Sidney Steele passed away on November 24, 2007, He was born in Toledo, Ohio, received his B.S. degree from the University of Toledo and his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from The Ohio State University. He married Harriett Nelms in 1944 and was the father of two children, Janet Steele and Harvey Steele. He worked briefly at Girdler Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky prior to coming to Eastern in 1947. He taught analytical chemistry at Eastern for 38 years and served as chair of the chemistry department from 1967-1977. He did a sabbatical at Stanford University. Following his retirement he established the Sidney R. Steele Graduate Summer Scholarship