

Maczynski joined the Polish underground at the age of 15. His participation in the Warsaw Uprising was recognized by Poland's high military honor "Virtuti Militari" and the Cross of Valor. After the Uprising, the Germans took him as a prisoner of war and he spent half a year in German camps. At the end of World War II he went to Italy and served in the Second Polish Corps under British command. He then immigrated to England to continue his education. In 1952 he earned his bachelor's degree in political economy from the University of London. After immigrating to Canada where he continued his study of political economy, he received his master's degree at the University of Montreal in 1955. After joining the faculty of St. John Fisher College in 1957, Stefan became a leading spokesman for faculty and student interests. I will always remember the power of his eloquence on the floor of the faculty assembly. He was a man who commanded attention and influenced outcomes of debate through reason and diplomacy.

Stefan lived robustly on his beloved "farm" where he gardened and chopped wood; and where our families congregated often to have a hearty meal and some good talk.

Stefan's family, loved ones, friends, colleagues, and students are joined by the Polish community, in which he was active as a former president of Polish Veterans of World War II, a translator and a counsellor, in remembering a man of great courage and conviction whose life was inspirational to those who knew him.

Memorial donations may be made to the Stefan Maczynski Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Department of Political Science, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, New York 14618.

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Harold Rakov

Harold Rakov, professor of political science emeritus at the State University of New York at Brockport, died in Brock-

port, March 9, 1985, after a four-month bout with cancer of the colon. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, the former Jill McLaughlin, a son, and a daughter.

Harold had served the college loyally and well in many capacities for more than 36 years. He had been director of admissions, dean of students, vice president for student affairs, graduate dean, vice president for urban affairs, and department chair, among other titles. After his retirement in January 1983, he had remained active as a special assistant to the president. Perhaps no one in the 150-year history of the institution had done so much for it in so many different ways for so long. In recognition of those many contributions, the SUNY trustees authorized the designation of a college building as the Harold Rakov Center for Student Services. Also, the department had established the Harold Rakov Scholarship Fund in his honor at the time of his retirement and the Rakov family has donated the money for a Harold Rakov Memorial Visiting Professorship for fall 1986.

That recognition honors more than the mere performance of tasks, however numerous and important they may have been. Harold Rakov was a monumental presence on the Brockport campus. At 6-foot 3-inches, he towered over most of his colleagues. His thick shock of sparkling white hair, jet-black eyebrows, hawk-like nose, and thoroughbred stance and gait made an indelible impression on all who met him. He radiated good humor, optimism, and confidence. He strode across campus, whistling and greeting cheerily everyone he encountered. He was legendary for unflagging courtesy and tact, gallantry and courtliness, sensitivity, unwillingness to criticize or complain, boundless energy, sincere and intense interest in the personal well-being of each student, intimate classroom style, ingenuity, insistence on the highest standards of quality, and determination always to seek a constructive solution to every problem, but never at the expense of a fellow human being. His positive influence was especially cherished during his last few years, which were very difficult for the institution.

Harold also served the broader community. He worked hard in Democratic party and campaign activities in the Rochester area. He ran for Congress and for county manager, both times in hopeless races as a sacrificial lamb. He served on the Brockport draft board, the Town of Sweden and Monroe County Planning Boards, and the Medical Advisory Board of the New York State Department of Social Services—all unpaid positions.

Above all else, however, Harold's career was a lifelong commitment to the ideal of college education as preparation for good citizenship and public service. In the classroom and out, he strove ceaselessly to instill in students a keen sense of civic virtue and the knowledge to achieve it. He exhorted them. He launched them into practical experiences in politics. He taught them, not only the high road of the glamor and excitement of national politics, but also the nitty-gritty of state and local government—and introduced a course for that purpose. His own participation in political life was a model for his students. As his teaching instructed, his example inspired.

Harold Rakov was born April 24, 1918, in Syracuse, New York. He graduated from Oswego Normal School in 1938 and taught junior high school for five years before joining the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943. Upon returning to civilian life in January 1946, he entered Syracuse University, where he completed his B.A. in political science in August 1946 and his Ph.D. from the Maxwell School in 1955. He joined the Brockport faculty in 1949 and never left—or ever wanted to. Even his retirement was a typical act of generosity, for he retired to save a junior colleague from retrenchment—and continued to work for the college on an unpaid basis.

All of his colleagues and his many friends and former students join in the sentiment expressed by one of them at the time he died, "If I had lived the life that Harold did, I would say, 'Shed no tear for me.'"

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Coleman B. Ransone, Jr.

Coleman B. Ransone, Jr., professor emeritus of political science at the University of Alabama, died on July 11, 1986, in Tuscaloosa at the age of 66.

Coleman was born in Norfolk, Virginia, and received his undergraduate education at the College of William and Mary. He later earned M.P.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Harvard University. He joined the University of Alabama faculty in 1947 and, with the exception of a single year at William and Mary, remained at Alabama until his retirement on February 1, 1985. For most of his career, he held a joint appointment as professor of political science and member of the Bureau of Public Administration staff.

Ransone was nationally recognized for his work on the American governorship, authoring three books on the subject: *The Office of Governor in the South* (1951); *The Office of Governor in the United States* (1956), and *The American Governorship* (1982). He was widely known as director of the Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration. In this role, he had primary responsibility for the annual lectures in public administration that produced a series of distinguished publications by the University of Alabama Press. Few students of public administration are unaware of these contributions to the discipline. Following his retirement, the series was renamed the Coleman B. Ransone, Jr., Lectures.

In addition to long-time membership in the American Political Science Association, he had served as vice-president of the Southern Political Science Association and as a senior member of the American Society for Public Administration. He also served on the executive committee of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and as president of the Alabama Political Science Association. A former member of the editorial board of the *Public Administration Review*, he was at the time of his death still active on the editorial boards of the *International Journal of Public Administration* and the *Southern Political Review*.