

## People in Political Science

and followed. Within the department Carl was a rock of steady purpose and exemplary performance—a fine teacher, still our best softball player when he retired, fiercely competitive at the poker table, a good-humored friend and colleague at every turn. Our department came to have a reputation as an unusually pleasant place to work, and Carl McCandless played a very large part in building and sustaining that reputation.

Carl retired in 1972, but until his death he continued to serve the university in various advisory capacities. The department attached his name to its best graduate fellowships, and we will soon establish the Carl A. McCandless Fund for support of the research and travel expenses of doctoral students. Those who knew and worked with him will always value Carl as a dear friend and colleague. More than that, he was a truly good man.

John H. Kautsky  
Robert H. Salisbury  
Washington University, St. Louis

## William Frank Mullen

William Frank Mullen, associate professor of political science at Washington State University, died in early December of a brain tumor after an illness of only a few months. A better colleague there was none.

His high academic and professional accomplishments are summarized below, but Frank will be remembered mostly because he was a good person. He and his wife, Marty, regularly entertained a wide variety of friends, both faculty and students, in their home near campus. When guests entered their living room, they felt at once comfortable. Even when the company included a leading politician or one of the distinguished speakers or entertainers Marty helped bring to our campus, all were on congenial terms around the coffee table. There were no distinctions there.

For many new to our small university town who had few local connections, Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter was

apt to bring a casual invitation from the Mullens for the holiday dinner. Any loneliness was shed at the door with one's coat. Time, which may have been moving slowly during a Pullman vacation, suddenly sped. Guests lingered long at those warm occasions, feeling they were at home for the holiday.

These things told, need it be said that Frank was an exceptionally good teacher? Despite the high standards he set, students felt he was for them and with them as their mentor. In 1985 the university recognized this by choosing him for the Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award for teaching excellence.

He served the department especially well by helping unite us. When centrifugal forces grew, each knew that Frank was the gravitational power which would keep us reasonably conjoined. He promoted our civility, not because he did not have his own strong views to offer, but because he was essentially civil. His regular motion, said with something approaching a sign, "I move we adjourn," became a kind of humorous benediction for those departmental meetings which had seen the sun set.

This ability to make things work well was akin to the ability of the best political leaders to resolve differences. His skills were brought to the state Democratic party, which sent him to its National Convention in 1976. He was also effectively active in the local and state American Civil Liberties Union.

Born in Chicago in 1936, raised there and during teen years in Mississippi, he earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of Mississippi. A Fulbright scholarship was spent in Vienna. The University of Illinois awarded his Ph.D. For short periods he taught at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and at Texas Tech University before his employment began in our department in 1968.

Frank specialized in study of the presidency. The well-received *Presidential Power and Politics* was his most widely known publication. He was a coeditor and coauthor of *Political Life in Washington* and an early version of that book called *Government and Politics of Wash-*

*ington State*. In the spring of 1986 he traveled to Nihon University in Tokyo as a guest lecturer. While there he completed with Professor Takematsu Abe a work on *U.S. Presidential Elections and Campaign Styles*, to be published in Japan. A comparative study of chief executives, which he helped write and edit, is under final revision.

Frank is and will be missed. This time his motion to adjourn was not in order.

Walfred Peterson  
Washington State University

### **George W. Pruet, Jr.**

George W. Pruet, Jr., assistant professor of political science at the University of Akron, died on January 7, 1987, in Cleveland Clinic (Ohio), following a brief illness.

He was born on February 8, 1957, in Ashland, Alabama. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in 1979, his master's from Florida State University in 1980, and his doctorate, also from Florida State, in 1983. For one year before coming to the University of Akron he was a visiting assistant professor of political science at the University of New Orleans.

George was a promising scholar in the field of judicial politics at the time of his death. He had already published and presented a number of papers on equality in state court decisions, access questions in the Supreme Court and agenda setting of the crime issue. He was beginning work on a book concerning the Burger court. Those of us fortunate enough to work with him on some of these projects appreciate the energy, professionalism, and collegiality he put into his research.

In his three years at the University of

Akron, George quickly gained a reputation as an outstanding teacher with his constitutional law and judicial process classes filling quickly each semester. He also served as the pre-law advisor; he was recognized as a committed teacher with an interest in challenging his students' understanding of the constitutional basis of legal matters.

All of us who knew George appreciated not only his qualities as a scholar and teacher but his good humor, steady disposition, and ability to share his friendship. In recognition of his support for education, the department has established a scholarship fund in his name. Contributions in George's memory may be made to the University of Akron Foundation-George W. Pruet Scholarship Fund and mailed either to the Foundation or the Department of Political Science, The University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325.

He is survived by his mother, June Treadwell; stepfather, Clarence Pruet; brother Ed; and sisters Nancy Murphy and Suzanne Woika. This young man left a strong impression on those he came to know and all of us will miss him.

Stephen C. Brooks  
Bette S. Hill  
The University of Akron

William A. Taggart  
New Mexico State University

*Note:* Florida State University has also established a memorial fund in George Pruet's name with the funds to be used to reward outstanding graduate student papers and to further graduate education in political science. Donations in George's name may be made to The FSU Foundation-Pruet Memorial Fund and mailed either to the Foundation or the Department of Political Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2049.