

and a term as its corresponding secretary. He was a member of the National Council of ASPA, and served as president of the Maryland Society for Public Administration. No mere officeholder, he was known as "Mr. Public Administration" in Maryland and was the chief promoter of professional public administration in the state.

Although his professional achievements are many, Conley Dillon is best remembered for the personal interest he took in his students, for his promotion of public administration, and for his keen interests in peace and in Appalachian regional development. Scores of students are indebted to him for the personal interest he took in their careers. Whether immediately out of school or returning after many years, students could count on his genuine concern and interest. Conley was noted for his wide acquaintanceship in public administration and among public officials, an acquaintanceship that stood many students and former students in good stead as he served as a one-person employment agency. Standing with him at an APSA or ASPA meeting was a bit like being in a receiving line. One could easily be introduced to a hundred or more people in a short time. He also spent untold hours counseling students individually, encouraging them, writing letters of reference, and sometimes just keeping in touch.

Conley's teaching was by no means confined to the classroom. He was the ideal democratic citizen—engaged, informed, and active. He was exuberant in his role as issue-conscious citizen activist—writing letters, making telephone calls, and arguing for a full agenda of public-interest issues. For a quarter of a century, he was the mainstay of the Board for Social Action of Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring, keeping tabs on countless issues and always ready to make the case for peace with justice. If teaching by example is the most effective technique, Conley excelled to a degree unlikely to be matched.

Scholar, friend, public servant, colleague, mentor, citizen activist, and person of boundless goodwill and energy, he will be missed by many. His many contributions to the academic world and to the

general good of society will not be easily replaced.

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Robert O. Tilman

Robert O. Tilman died suddenly of a heart attack on August 23, 1987, at age 58, while at his weekend retreat in Smithfield, North Carolina. He served as Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at North Carolina State University from 1971-1984 before returning to teaching and research in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the same institution.

Tilman was born in Caruthersville, Missouri. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.S. degree from Memphis State University in 1957 and earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University, the latter in 1961.

A specialist in Southeast Asian politics, he taught at Duke University (1960-62), Tulane University (1962-1965), and Yale University (1965-1971) before coming to North Carolina State. He was also a visiting research professor at the University of the Philippines (1969-70), a senior fellow at the Southern Asian Institute at Columbia University (1970-71), and a fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore (1975, 1983, 1985).

Early in his career, Tilman distinguished himself as a leading scholar on Southeast Asian politics. His books include *Bureaucratic Transition in Malaya* (1964), *Malaysian Foreign Policy* (1969), *Man, State, and Society in Contemporary Southeast Asia* (1969), and *Southeast Asia and the Enemy Beyond* (1987). In addition, he authored more than 40 articles on his specialty.

His scholarship was supported by fellowships and awards from the American Society of International Law, the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Defense Education Act, the National Science Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, the Fulbright program,

the Social Science Research Council, and the Earnhart Foundation.

As an administrator, Tilman endeared himself to the faculty with his encouragement, openness, receptivity to innovation, and ever-present sense of humor. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences underwent its greatest growth and development during his tenure as dean. He was elected to the Board of Directors of American Conference of Academic Deans and was its chairman for 1980-81.

A supporter of Asian scholarship, Tilman assumed many responsibilities for the Asia Society and the Association for Asian Studies (ASS) and served on the editorial boards of *Southeast Asia*, *Asia Forum*, the *AAS Monograph Series*, and *Asian Survey*. At the time of his death, he was seeking to link scholars working in Southeast Asia to American counterparts via the computer telecommunications network named Poli-Net based at North Carolina State.

During his career Tilman developed personal friendships with many individuals who became prominent political figures in the Southeast Asian governments and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), including Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore and Vice-president Salvador Laurel of the Philippines. In 1980 he lectured throughout the region on a six-week tour sponsored by USIS.

Tilman's death is mourned by his colleagues and students at North Carolina State University and by the community of Southeast Asian scholars. He is survived by his wife Jo. A memorial fund is being established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Dean William B. Toole, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-8101.

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