

Alumni Award

Marjorie Smith Ginaven

Class of 1932

That the Frances E. Mowry Memorial Alumni Center is today an elegant reality is due in no small part to Marjorie Ginaven's very personal and steadfast involvement at every stage of its creation. Ohio Wesleyan's alumni, who find an attractive welcome-home in Mowry and the on campus community, who use the space daily, are much indebted to her for her labor of love.

When building such a center was still but a dream, Marjorie was instrumental in involving in the University the donor whose gift made Mowry possible. Subsequently, she took a lively interest in every facet of its construction, making many trips to campus on its behalf and embarking on countless scouting expeditions to locate attractively functional furnishings.

The building is a tribute to her aesthetic sensitivity, diligence, and generosity. The much-used Sayers conference room was given by Marjorie and her family in memory of her sister. She saw to every detail of its furnishing and adornment.

Her hand in decorating the Monnett Room helped make it a comfortable, flexible and very useful space. The chandelier now hanging therein, a relic on Monnett Hall, was rescued from a scrapheap fate when Marjorie's artistic perception saw it as the appropriate fixture. After diligent search, she found the room's oriental carpet and influenced the Cleveland Monnett Club to make it their donation to the décor.

Marjorie's most recent contribution to Mowry has been the elegant chandelier in the lobby which she found and presented to the building.

Other service to Alma Mater over the years has included the stalwart support and participation by Marjorie and her husband Howard, also '32, in Akron alumni activities. They are the parents of David '57, John '62 and Robert '61.

With appreciation and affection, we honor Marjorie Smith Ginaven for service to Ohio Wesleyan of an especially imaginative, loving and magnanimous nature.

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