

## **Burdette W. Eagon**

Burdette W. Eagon served UWSP for one-third of a century and in the process may have set an all-time record in the number of different positions he filled. He came to campus in 1950 as sixth grade teacher in the Campus School and retired in 1984 as dean of academic support programs which included administering the Albertson Learning Resources Center.

During his career at UWSP, Eagon served as director of Delzell Residence Hall; assistant director of teacher education and placement; professor of education; dean of men; chairman of the education department; dean of the College of Education; director of the graduate program; associate vice president; dean of educational services and innovative programs; teacher-administrator of UWSP's first semester in Taiwan; chief of party and consultant for the higher education survey team for service to the government of South Vietnam; and acting vice chancellor for academic affairs, the number two position on campus which he filled for one and one-half years.

Eagon says one of his greatest prides was the Native American Center which he helped to organize and which provided special educational support to all of the tribes in Wisconsin. During the late 1960s and early 1970s, Eagon made a total of 10 trips to be an educational consultant to the government of South Vietnam.

A native of Winneconne, he holds degrees from UW-Oshkosh, UW-Madison and Peabody College. During World War II, he was a civilian teacher for the Army Air Force Technical Command at Truax Field near Madison. He later was an instructor in California for the Navy and spent a year teaching at the American Television Laboratories in Chicago before beginning his career in public education as a fifth-grade teacher in Beloit.

Eagon was involved in education circles from the local to the national levels, including the presidency of the Wisconsin Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development and membership on the board of directors of its national affiliate. He also was chairman of a national committee for accreditation of teacher education teams.

A seasoned world traveler, Eagon still continues his journeys abroad at age 93 and is an avid wood turner and active resident of the Sunset Lake community in eastern Portage County.