
Singer's commitment to undergraduate education was not limited to the classroom. He served as faculty advisor and sometimes coach of the Michigan Ski Club. He opened his home to undergraduates on a regular basis. Singer also shared his lifetime passion of sailing with his students. Up until his eightieth birthday, when he gave up his boat, Singer could be seen sailing his Snipe on Barton Pond with a crew of undergraduates or former students.

Singer's former students range far and wide on both theoretical and methodical lines. He took special pride in the women and minority students he taught and mentored. In his later years, Singer enjoyed discussing former students who went on to successful careers in political science. He also took pride in those who pursued other paths. He would smile and reflect on the activist Tom Hayden or Gaylen Byker, the president of Calvin College. When Hayden returned to Ann Arbor to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the first teach-in, which Singer played a part in organizing in 1965, Hayden's plenary speech ran over 15 minutes. Upon completion, Hayden went directly to greet Singer. After a warm embrace, Singer responded in his characteristic style: "Tom, you can still blow a lot of hot air. You went 15 minutes over." Singer's concern was that Hayden's excess shortened the break-out sessions with students, in which Singer and Hayden would lead smaller group discussions. Even nearing his eightieth year, Singer still cherished his opportunities to have freewheeling discussions with undergraduates.

Writing reflections on his own life, Singer concluded that, "in his teaching, his

research, and political activism he tried to set a good example for his colleagues and students, and as we can now say, he was moderately successful. On the other hand, his vision is far from achieved. The peace science endeavor still has a long way to go." He was far too humble in gauging the magnitude of his impact on the international relations discipline and the students who studied with him. He was perhaps accurate in noting that peace science still has a long way to go, but the journey is now much shorter and with clear direction because of J. David Singer.

J. David Singer is survived by his wife, Diane Macaulay of Ann Arbor, Michigan, his daughters Annie Singer of Washington, DC, and Katie Singer of Montclair, New Jersey, and his two grandchildren, Kayla and Jake Ephros of Montclair. A public memorial service was held in June 2010 in Ann Arbor.

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TRUMAN DAVID WOOD

Truman David Wood graduated from Delavan (Minnesota) High School in 1950. He earned his bachelor's degree in political sci-

ence from Mankato State Teachers' College (later Minnesota State University, Mankato). He worked as a teacher in several high schools in Iowa and Minnesota. He earned a master's and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He was a professor in the political science/law enforcement department of Mankato State University (now known as Minnesota State University, Mankato) from 1961 to 1991. He taught a variety of courses, but primarily focused on American political thought. Wood demonstrated great care for his students and understood quality teaching and careful advising to be the top priorities of his academic career. He was a leader in his department and the university for many years. He was particularly active in community service. He was a member of the Mankato Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the Mankato Planning Commission for 22 years, and chair of his church administrative council for 14 years. He frequently served as a public speaker for high school commencements and service clubs, and as an election analyst. He was active in Republican party politics until the 1980s, serving as a delegate to the National Convention in 1964. When he retired, he and his wife Reta established the Wood Scholarship for political science majors who demonstrate a record of community involvement and academic excellence. Truman Wood was an inspiring teacher, a caring advisor, and a model citizen. He shaped and touched many lives.

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