

a number of the publications referred to above were the product of this period of his career.

At the time that he became an administrator we were entering a period of crisis and tough decisions were necessary. Dave made such decisions but acted always in what he considered to be the best interests of all concerned. He always stood firm, to the best of his ability, in the support of *academic excellence in the liberal arts tradition*. Despite the fact that his official concern as Graduate Dean was with graduate studies, he did everything possible to support undergraduate education as well.

Few men have the opportunity to do great things. In his official capacities Dave Deener made an impact on the world in which he lived. Moreover, unknown to most, he helped and befriended innumerable individuals and had a profound effect on the lives of each. He was a person of great warmth and wit with an earthy sense of humor. He had many interests ranging from Latin to math to modern languages to music to art to life itself in all of its many manifestations. In an age too frequently marked by cynicism and despair he maintained a strong but realistic sense of optimism. Perhaps this is his greatest legacy to us all.

Just before he discovered he had cancer Dave Deener donated a number of books to the Tulane Library to start a "Collection on the Development of Political Science" as a discipline. After his death the Political Science Department decided to designate this Collection as a "Memorial" to Professor Deener. Anyone desiring to contribute books or money to this Memorial Collection should address the contribution to Dr. William B. Gwyn, Chairman of the Department of Political Science, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118.

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### Claudius Osborne Johnson

On February 26, 1976 the profession lost another of its distinguished members. Claude Johnson died at the age of 82, following a relatively short series of mild heart attacks. Although he officially retired in 1960, he kept regular office hours and remained fully engaged in research and writing, from headquarters in the social science building that bears his name, until about a year before his death.

A product of Virginia, Claude earned his bachelor's degree and membership in Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Richmond. His graduate work (M.A. and Ph.D.) was done at the University of Chicago. Before assuming his duties as "head" of the department of history and political science at Washington State University, 1928-1951, he taught at the University of North Dakota and the University of Chattanooga. Although WSU remained "home base" after 1928, he served from time to time, both prior to retirement and during most of the first

ten years thereafter, as visiting professor at such institutions as the University of Colorado, Montana, California (Berkeley), Calgary, North Carolina, Illinois, Chatham College, Lewis and Clark College, and Eastern Washington State College. In addition, he was a Fulbright Lecturer in Australia, 1953, and in Greece, 1961-62. The diversity of these appointments attest to his popularity as a gifted and stimulating (often entertaining) teacher, in spite of a near-dogmatic and demanding approach to his subjects that, for most students, made him one of the most unforgettable and dynamic "characters" who ever entered a classroom, or a meeting of almost any other kind, for that matter. These qualities, together with his absolute intellectual and personal integrity, as well as his consistently fair treatment of students and peers, commanded the respect of all who had the opportunity to know him. Perhaps he can best be described in seemingly contradictory terms, since he was simultaneously overpowering and generous and kind.

Apart from Claude's devotion to the art of teaching, his life was centered on his research and writing. While he produced countless articles and wrote the best-known biography of Senator William Borah, among other works, his textbooks made his work familiar to a host of students for at least a generation. His *Government in the United States* first appeared in 1933, and his *American State and Local Government* appeared in 1950. These works were regularly revised, the last editions in 1970 and 1972 respectively.

In recognition of his outstanding work as teacher and research scholar, Claude was the recipient of many honors of local origin. In addition, he was national president of Pi Sigma Alpha, and Vice President of the APSA. He was one of the founders and early officers of the Western Political Science Association. In 1961, he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from his alma mater, the University of Richmond, and in 1967 he received a certificate of commendation from the Governor of Washington for his contribution to the cultural life of the state. From that date, in the seventh year of retirement, he continued until the end—as he had done throughout his long career—to enrich the lives of those around him, and in the larger community of scholars as well.

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### Cephus L. Stephens

The death of professor emeritus Cephus L. Stephens in a fire at his home November 3 lost to hundreds of alumni and colleagues the very model of a beloved, small college teacher. A doctoral student of Peter Odegard at Ohio State, Professor Stephens served on the faculties of Harvard and Rochester before coming to Denison University in 1949 as department chairman. Here, Ceph marked out a distinctive contribution to the discipline by his exemplary