MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WILLIAM A. RENZI, associate professor of history, died November 30, 1990. Bill Renzi had been a member of this department since 1969. He was born March 1, 1941. Professor Renzi received his B.A. degree from Washington College in 1962 and earned master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Maryland in 1964 and 1968. He was a lecturer at the University of California, Davis from 1968 to 1969.

Professor Renzi was an expert in Italian history and military history. His articles on Italy's entrance into World War I appeared in The Historian and in the American Historical Review. A study of Russian and British diplomacy at the onset of the Great War appeared in the Journal of Modern History and his examination of the Vatican and World War I was published in the Cambridge Historical Journal. Professor Renzi's book In the Shadow of the Sword: Italy's Neutrality and Entrance into the Great War, 1914-15 appeared in 1988. At the time of his death he had finished the manuscript for a book to be titled Never Look Back: A History of World War Two in the Pacific, to be published by M.E. Sharpe. He had also recently become editor of Garland Press's ambitious project, Encyclopedia of World War Two in the Pacific.

Bill Renzi was a legendary teacher. His classes on World War II in Europe and World War II in the Pacific attracted hundreds of students every semester. Those who listened to his graphic lectures on the military history of the war marveled at Renzi's mastery of detail and his sparkling narrative. His large following among undergraduate and graduate students alike speak to the great influence of this master teacher.
The faculty of the Department of History mourn the loss of their friend and colleague. The department will hold a campus memorial service for Professor Renzi on Sunday, February 10, at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Center.

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