

MEMORIAL FOR CAMPBELL CROCKETT

Campbell Crockett was born April 25, 1918, in Nicholasville, Kentucky. His parents gave him the middle name of Hiram, a fact which he confided only to his closest friends. As a high school student, he was an all-state player in basketball. He later turned his athletic prowess to handball and was for nearly twenty-five years ranked either first or second among the faculty and administration handball enthusiasts at the University of Cincinnati. He declined to join the fashionable turn from handball to racquetball; and, by 1980, he was forced to give up the game for lack of opponents.

In 1940, Campbell graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors in philosophy. He received a Master's Degree in 1941 and a Doctorate in 1949. Between the last two degrees, in 1942 to 1946, he was in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Immediately after obtaining the doctorate, Campbell joined the UC philosophy department, where he remained until his death. He brought a wideness of vision that defied the usual disciplinary categories of academia. He brought hyphenated cross-departmental courses that upset some of his colleagues, especially Howard Roelofs, a former president of the Literary Club. As a senior student in philosophy in 1958, I was fortunate enough to have Campbell as my tutor. He was wonderfully open to any and all ideas and pressed always for new approaches to old questions, a posture that brought him into daily academic in-fighting. In one skirmish of that conflict, Campbell ordered for use in a summer school logic course he was to teach a textbook which stressed modern, symbolic logic. When Howard Roelofs learned of the order, he immediately called the bookstore, cancelled that book and ordered for Campbell another text stressing traditional, Aristotelian logic. As Roelofs saw it, symbolic logic threatened belief in the Trinity.

In 1953 to 1954, Campbell was a Fulbright Research Scholar at the University of Oslo. It was the start of a life-long love for Norway. He returned to Oslo as a lecturer in 1960, 1967 and 1975; and he was looking forward to another visit during the 1984 sabbatical leave, which was spent fighting cancer instead. In 1960, he also lectured in Bergen, Stockholm, and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In 1968, he gave lectures at Newcastle and Sussex in England. In 1967, he was a visiting professor at the University of Michigan. Through that visit and additional help from Campbell, one

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of the members of this memorial committee, then a graduate student at Michigan, got his job at UC.
