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Ashley Schiff may have lived a short life but in those thirty-six years he made a big impression. He was a man who loved nature, his students, and Stony Brook. Schiff came to Stony Brook in 1965 after graduating with his PhD from Harvard. He was only at Stony Brook for four years when he died unexpectedly. In the four years at SBU he did a lot and students really looked up to him. He made their college years truly mean something. This is why he was named one of the top five professors in '68. Schiff always took his students on nature walks through what is now known as Ashley Schiff preserve. He wanted them to truly see the beauty in nature as he did. Schiff had a true passion for nature and he showed it. "When the tallest Conifer tree on campus was being threatened by a bulldozer, he quietly chained himself to the threatened tree." (History of Ashley Schiff website..) He also donated his own money to SBU for flowers to be planted around the eroded banks of Roth pond. Now that's love! Schiff did a lot of other great things for the students and he became a legend. He set great examples to all including the staff at SBU. He deserved to have the Ashley Schiff preserve. We could all learn from him. I think that the preserve shouldn't be touched but should be used to show students how wonderful nature is and how we should all appreciate it.