

WALTER D. JACOBS has resigned as director of Off-campus and Overseas Studies, and will continue as professor, University of Maryland.

ELMER PLISCHKE has resigned as head of the department after more than fourteen years, and will continue as professor, University of Maryland.

PEARL ROBERTSON has retired from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee after 20 years of service.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN S. GORDON, Assistant Professor of Political Science in Clemson University, died on June 5, 1968, after a brief illness. He was 30 years of age.

Professor Gordon received his undergraduate degree with honors from Dickinson College, and held the M. A. degree from Duke University, and had pursued further graduate study at that institution. He had taught at Clemson for five years with special responsibility for the fields of Comparative Governments and Political Thought.

—Robert S. Lambert
Clemson University

Professor CARL BRENT SWISHER died in Baltimore, Maryland on June 14, 1968 after a brief illness. He was 71 years old. He was buried near Weston, West Virginia in the family plot where his parents lie. Weston is in the hill country where Carl grew up, and to which in recent years he increasingly returned, both in body and spirit.

As a scholar, Carl always thought of himself as a late starter in life. Strange as it may seem to those of us who stand in awe of his many and varied accomplishments in our common discipline, he was driven throughout much of his career by the feeling that he must catch up. For reasons of health and economic circumstances, Carl was delayed in completing his formal academic training and was thus older than most of the students with whom he graduated.

That he closed this imaginary gap, no one—including in the end Carl himself—could reasonably doubt. His studies of Justices Field and Taney set a standard by which judicial biography will long be measured. His work on constitutional history has influenced a whole generation of students in the field of public law. His forthcoming volume on the Taney period in the Oliver Wendell Holmes series on

the Supreme Court will unquestionably be the definitive study of its kind. He was elected president of both the Southern and the American Political Science Associations, and this recognition by his colleagues gave him great pride and almost boyish pleasure.

The essence of Carl's strategy as a scholar has been well described by his long-time friend and colleague, Thomas I. Cook: "It was Carl's very real feeling that microcosm was macrocosm—by pursuing a worthwhile figure through all his life, days, and thoughts, one would encounter all humanity and all human issues. He was equally convinced that a desire for overt universalism could only result in diletantism, frustration, and confusion."

As a person Carl was quite shy, but, as is often true in such cases, he gave and drew more warmth from human associations than did most of his more gregarious colleagues. Not much for small talk, he was extraordinarily candid and communicative in conversation. Inevitably, such candor drew others out, and a conversation with Carl could often become an adventure in self-discovery.

The part of Carl's achievements least well-known outside of Johns Hopkins was his great skill as a teacher—in both lectures and seminar meetings. He had great expectations regarding his students' performance, and they usually responded by working harder than they ever had before. His colleagues sometimes peevishly complained that graduate students at Hopkins majored in Carl's course, no matter what their field of special concentration.

But students responded to his teaching with admiration and affection. When we set out upon Carl's retirement to raise money to have his portrait painted, we were swamped with contributions. That portrait is now finished and hangs in the political science seminar room at Johns Hopkins University, where Carl taught for thirty years.

—Francis E. Rourke
Johns Hopkins University

EDWARD H. LITCHFIELD, political scientist, government official, university president and business leader died in a crash of his plane in Lake Michigan on the evening of March 8, 1968. His wife, mother, and his two youngest boys, together with the pilot, perished with him.

Litchfield, who received his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan, served in Occupied Germany as Chief of General Clay's Civil Affairs Division. Later he was Dean of the School of Business and Public Administration