

In Memoriam

Dom Bonafede

The Presidency Research Group sadly mourns the passing of its valued member and contributor Dom Bonafede, who died of complications from cancer on January 13, 1998.

Dom was a journalist and presidential analyst *par excellence*. He began his career in the 1950s, first working as a reporter for the *Havana Herald* in Cuba and later for two Miami newspapers, *The Miami News* and *The Miami Herald*. He moved to Washington in 1963, becoming a political correspondent for *The New York Herald Tribune*, and later for *Newsweek*. In 1969, Dom became assistant foreign editor for *The Washington Post*. After a year at the Post, he joined the then fledgling *National Journal* as its White House correspondent.

It was through Dom's insightful reporting for the *National Journal* that many of us got our first behind-the-scenes look at the Nixon White House. In his stories, Dom gave us the access which was difficult for most of us to obtain on our own. Dom continued to cover the White House for the *National Journal* for the next 10 years, providing a rich and detailed portrait of the changing tapestry of the contemporary presidency.

Dom loved presidential politics, but he was as interested in political institutions and policy processes as he was in the partisan political activity. He understood the interaction of organization, procedure, and politics and strived to help his readers appreciate the operational complexities of the White House and the Executive Office. Presidency watchers naturally gravitated to his in-depth descriptions and analyses which were consistently insightful from an institutional perspective.

Dom kept his eye on the presidency even after he left the White House beat to become the *Journal's* chief political correspondent. He contributed numerous book chapters

and articles to presidency literature. He also followed many of us into academia, becoming a professor of journalism at American University. Dom loved teaching and did so until his untimely death. He also took his faculty responsibilities seriously, so seriously that he actually injured himself running to a faculty meeting. How is that for devotion and dedication?

A prolific, savvy, and articulate journalist, Dom was always accessible to those of us in the political science community who studied the presidency. He was our friend, and we were his. More than anyone else, it was Dom Bonafede who first turned to political scientists as analytic sources for his articles. He even quoted us in his stories on the presidency well before other journalists did so. Although he had limited patience with the more esoteric and methodologically challenging parts of our research, he always valued our frameworks, our arguments, and our findings, gently, ever so gently, critiquing our conclusions from his real-world experience. Moreover, he came to our meetings, participated in our panels, and contributed to our dialogue.

We shall miss his friendship, his wisdom, and his good humor. But our research will continue to benefit from his insight and his understanding of the institutionalized presidency.

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Eldon "Bud" Kenworthy

Eldon "Bud" Kenworthy died March 14, 1998, in Walla Walla, Washington, following an automobile accident. He was 62 years old.

Bud Kenworthy was born in 1935 in Pasadena, California. He received his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College in 1956 and his doctorate in political science from Yale Univer-

sity in 1970. At the time of his death, Bud was professor of politics at Whitman College in Walla Walla. He previously served for a quarter-century as a faculty member with the government department at Cornell University. Over the years, among other awards, he received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and from the Woodrow Wilson and Danforth Foundations. In 1970, Cornell bestowed on him its Clark Award for the Advancement of Teaching.

Bud both studied and deeply loved Latin America and its people. He published articles on Latin American politics in *World Policy Journal*, *Current History*, the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, *Democracy*, and many other journals. He contributed chapters to noted textbooks on Latin American politics and on American foreign policy. In 1995, Penn State Press published his book, *America/Americas: Myth in the Making of U.S. Policy Toward Latin America*. The book is a detailed study of popular images and myths about Latin America and their culmination in the rhetoric of the Reagan Administration during the 1980s.

Bud Kenworthy was long interested in how both high and low culture and the images they generate affect the attitudes of American political leaders and the American public toward Latin America. He began studying this issue in 1984 with his *World Policy Journal* article, "Grenada as a Theater." Just prior to his untimely death, he published a book chapter, "Nature in Latin America," which began with a discussion of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and the monster's plea to be allowed peaceful refuge in Latin America, a plea dismissed by the scientist who described the region, stereotypically, as uncivilized wilderness.

Over the past fifteen years, Bud Kenworthy's teaching and research interests increasingly focused on environmental issues and on ways in