

preparing basic materials on the law of impeachment. As a member of the Administrative Conference of the United States, he contributed to practical developments in administrative law, which was of considerable importance to him.

Bob will be sorely missed by his colleagues and friends. To both he gave both intellectual and personal stimulation and (as the most junior of the three of us can testify) support for the work they did. His warmth and good humor were infectious. We are glad to have known this very special person.

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John M. Echols

John M. Echols, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle for three and one-half years, died March 30, 1980 in Washington, D.C. at the age of 31.

John received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 1970, majoring in government. He completed the Ph.D. in political science at the University of Michigan in 1976. Immediately afterward, he joined the faculty of the University of Illinois, and quickly made his mark as an active, concerned, compassionate, and stimulating colleague and teacher.

John's intellectual interests were multifaceted. His scholarship concerned the politics of public budgeting, the politics of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, the comparative study of public policy, particularly in terms of Soviet as opposed to Western systems, and the study of politics and social equality. His work ranged from quite technical concerns to broad and enduring questions regarding the quality of political and social life. Nor were these concerns isolated one from the other. Thus, even in

so highly technical a context as an examination of fiscal transfers, redistribution, and regional inequality in the Soviet Union, John never lost sight of the larger questions. Rather, he constantly combed the data for further and deeper insights into these questions.

John was a skilled and enthusiastic teacher as well as a scholar, as attested to by his nomination for a Silver Circle Award and the publication of instructional materials through the medium of the American Political Science Association.

His scholarly output was prolific for someone at his career stage. There was no question that a bright future awaited him. But just as his interests and concerns spanned a wide gamut, so, too, his activities were not limited to professional forums or the classroom alone.

In addition to involvement with professional journals and associations, such as the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, he was closely interested in action-oriented groups such as the Institute for Policy Studies and the Human Rights Internet of the International Studies Association. Typically, while on leave during the current academic year, John was working at the Agency for International Development of the Département of State on social indicators, particularly trying to assess "well being" and the relation between public policy and the quality of life.

John was a warm and gregarious person. While we cannot always comprehend the forces that govern the destinies of individual human beings, we know that the world will be a poorer place without John Echols.

Contributions to a memorial fund honoring John Echols may be sent to the University of Illinois Foundation, P.O. Box 4348, Chicago, Illinois 60680. They should be marked for the John Echols Memorial Fund.

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