door was always open to
students and to faculty. She was especially helpful to new, young faculty members during their first year of adjustment to Austin and The University of Texas. And - unusual woman that she was - she was no less concerned over the welfare of the Dean and Associate Dean whose periods of doubt and indecision she would endeavor to overcome and whose errors she would hasten to identify and correct.

Professor Lockhart was the principle energizer of a curriculum self-study from 1966-1970 which led to full reaccreditation of the M.S.W. program in 1971 by the Council on Social Work Education. Without the dedication, perserverance, organizational skills and high standards of Professor Lockhart, this objective would not have been reached. It was on the foundation of a sound M.S.W. program that the other academic and community service programs were built.

At her memorial service, the Reverend Charles Wright, Executive-Director of the Texas Baptist Children's Home and an old friend aptly characterized Professor Lockhart as a loving, devoted member of her family; as a professional social worker with qualities of compassion, integrity, conviction, decisiveness, and leadership; as a stabilizing force on the faculty of the School of Social Work, and "in command of her own spirit." She confronted her debilitating, painful illness "with beautiful
courage and a strong spirit, in command of self most of the time. To the end, her determination was to live, to work, to teach, to serve, to meet human need."

Shortly before her death, when her doctor was insisting that she be hospitalized, Professor Lockhart gathered together her last vestige of strength and addressed the first baccalaureate social work class of the School to share with them her vision of the profession. After an eloquent review of the history of social work she concluded,

"What is truly unique about social work, what separates our profession from the other helping professions, is our commitment to serving the truly disadvantaged persons in our society. This is not an easy commitment to fulfill. It is not financially rewarding in the sense that the private practitioner is rewarded. Like the messenger bearing bad tidings, we are not welcomed in the legislative halls and the community council meetings if we truly speak and work for programs to meet the needs of the poor. But - I repeat - this activity is in the finest and most demanding tradition of social work. If we give up this commitment, we shall lose the soul of the profession."

Professor Lockhart left her extensive collection of books and periodicals to the Social Work Library. In her honor, the Alumni Association of the School established a memorial book fund.

Professor Lockhart is survived by a stepmother, Mrs. T.H. Lockhart of Austin, and three sisters, Frances Lockhart of Austin, Mrs. Sterling Sasser of Austin and Mrs. Richard Miller of London, England.
This Memorial Resolution was prepared by a Special Committee consisting of Jack Otis (chairman), Louis E. DeMoll, and Donald J. Blashill.