

## BRIEF NOTICES

David DeCamp died on October 17, 1979. His loss will be felt in the sociolinguistic community. David's research and teaching involved several areas and aspects of sociolinguistics: varieties of English and English dialectology, the analysis of linguistic variation, and pidgin and creole languages. His work on implicational scales is an important contribution to the analysis of variation and has had considerable influence on the study of variation. He was a recognized leader in pidgin and creole studies and insisted on viewing pidginization and creolization in sociolinguistic perspective.

David's last years were dedicated to the applications of linguistics and sociolinguistics to practical concerns. During two years as associate director of the Center for Applied Linguistics and also after returning to Texas, he was involved in language planning in the Middle East. He also served as a lexicographical consultant for legal cases.

David played a central role in the development of a program in sociolinguistics at the University of Texas. He was strongly dedicated to a belief in the interplay of theory, practice, and application in the study of language. This dedication is reflected in his service in three departments and programs at Texas: Linguistics, English, and Education.

David DeCamp was an energetic and engaging advocate of the cause of sociolinguistics, and colleagues, students, and friends will always remember his personal dedication. His pungent sense of humor, intimately related to his linguistic interests, was always put into action when most needed. (JS)

## ERRATUM

In Dell Hymes' review of J. E. Crawford's *The Mobilian trade language* (vol. 8, no. 3, December 1979), the sentence on page 470 should read: "Crawford has seen a copy and cites the paper's agreement with his conclusion that there is no evidence for Mobilian Jargon in pre-French times. . . ." *Language in Society* regrets the error.

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