

portant departmental, college, and university committees.

Leigh played a highly visible and major role in the public administration community, and was a very active member of a number of professional organizations. He belonged to the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) for almost 40 years and served on the association's national council from 1982 to 1985. He was also a member of the Minnesota chapter of ASPA from 1964 to 1968 and, again from 1973 to 1975, as well as a founding member of ASPA's Virginia chapter, which he served as secretary-treasurer (1969-70) and president (1980-81). In addition, Leigh served the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration in several capacities, most notably as national conference program chair in 1977. He was also a member of the National Assistance Management Association, Council on Governmental Ethics Laws, International City Management Association (1975-82), and the American Political Science Association (1965-73).

I personally became acquainted with Leigh in the mid-1970s, when he joined the VCU faculty. I was immediately impressed by his keen mind, dedication, strong commitment to professionalism, personal integrity, and wry, sharp sense of humor. In those, admittedly, somewhat distant years, I was already convinced that the university had wisely secured the talents of an individual who would strongly advance the study, art, and practice of public administration not only at the university, but throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Leigh was always a fine departmental and university citizen, whose professional attitudes and behavior were largely shaped by the greater, or common, interest. For example, when the departments of political science and public administration were merged at VCU in 1995, Leigh played a major facilitating role in ensuring the success of the merger. Further, when I assumed the position of department chair in July 1998, Leigh immediately extended to me his warm congratulations, sup-

port, and wise counsel, the latter which I solicited many times.

Leigh truly enjoyed teaching, and was highly sought after and respected by the students. In this regard, I will always fondly recall a truly memorable experience I had with him during the spring semester of 1999. Leigh invited me to deliver a guest lecture on small-town governments and politics to students enrolled in a VCU-sponsored course conducted at Longwood College, a small college located about an hour south of our home campus. As we traveled to Longwood, we reflected on developments in public administration and political science over the last three decades. In a sense, our conversation constituted a journey through our somewhat similar professional careers. After the class, Leigh and I joined the students for dinner in a restaurant near the school. At this event, Leigh's legendary strong and natural rapport with students, and their equally strong love and respect for him, was once again immediately evident, as they earnestly pleaded with me to allow Leigh to teach another course at Longwood.

As a professional, Leigh had a "foot" and interest in both public administration and political science, but always considered himself principally a member of the public administration community. Nevertheless, through his extensive participation in conferences and numerous published papers, Leigh made an enormous and valuable intellectual contribution to both disciplines.

In his earliest articles, Leigh considered intergovernmental relations. Later on, he pursued a scholarly interest in professional ethics in the public sector. His articles appeared in *Public Administration Review*, *Public Administration Quarterly*, *Minnesota Municipalities*, and *Virginia Town and City*. Leigh also contributed chapters to several books.

Leigh received several awards throughout his career, including a leadership award from the National Association of Towns and Townships (1982), a faculty fellowship from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (1971-72), and a re-

search fellowship (1964-66) and assistantship (1962-64) from the Municipal Research Bureau of the University of Minnesota.

Leigh was not only a stellar professional colleague, but also a truly warm and compassionate human being. All of his colleagues at VCU will truly miss his presence. He will also be sorely missed by a large number of individuals working in the larger public sector in the Commonwealth. Nevertheless, Leigh has left behind for us a splendid model for living a full and rewarding life.

Leigh is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Lowry Andrews; a daughter, Evelyn Anna; and a son, Christopher Leigh.

In appreciation of Leigh's splendid efforts to advance the study, art, and practice of public administration in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the General Assembly passed a resolution noting his passing and bestowing upon him its grateful appreciation.

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Virginia Commonwealth University

L. Kent Kimball

L. (Lorenzo) Kent Kimball, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Utah, died June 10, 1999. Born June 16, 1922, he was married and the father of two sons.

His service as an academician was preceded by a military career of 21 years, from 1941 to 1962. He served as a hospital administrator and medical services staff officer in the U.S. Air Force, and spent 12 years in the Strategic Air Command. His Air Force career involved assignments at nine different posts, and he retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

At the University of Utah, he obtained a B.A. degree (1962) and a Ph.D. (1968) in political science. He became a faculty member there in 1967, serving in the political science department until his retirement as a professor emeritus in 1987. His fields were international politics, American foreign policy, and the politics and culture of the Middle East.

Professor Kimball served the department and the university effectively in a variety of significant ca-

pacities. He was chair of the department (1974-81) during a period of substantial growth. His work as chair was particularly distinguished by his qualities as a decisionmaker. He also served one term on the college council, two terms in the university senate, and many years as a board member of the Hinckley Institute of Politics, an undergraduate advisor for the department, and director of the International Relations Certificate Program.

He gave valuable administrative service to the profession as Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Political Science Association (1973-78), and as a member of the Association's executive council (1979-81).

His published works include *The Changing Pattern of Political Power in Iraq, 1958-1971* (Speller, 1972). Also, each year from 1973 to 1985, he authored a new article, "Utah," for *The American Annual*, published by the Encyclopedia Americana.

Professor Kimball was a fine teacher. He was thesis director for many master's candidates, especially in Middle East studies, and also for several doctoral students.

He served as president of the United Nations Association of Utah from 1969 to 1971, and was appointed by the governor of Utah to chair the state's observance of United Nations Day in 1973. He participated in many panels at the university on the Middle East, and

was a speaker at many civic group meetings on Middle East topics, the United Nations, and American foreign policy. He had a great concern for protecting the environment.

Strongly oriented toward public service, Professor Kimball continued to make major contributions to the University of Utah's Middle East Center even after retiring, serving as its director of outreach programs from 1987 to 1996.

An able, conscientious, hard-working, respected colleague who accomplished a great deal in his career, Kent Kimball is missed by those who knew him.

Dalmas H. Nelson
University of Utah
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University of Utah

Charles J. Spindler

Charles J. Spindler, associate professor of political science at Auburn University, died on May 5, 2000. He was just 49 years old, and his death came as a terrible shock to all of us. Our feelings are well conveyed in the poem that an anonymous former student placed on his door:

Without you here,
things will never be the same
You touched all our lives
in so many ways
A wonderful sense of humor
and a vivacious laugh
That cheered up the darkest of days.

Thank you, Dr. Spindler for being a part of our lives. We'll miss you.

Charlie was a mainstay of the public administration program at Auburn, and a highly respected scholar and teacher. His research focused on public budgeting and finance, especially the implications for state budgets of offering businesses incentives to move to the state and establishing government lotteries.

With substantial support from MCI, Charlie created the first course at the university taught entirely over the Internet. Just before his death, he had been nominated for the College of Liberal Arts Award for Outstanding Professor in the Core Curriculum, an award that was conferred posthumously.

He was also working on revisions for a textbook on American political economy at the time of his death. We hope to see that come out soon.

Charlie was active in the Southeastern Conference of Public Administration. He served on its executive committee and had been its treasurer since 1995.

He left behind a wife and a small daughter. Pi Alpha Alpha, the public administration honor society—which we brought to campus and advised every year—has created an award in his memory to be given to the outstanding teacher, student, or alumnus in public administration each year.

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Auburn University