



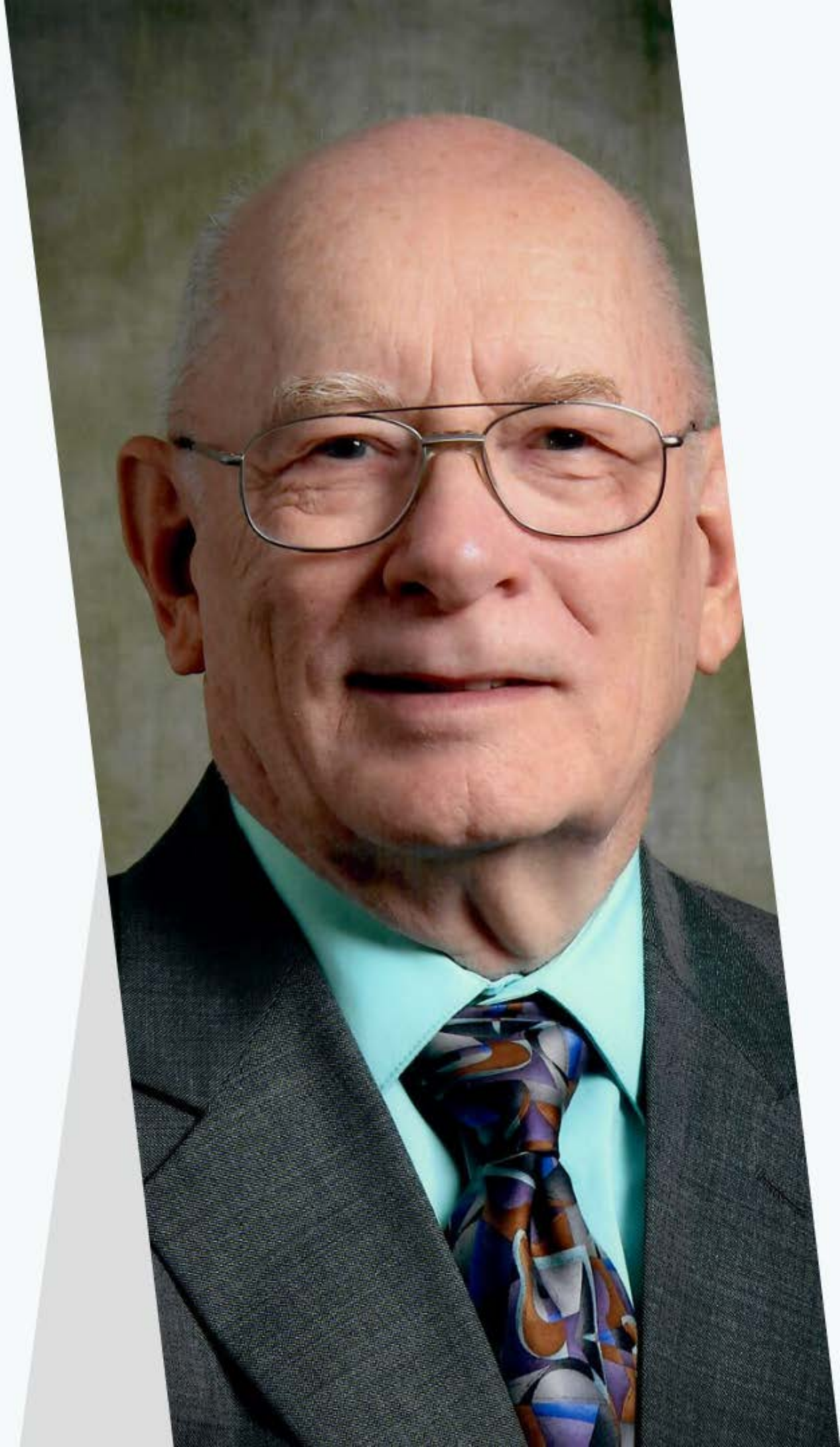
Getting to know...

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I worked as a member of the Watson Technical staff for 23 1/2 years. I was active in the Professional Staff Senate in various roles and was and still active in UUP. I believe we all need to have our voice heard here at Binghamton University and our labor and governance organizations are very effective at accomplishing that.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Tell me about your job and why you love what you do?

I loved working to support our Staff, Students, and Faculty. I knew that my role was to ensure that our employees and our students had the tools they needed to fulfill their roles here.

How did you get involved with UUP?

Honestly, I was tired of the phrase "You know what I heard," at the lunch table. I decided to hear for myself. What I found out was that I not only heard but could also be heard.

How do you make a difference?

I am committed to our DEI initiative. It is not difficult to include people simply by engaging with them. In Watson we have a large International population. It was a priority for me to make them feel welcome. I also feel strongly about advocating for our Retirees and want us to have as many perks as possible.

What about your community engagement; any hobbies?

I am an Amateur Radio (Ham) operator and support that hobby by administering exams to those who wish to obtain a license and am the trustee for the BU club. I also work at a local dirt track (Penn Can Speedway) to support the racing community.