

A Notable Woman - Hazel Koskenlinna



During her 26-year teaching career in the English department, Hazel Koskenlinna's public service included serving as a leader in professional women's clubs at the state and local levels. She held two terms as president to the Wisconsin Federation of Business and Professional Women and served as head of the local chapter. The state organization named her "Woman of the Year" in the mid-1970s. She also was involved with the American Association of University Women.

Following her retirement in 1987, Koskenlinna continued her involvement with the groups and enjoyed her role as a householder in the Village of Plover.

Another of the professor's lifelong interests was traveling throughout the globe. Her more unusual trips included a tour of Ireland in a horse-drawn camper and a cruise on the Amazon River to view Halley's comet.

While at the university, she served as department chair from 1977-80 and as chair of the graduate council. A Kenosha native, she received her degrees from University of Wisconsin Madison.

Before coming to UWSP in 1961, she served with the Department of the Army, the Air Force, the military government of South Korea, the State of Wisconsin and at high schools in Marshfield and Racine. She also spent seven years on the DPI's Vocational, Technical and Adult Education advisory committee.