Memorial Resolution for Professor Emeritus Manuel Gottlieb

The UWM community knew Professor Manuel Gottlieb as an articulate defender and supporter of many causes. In his 1968 campaign for Mayor of the City of Milwaukee and in all of his continuing involvements in the public affairs of our community, Manny always set the highest example of informed and responsible citizenship. Though deeply and even emotionally involved in public issues, Manny's arguments were always well-reasoned, never raucous nor ad hominem. In an academic setting where the stretch of the mind measures stature, Manny often dazzled us with his eloquence and erudition.

During the tumultuous period for the University of a generation ago, while Manny was an early and constant critic of our involvement in Viet Nam, his was a voice of reason in an unruly atmosphere. We also remember him at faculty meetings frequently inveighing against some administrative policy or other, not with the bravado of the protected professor but with the confidence of one who speaks out for what he thinks is right. He was no rebel without a cause.

To the Economics Department he contributed so much that cannot be measured. His stay with us spanned our period of greatest growth and research development and Manny's scholarship, evidenced by his numerous books and journal articles, served as an academic standard for us all.

In teaching, Manny showed his greatest wisdom and sense for the important. He liked to teach courses in Business Cycles and Comparative Economic Systems, fields that were somewhat out of vogue then. But Manny, who wrote a widely received book on Cycles after his retirement, always said they were central to our discipline. Now, Business Cycle analysis has moved to the core of Macroeconomic Theory and the Systems course fills up early.

In our departmental meetings Manny did not suffer foolishness well and a hint of duplicity not at all. Now, when an argument appears shallow or insincere, all of us who knew him think -- and can some of us be heard to mumble, "I wonder what Manny would have said?" We miss him.

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