IN MEMORIAM

STELLA M. TRAWEEK

Dr. Stella Traweek was an Assistant Professor of Business Statistics in the College of Business Administration of The University of Texas at Austin from March, 1949, until her retirement in June, 1960. She died Monday, April 13, 1992, at the age of 94.

Miss Traweek, a daughter of Emma Hall and David Crockett Traweek, was born in Brady, Texas, on October 29, 1897. She had a half-sister and a half-brother, now deceased.

Dr. Traweek graduated as valedictorian from Brady High School in 1914. She attended Texas Women's University for two semesters and subsequently transferred to The University of Texas at Austin where she earned the degrees of Bachelor of Business Administration with honors in 1936, Masters in Business Administration in 1939, and Ph.D. in 1949. Dr. Traweek was one of the first women to receive a Ph.D. in Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin, as well as the first woman to teach Business Statistics in this university.

Dr. Traweek taught for three years in rural schools in Texas and for several years in Brady, Texas. She was appointed as a tutor from 1938-1940 in the College of Business Administration and in 1940 as an Instructor of Business Statistics at The University of Texas at Austin. In 1949 she was promoted to Assistant Professor of Business Statistics, a rank she held until her retirement in 1960. Subsequent to her retirement, she resided in Austin, Texas, and continued to be very active in numerous community, University, and Texas activities. Dr. Traweek was a member of the University Methodist Church in Austin and was elected to two honorary societies at The University, Beta Gamma Sigma and Delta Kappa Gamma.

As a member of the American Statistical Association, Dr. Traweek organized its student chapter at The University of Texas at Austin. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women (President of the Austin Branch), National Machine Accountants Association, Southwestern Social Science Association, Texas Historical Association, Texas Association of College Teachers, Daughters of the Republic of Texas (President of the Austin Chapter), Austin Genealogical Society, London Society of Genealogists, University of Texas Ladies Club, and the Austin Women's Club. Dr. Traweek held local or national offices in all of these organizations and served on numerous University of Texas committees. She was vice-chairperson in establishing and building the Delta Kappa Gamma International Headquarters in Austin.

Because of her wide reputation, Dr. Traweek was listed in Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who of American Women, American Men and Women of Science, and the Royal Blue Book of England.

She wrote numerous articles for local and national professional magazines, including five monographs and a book (which earned high praise) for the Small Business Administration (Washington, D.C.).

Dr. Traweek traveled extensively in the United States and abroad, maintaining close friendships with many American and foreign ex-students. They became her friends, and she visited and corresponded frequently with many other ex-students. She always considered her friends to be "her most valuable possessions."

Dr. Traweek took pride in the role her family played in the Texas Revolution. Her great-great-grandmother, a widow with one daughter and six sons, came to Texas in 1818 and received a Spanish land grant from Mexico. One of her sons fought in the Battle of San Jacinto in the Texas War of Independence; another participated at San Felipe (in the decision to free Texas from Mexico); another son (George S. Robbins) fought and died in the Battle of the Alamo; and two others were discharged December 10, 1836, as Texas veterans.

Dr. Traweek is survived by two nieces, Ulrea Dillon (Mrs. B.J. Dillon), Houston, Texas, and Niladine Green, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Dr. Traweek was buried in Resthaven Cemetery, Brady, Texas.

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This Memorial Resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Glenn A. Welsch (Chair), Charles T. Clark, and Gaylord A. Jentz.