

Erik J. Sorensen

Professor Sorensen was born and raised in upstate New York and received his B. A. degree in Chemistry from Syracuse University, where he performed undergraduate research with Professor Roger Hahn. In 1989, he began his graduate studies in chemical synthesis at The University of York.

Fred L.M. Pearson



Born in Scotland, where he received his early education, he attended the University of Cambridge in 1941 for undergraduate work in Natural Sciences, followed by a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. After spending a year at Dalhousie University as Lecturer, he joined Western as Assistant Professor in 1948.

Fred established a Ph.D. program in the department, and his research on biologically active organic fluorine compounds produced many scientific papers, garnered the award of an Sc.D. by the University of Cambridge, and resulted in the publication of a book, *Toxic Aliphatic Fluorine Compounds*. In 1959, he became Professor and Head of the Department, and he presided over the expansion of the department and its move to new facilities.

In 1965, Fred decided on a career change, and at the age of 42, he enrolled at Western as a first year medical student. After completing his M.D. four years later, he interned at St. Joseph's Hospital in London and served for a year as resident in the Family Practice Program. As well, he was enrolled in a diploma course in venereology at the University of Liverpool. During 1971-73, Fred followed up a long standing interest in the people of Canada's North by working with the International Grenfell Association. He provided solo medical care to about 6,000 people scattered along 120 miles of the Atlantic coast of Newfoundland.

Fred returned to London in 1973, when he joined Western's student health service, holding the position of Director at his formal retirement in 1988. During the same period he was clinical assistant professor in the Faculty of Medicine, giving instruction in venereology, and director of the Middlesex London Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic.

On his retirement, Fred was able to resume his connection with the Chemistry Department with the rank of Professor Emeritus. In view of Fred's long service and many contributions to chemistry and medicine at Western, it is entirely fitting that the department dedicate a lecture series bearing his name.

Lecture Schedule

Monday, May 1, 1995