

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

ALEXANDER A. ROBICHEK (1925 - 1978)

Alexander A. Robichek, A. P. Giannini Professor of Banking and Finance in the Graduate School of Business, died in Stanford Hospital on February 2, 1978. A memorial service was held in the Stanford Memorial Church on February 11th.

Alexander Robichek was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He and his family suffered difficult wartime experiences. In the immediate postwar years, he served as Assistant Director of a United Nations Displaced Persons Camp in Italy. After coming to the United States, he entered the Military Intelligence Service of the U. S. Army and passed part of his military service in Germany. He attended the University of California (Berkeley), graduating in 1956, whereupon he assumed the position of staff accountant with Haskins and Sells. He obtained the CPA certificate in 1958. Subsequently, he reentered the University of California to pursue studies leading to the Ph.D. degree.

In 1960, Alex Robichek joined the faculty of the Graduate School of Business, teaching in the area of finance. In 1962, he received the Ph.D. degree. He remained on the Stanford faculty for his entire academic career, except for two visiting professorships at other institutions. He spent a year at the IMEDE Institute in Lausanne, Switzerland, and a seminar at the University of British Columbia. His interest and prominence in management education gave him the opportunity to travel widely. These travels included numerous trips to Europe, Australia, Asia and Latin America.

Alex Robichek was a conspicuously versatile and broad-gauged man. He was prominent in the activities of professional societies. He served as Editor of the Journal of Finance, Vice President of the American Finance Association, and President of the American Finance Association.

At the Graduate School of Business, he served as Director of the Doctoral Program, the Stanford Executive Program, and the Financial Management Program. He was especially close to the business community and served as director of and consultant to several corporations. He was an active researcher and was the author or co-author of numerous articles and books.

Alex Robichek's strong interest in teaching remained the mainspring of his professional efforts. He was a dedicated and excellent teacher of both university students and business executives. He developed a sizable quantity of original and widely-used teaching materials. His teaching interests spanned the subjects of business finance, management of financial institutions, and international finance. At Stanford, he had also taught courses in money and capital markets and accounting.

Alex Robichek had an enormous capacity for making friends. He will be remembered by each of them for his warmth and wit, his generosity and unfailing good humor, his steadfast loyalty and genuine concern for others.

Alexander Robichek is survived by his wife Norma and their children, Jane, Mark, and Susan, and by his mother and sister.

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