

But while intellectually aggressive and administratively facile, John had a great warmth and kindness, a deep empathy for others. He had a strong need to make others feel at ease and although he could be critical and hold high intellectual standards, these never interfered with his feelings for people. You could be on opposite sides of an intellectual issue but this was irrelevant to your personal friendship. You could talk to John at almost any level about almost anything. He was concerned, perceptive, insightful. When presented with a personal problem he would listen carefully and sketch alternative solutions; he would never recommend or interfere. No matter how busy he was, John always had time for you. There were no status levels in John's world. He never asked anyone to do anything he would not do himself. Although the research project employed many assistants John never felt it was beneath him to punch cards, move furniture, file papers, look up bibliographies, run errands. Quite simply for those of us who worked with him, John was our very best friend.

For me personally, John's life had a very special message. I have collaborated with John on research projects for 12 years and known the excitement of sharing and developing ideas with him. As a member of the Political Science Department I have benefitted from his ingenuity in working through solutions to problems. As a person I have gained immeasurably from this man's warmth and kindness. But above all I have learned something about living. For me the most incredible quality of this person was the way he lived his life. John refused to be sick. If his body was ailing John's mind and spirit refused to be a party to the fact. At times it was difficult to accept, as John lifted boxes, taught huge classes through pain, and insisted on taking on more commitments than any normal person could possibly manage. But John was absolutely determined to live life on his own terms. Quality, not quantity, was what he wanted. I will remember John for his great intellectual talents and his wonderful friendship, but most of all I will remember him for the way he lived his life.

The John V. Gillespie scholarship fund has been established at Indiana University. Those interested in contributing should contact the Chairman, Alfred Diamant.

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## G. Theodore Mitau

G. Theodore Mitau, Distinguished Service Professor and former Chancellor of the Minnesota State University System, and Macalester College Professor of Political Science, died July 5, 1979 at the age of 59.

Ted Mitau's service to education in Minnesota began at Macalester, which he attended after escaping Hitler's Nazi Germany. A member of the class of 1940, he began teaching German to

his fellow students as an undergraduate, and upon earning a B.A. in political science, he joined the faculty. His tenure at Macalester was continuous—while serving in World War II, while earning the M.A. (1942) and Ph.D. (1948) from the University of Minnesota; while leading the State University System at its first Chancellor from 1968 to 1976; while teaching throughout the System as Distinguished Service Professor; and at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Scholar, author, reviewer, adviser, analyst, he participated in civic, political and governmental activities at the state and national levels, including consultantships for mayors, governors, the U.S. Senate and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

An early teaching and political colleague of Hubert H. Humphrey, he aided Humphrey's 1943 mayoral victory in Minneapolis and coordinated the "diaper brigade" of student volunteers who helped elect Humphrey to the Senate in 1948. The campus coordinator was Walter Mondale, one of the thousands of students whom Ted inspired.

Ted Mitau also devoted much of his career to exploring innovative instructional techniques to make higher education accessible for a broader range of people without much prior traditional education. He was instrumental in the development of Minnesota Metropolitan State University, the "college without a campus" which offers a college education to working adults, and he was a consultant to Antioch College.

Through the years, many educators and public officials sought Ted's advice. He served as a consultant to the Commissioner of Education in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and to the U.S. Civil Service Commission. Frequently an advisor to Minnesota's governors, he focused on the areas of constitutional revision, reapportionment and executive reorganization.

Among his major publications are *Politics in Minnesota* (University of Minnesota Press, 1960); *State and Local Government: Politics and Processes* (Scribner's, 1966); and *Decade of Decision: The Supreme Court and the Constitutional Revolution, 1954-64* (Scribner's, 1967).

A sixth book was in the works, on the subject of personal privacy and privacy laws, a subject which Mitau felt to be the consuming issue of the coming generation.

Since surgery in October brought the diagnosis of inoperable cancer, many of Ted Mitau's friends decided to honor him with the establishment of an Endowed Lectureship in Public Policy which would bring outstanding scholars to the campus for a portion of each academic year to explore on a continuing basis the kinds of issues which were central to Ted's concern during his full and productive career. Announcement of the Lectureship was made at a special convocation in February, at which the master teacher, wearing a neck brace to ease the pain of a ravaging disease, was surrounded by

caring, admiring and loving colleagues, friends and students, past and present. Hundreds of people sat on folding chairs that covered nearly every square foot of the college gymnasium and hundreds more stood on the running track on the balcony above. After receiving the honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Professor Mitau heard accolades from Vice President Walter Mondale, Governor Albert Quie, St. Paul Mayor George Latimer, former Minneapolis Mayor Arthur Naftalin, C. Peter Magrath, President of the University of Minnesota, and Gary Hays, Chancellor of the Minnesota State University System. In the audience were three former governors, United States Senators, and numerous state officials and legislators.

One remembers Ted Mitau's contribution to higher education best by using his own words on that memorable day:

Perhaps then, there is something in the very phenomenon of the humane learning that must keep us on the alert; humble and extraordinarily sensitive that its content may, in fact, be too narrow; too much compressed into a truncated curriculum instead of into programs of life-long learning and life-time coping, that its commitments not be too abstract; that liberal learning must constantly be balanced with practical learning, that questions of ethics constantly confront career concerns and ambitions; that the true liberal arts in their approach, design, and ideological sensitivity transcend considerations of political expediency and a blind, or exclusive, national self-interest; and

most of all, that those who share this humane learning can never view themselves as innocent bystanders in the great drama of human deliverance from our imprisonment by the forces of conformity, ignorance, oppressions and, paramount, that we vigorously resist old and new forms of invasions of the kinds of personal privacy without which individual creative and truly compassionate thought or life is impossible or improbable.

Dorothy Dodge  
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**Corrections**

In the Summer 1979 issue of *PS*, Farouk Umar, the retiring Chairman, was incorrectly listed as the new Chairman of the Department of Political Science at Murray State University, Kentucky. The correct name of the new chairman is Winfield H. Rose. Other corrections from the Summer *PS* News and Notes section are as follows: Ann L. Craig should have been listed under new appointments as Assistant Professor at the University of California, San Diego, and not as Assistant. Wayne A. Cornelius should have been listed as Professor at the University of California, San Diego, and Director of the Mexican-American Institute, as well. Under Visiting and Temporary Appointments, Samuel H. Beer, Harvard University, and James Kurth, Swarthmore College, should both have been listed as Visiting at the University of California, San Diego. *PS* regrets the errors.

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