

David W. Rohde, Michigan State University: professor.

Richard D. Shingles, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: associate professor.

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Richard L. Siegel, University of Nevada, Reno: professor.

James Svava, University of North Carolina, Greensboro: associate professor.

Leonard B. Weinberg, University of Nevada, Reno: professor.

Richard F. Weisfelder, University of Toledo: associate professor.

Robert Youngblood, Arizona State University: associate professor.

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## Retirements

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David Fellman, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Vilas Professor of Political Science, retired from active teaching in June 1978.

Edwin C. Hoyt, University of New Mexico, professor emeritus.

Lenoir Wright, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, has retired after 25 years with the University.

## In Memoriam

### William Welch

William Welch, Professor of Political Science at the University of Colorado, died of cancer at his home in Boulder in February 25, 1978 at the age of 60. He is survived by his widow, Katharine, and three sons: William Pierce Welch, assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh; James H. Welch, a graduate student in solar technology at Arizona State University; and H. Gilbert Welch, a medical student at the University of Cincinnati.

Bill Welch was born in New Haven, Connecticut on September 11, 1917. He graduated from Harvard, *magna cum laude*, in 1938. He returned to New Haven to teach and earn a Master's degree from Yale University. He received his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University in 1951. His areas of special interest were political philosophy and comparative government, with special emphasis on Russian and East European affairs.

During World War II Bill served for three years in the U.S. Army and was assigned to a specialized training program at Harvard in 1943-44 to study the Russian language and the East European area. After the war he taught at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York from 1948 to 1952. He then went to Washington, D.C. where he was a research analyst for the

Central Intelligence Agency from 1952 to 1960. He was awarded a fellowship for 1957-58 at the Washington Center for Foreign Policy Research. In 1960-61 he was a visiting Professor at the University of California in Berkeley.

Bill Welch joined the Political Science Department at the University of Colorado in 1961, where he taught Political Theory, International Affairs, Comparative Government (especially Soviet-East European), and American Government. He was associate director of the Honors Program from 1962 to 1967. During the academic year 1967-68 he was awarded a Faculty Fellowship; the fall semester of 1968 was spent in Vienna, Austria, and traveling in Russia and other East European countries.

Bill Welch was the author of *American Images of Soviet Foreign Policy*, published by Yale University Press in 1970 and numerous articles in journals, including the *Journal of Central European Affairs*, *South Atlantic Quarterly*, *Midwest Quarterly*, *Rocky Mountain Social Science Journal*, and *University of Colorado Studies: Series in Political Science No. 3* and others. In addition Bill was an accomplished pianist and wrote an article on his favorite composer, Mozart, entitled "A Layman's Appreciation of Mozart" for the November 1957 issue of *The Music Review*.

As colleagues and students alike have expressed, Bill Welch was one of those rare individuals who stands out as a model of the ideal university professor. An expert in political theory and international affairs, he used his scholastic research to give his students a thorough understanding of these disciplines. Widely read in music, art, and literature he could add new dimensions to his students' perspectives. He invited student participation during his lectures, relying on the Socratic method to stimulate discussion. His sincere, gentle, and gracious manner always put one at ease and instilled confidence—be it lower classman, graduate student, or faculty member. As one colleague expressed it, Bill achieved a "rare blending of scholarly detachment and warm attachment, a sense of standard and concern for excellence *and* a compassion for the frailties of the human species."

In addition to his academic and musical talents, Bill had many interests. He enjoyed tennis, mountain hiking, and cross-country skiing. He was an avid reader of mysteries, an occasional writer of doggerel and haiku, an authority on Groucho Marx, a naturalist and bird-watcher, and an enthusiastic train traveler. His sense of humor was an unflinching source of delight to family, friends, and students even as he knew the end of his life was near. He was always most considerate of others—never speaking ill of anyone. When he learned that he was dying of cancer, he approached the inevitable calmly and reconciled himself to death as part of life. But what disturbed him most about his illness and its final consequences was the inconvenience he believed he was causing others.

At the time of his death, Bill Welch was working on a textbook in Political Philosophy.

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phy—a manuscript expressing not only his concepts of the subject but also setting down his special ideas relating to the teaching of political theory. One of his greatest regrets was having to leave this manuscript unfinished. But Bill's lasting contribution as an educator is the impact on his students, the large number of students he stimulated and inspired and who regarded his classes as special experiences.

The Thomas Jefferson Award, established at the University of Colorado by the Robert Earll McConnell Foundation, was presented in the memory of William Welch, in May 1978: "In grateful recognition of his unstinting faith in

liberty of thought, freedom of inquiry and the efficacy of education; for his abiding love and respect for his students; for the surpassing excellence of his teaching; for the exceptional quality of his published works; and for the humanistic model he cast for all of us."

Political scientists and students everywhere—but especially at the University of Colorado—have lost a scholar, a popular and outstanding teacher, and a warm friend and colleague in the death of Bill Welch. But his influence remains.

Henry F. Goodnow  
University of Colorado

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