

## WILLIAM EARLE DRAKE (1903-1989)

The members of the Southwestern Philosophy of Education Society, the Texas Educational Foundations Society and the friends and family of Professor William Earle Drake remember him as a national leader in his field, a professional who always lived in accordance with his principles, a good and loyal friend, and a loving and caring family man.

Professor Drake, Professor Emeritus of the University of Texas - Austin, received his doctorate as a Peabody Fellow from the University of North Carolina. He contributed to the field of education in many capacities, as a teacher, a principal, a superintendent, a university professor and department chair. He served as consultant to the Supreme Court of Missouri on the Franklin County School case, received the Meritorious Service Award from Shrivensham Army University, and the Alphonso Smith prize from the University of North Carolina where he studied with Edgar Knight.

Professor Drake served as Executive Secretary of the Philosophy of Education Society, President of the Southwestern Philosophy of Education Society, Executive Committee member of the National Society of Colleges of Teacher Education, and charter member of the Texas Educational Foundations Society. In addition, he was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Alpha Pi Zeta. His numerous publications include The American School in Transition, Higher Education in North Carolina Before 1860, and Intellectual Foundations of Modern Education.

In 1986 the William E. Drake Lecture was established in his honor by the Texas

Educational Foundations Society, a society for the historical, philosophical, ethical, and social foundations of education. Appropriately, Professor Drake was the first Drake Lecturer. His presentation was entitled "The Authority of Law and the Freedom of the Individual in American Culture." A response entitled "Freedom and Authority in the Educational Philosophy of William E. Drake" was delivered by Jack Willers, Professor of Education at Peabody and Vanderbilt Universities. The Second Drake Lecture was James E. McClellan, Jr., former Professor at Columbia University and State University of New York at Albany, and Visiting Professor of Logic and the Classics at Corpus Christi State University. The Third Drake Lecture was delivered this year by John D. Pulliam, Dean of the School of Education, University of Montana, and former faculty member in the Department of the History and Philosophy of Education at the University of Texas - Austin when Professor Drake was Chair.

Last year Professor Drake was unable to attend the Southwestern Philosophy of Education Society meeting and the Drake Lecture because of knee surgery. He looked forward to attending this year. A few weeks ago he began to feel ill, and he passed away after a brief and painless illness at the age of 86. During his retirement he enjoyed ranching, traveling, writing fiction and non-fiction, and visiting with his family. This year the Southwestern Philosophy of Education Society and the Texas Educational Foundations Society especially honor the memory of this great educator who contributed so much to the field of education.