

the University of Helsinki in 1971, and the University of Geneva and the University of Aarhus in 1979.

For us as for numerous others, the death of Stein Rokken brings to us the loss not only of an eminent scholar whose work greatly influenced our own, but also a deeply valued friend. We collaborated closely with Stein on several projects extending over a decade; our friendship with him covered an even longer time. When we were engaged in a collaborative effort at the Center at Stanford in 1967, we met for working sessions nearly every day; more often than not we met again at lunch. On these occasions as on all others he revealed himself as a man who combined great strength with great gentleness, firmness of purpose with unfailing kindness and consideration, seriousness with humor. He was as unsparing of himself as he was generous toward others. In intellect and culture he was at once a Norwegian deeply attached to his country, and also European and American. He was as much at home in Paris, a city he dearly loved, as in Bergen; in the little Welsh village of St. David's, where he spent many holidays with his family (his remarkable wife, our friend Elizabeth, was Welsh), as in Bellagio, Rome, or Brussels. He liked the United States, Americans, and American universities, and he frequently knew more about this country than we who lived here.

If Stein Rokkan was invariably an authoritative presence in any gathering of political scientists anywhere, his authority flowed wholly from the respect that others felt for his qualities of mind and character, and, for those of us who knew him well, from a deep and abiding affection.

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Gerard F. Yates, S.J.

Rev. Gerard F. Yates, S.J., Professor Emeritus of the Department of Government, Georgetown University, died of a heart attack on September 13, 1979, at the age of 72 years. His sudden death came as a shock to many since he continued to remain vigorous and professionally active after his partial retirement in 1972.

Father Yates was born on April 1, 1907 in Staten Island, New York. On July 30, 1923, he entered the Society of Jesus and was ordained on June 21, 1936. He received a B.A. (1929), M.A. (1930), and S.T.L. (1937) from Woodstock College and continued graduate studies in theology and canon law at the Ancienne Abbaye, Tranchiennes, Belgium. After graduate studies in government and international relations at the London School of Economics (1938-39), he went to Yale University and received his M.A. (1943) and Ph.D. (1947).

Throughout his long career, Father Yates was active as teacher, administrator, and scholar. As

teacher, he rose from the rank of Instructor to Professor at Georgetown University, with which he was associated for a span of 40 years. Although his major field of teaching was political theory, he was one of that old school of teachers who were ready, willing, and able to teach basic courses in all fields of the discipline. During the 1950s and 1960s he was a Lecturer and Visiting Professor at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. He served as Lecturer at the Air War College and Strategic Intelligence School in the United States. Since 1976, he had served in the spring semester as Scholar-in-Residence and Visiting Professor of International Studies at Southwestern at Memphis.

As administrator, Father Yates played a major role in the development of his beloved University. From 1943-1949, he was Director of Libraries; 1947-1949, Chairman, Department of Government; 1949-1954, Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; 1955-1956, Director of Georgetown-at-Fribourg; and 1958-1971, alternately Foreign Student Advisor, Chairman of the University Committee on Foreign Students, and Director, International Student Programs.

At the time of his death, he had been serving for a number of years as Assistant to the President of the University for Alumni Relations.

As scholar, Father Yates' field of specialization was Christian political thought. He was a frequent contributor to Catholic periodicals and his major book-length publication was *Papal Thought on the State*, a book which he originally edited in 1958 and revised in 1974. In the last years of his life, Father Yates was actively continuing research in Christian political thought in the early centuries of the Christian era.

Among his roles as teacher, administrator, and scholar, it was above all as teacher that Father Yates will best be remembered, and, indeed, would want to be remembered. He was at his best in dealing with individual students, or in discussions with small groups. Some two generations of Georgetown students came in contact with an at once demanding and yet humane teacher. At one level, there was no nonsense about sloppy reasoning or bad English syntax. And at another level, there was unfailing courtesy, sympathetic understanding for personal problems, and genuine fellowship. To have come to know Father Yates was to form a lifelong friendship.

He never forgot his students, had an encyclopedic memory for the minutest details of their lives, and made a point of keeping in touch with them long after they left Georgetown. Many asked that he perform their marriage ceremonies.

He was a founding member of the Chimes, a Georgetown University singing group (several times recorded), which contributed greatly to the enjoyment of music at the University. The Chimes have remained a close knit group. Many, some quite young, some elderly, came

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from all over the United States for Father Yates' funeral services. A little later in the year, many returned for the dedication of the Yates Recreational Center for Georgetown students.

His personal qualities included not only those already mentioned, but, in addition, a natural dignity, grace, generosity, self-discipline. He had an extraordinary command of the language, a deep feeling for it, and great felicity of expression. He personified the best in the scholar, the teacher, the member of the Society of Jesus.

His colleagues have lost not only a warm friend, but also an inspired example of dedicated teaching and devoted institutional commitment. He will be greatly missed by colleagues, alumni, and students.

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