

Yemen. But he recognized the limitations inherent in the relationship, particularly given the differences concerning Israel. Later, Badeau's *The American Approach to the Middle East* (Council on Foreign Relations, 1968) adopted the unfashionable view that Israel posed a problem for Washington in its relations with the Arab world and that a more even-handed diplomacy was therefore advisable.

Badeau came to Columbia University in 1964 as Director of the Middle East Institute and professor of Middle East studies. He later taught at Georgetown University before he retired in 1974. He struggled to reduce the dichotomy between disciplinary and area studies, a tension that still troubles the academic world. His keen mind and vivid anecdotes brought the Middle East to life, making his students eager to explore that region for themselves.

John S. Badeau lives on amongst his family, friends and students who remember his warmth and humor and who (hopefully) took to heart his advice to be concerned about "human situations and not merely a disembodied political process" (*Middle East Remembered*, p. 71), as well as his charge that "the ultimate education is the one that you give yourself" (*Ibid.*, p. 46).

I studied with John S. Badeau at Columbia University in the late 1960s and also had the special pleasure of having him serve as the minister for my wedding.

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JAMES PITTS ALEXANDER, Journals Director at Cambridge University Press, passed away at 45 years of age on July 18, 1995, in Manhattan after an extended illness. The Middle East Studies Association, and those fortunate to work with him personally, have lost a friend.

Jim Alexander received the Oliver Storer academic scholarship to attend Columbia University, which he entered in 1967. During his subsequent career in publishing, Jim held positions at Pergamon Press, Haworth Press and Human Sciences Press. Most recently, Jim was actively engaged in a career in academic publishing as Journals Manager and, since 1993, Journals Director at Cambridge University Press. Jim Alexander served on the Copyright Committee for the Association of American University Presses and for the Association of American Publishers. He was also a member of the AAP Journals Committee.

Editors of the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, the *Bulletin* and MESA executive directors who worked with Jim benefitted from his keen appreciation of the publishing business and the requirements of scholarship. We always appreciated Jim's thoughtful efforts to maintain the delicate balance between the two. His understanding lightened the weighty pressures of running and publishing scholarly journals. Jim Alexander was professional in his work, gentlemanly and gentle in his demeanor and a pleasure to know. We will miss him.

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**Ernest Gellner** (1925-1995) died November 5th in Prague, the city his family fled in 1938 and to which he had returned in 1993 to head a Centre for the Study of Nationalism at the Central European University. In between, he served in the Czech Brigade, graduated with a first at Balliol and taught moral and social philosophy in the sociology department of the London School of Economics. At the LSE, he became attracted to social anthropology and, through mountaineering