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Resolution in Memoriam
Frank Manchel
Professor Emeritus of English
1935-2023

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The UVM Department of English is sad to report that a beloved colleague and friend, Dr. Frank Manchel, Professor Emeritus of English, passed away on December 6, 2023. Frank joined the faculty at the University of Vermont in 1967 at the rank of associate professor and was promoted to full professor in 1971, and, in 1977, he became Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, a post he held until 1988. He also created a thriving film minor that became the foundation for UVM's current Film and Television Studies program.

Frank was the author of eighteen books, numerous articles, and book chapters. His scholarship on film was critical in establishing the credibility of what was then a new field of academic studies. He was one of the founding members of the Society for Cinema Studies and of the University Film and Video Association. In the mid-1970s he chaired the American Federation of Film Societies Council, and for much of the 1980s, Frank served on the George Foster Peabody Advisory Board.

Frank was dedicated to his students, several of whom have had successful careers in the film industry, notably the screenwriter David Franzoni (who wrote *Amistad*), the producer Jon Kilik (who produced the *Hunger Games*), and cinematographer Robert Richardson (who has worked on many films by Oliver Stone, Martin Scorsese, and Quentin Tarantino). All of these former students have remained close to their teacher, mentor, and friend. They consulted him as a source of guidance up until his death.

Frank was also very proud of his family. He and his wife Sheila were a vibrant couple who enjoyed each other and their life with their sons, Steven and Gary, daughter-in-law Sharon, and grandchildren, Benjamin and Harrison.

Frank's colleagues and friends will remember him fondly for his generous spirit, his passion for film, and his lively weekly film reviews.

I MOVE that this resolution in memoriam be inscribed in the Minutes of the Faculty Senate and that copies be sent to his family.