

Within the University, Ransone had an enviable reputation as an outstanding teacher and adviser to several generations of graduate students in public administration. While working closely with the department's graduate programs, he was, nevertheless, always available to counsel with undergraduates and throughout his career regularly taught introductory-level courses in American Government and State Politics. He was a member of the University nominating committee for Rhodes, Marshall, and Danforth scholarships (1977-1983) and during the same period served as campus representative for the Truman Scholarship program.

Ransone's work with the Bureau of Public Administration, in addition to producing numerous publications, also involved him in extensive public service assignments. These included serving as a consultant to the Alabama Ethics Commission (1969-70), and to the Center for Policy Research of the National Governors' Association (1978). He also served as a member of the Alabama Constitutional Commission for six years during the 1970s.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine, by a brother, Dr. Sterling N. Ransone, and by three daughters.

Victor H. Gibean
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John Ryan Rodney Williams

John Ryan Rodney Williams died on March 26, 1986, following a stroke. He was born November 21, 1919, in Detroit, Michigan, a son of Ralph Hill and Myrtle Anna (Ryan) Williams. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in 1944 from Lawrence College and his A.M. from Johns Hopkins University in 1947. His graduate studies at Duke University, principally under John Hollowell, culminated in the Ph.D., awarded in 1951. John Williams was a victim of childhood polio, which left him severely handicapped. The fact that he learned to walk is a tribute to his indomitable will.

John was a Haynes Fellow at the London School for Economics and Political Science, 1951-52. From 1958 to 1960 he was a fellow at the Australian National University, as a recipient of a Fulbright Research Grant. After a brief appointment at Wellesley College, he came to West Virginia University where he was best known as a teacher and as an expert on Australian, Canadian and British governments. He served as chairman of the political science department from 1961-72. He was then appointed coordinator of the WVU honors program, a capacity in which he served for 13 years.

His publications included *The Conservative Party of Canada* (1956, Duke University Press) and a monograph on Australian conservative leader John Lathan, and numerous articles in the *Canadian Journal of Politics* and the *Australian Journal of Politics*. He was the first president of the West Virginia Political Science Association, a director of the University Professors for Academic Order, and a member of American Friends of the London School, Southern Political Science Association, British Politics Study Group, American International Platform Association, and the Australian Political Studies Association.

In the centennial year of West Virginia University, 1966, he was named one of six outstanding educators. He was named a university-wide outstanding teacher again in 1985 after the evaluation committee received over 150 letters of support from former students. He also was adviser to six Rhodes scholars and was a member of the selection and preliminary committees of Rhodes, Fulbright and Truman Scholarship awards at West Virginia University.

At West Virginia University he was the architect of the present faculty constitution and was so recognized by his colleagues in a special awards ceremony. He was a member of the Centennial Committee in 1966. Under his direction, M.P.A. and Ph.D. programs were established at WVU.

John was married to the former Madeleine Cremilliac on August 28, 1952. She survives along with sons Jac-

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ques, a Morgantown attorney, and Mark, a student in the WVU College of Music.

In recognition of John's deep regard for students, the Department has established a John R. Williams Scholarship Fund; the Honors Program has created an outstanding teaching award named in his honor.

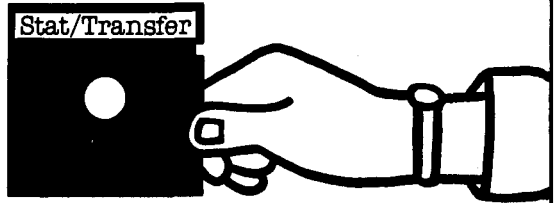
My colleagues at West Virginia University join me in paying tribute to a truly courageous, dedicated and inspiring teacher. He will be sorely missed by all who had the good fortune to share his wisdom and insights.

James B. Whisker
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