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Ashley Schiff was born in 1932. He joined Stony Brook University in 1965 as a professor of political science. He was very popular among as students. Some described him as open minded, "brutally honest", and committed to his students and his community. Professor Schiff, being an early conservationist and wanting to protect the forest, heard that a bulldozer was about to tear down the tallest conifer on campus, decided to take extreme measures in chained himself to the tree. This action have made him a legend and extremely respected by others around him.

In 1969, however, Dr. Schiff died unexpectedly at the age of 37, leaving behind his family. A huge funeral was held for him where 500 of his friends and students attended. The funeral was held under a linden tree near campus. In his honor, people closest to him and his students wanted to dedicate something to his name. it just would sound right to them if it was a building on campus. They thought it would be appropriate to name the preserve on campus in honor of Dr. Ashley Schiff. Today, the preserve **"The students loved him, because they learned from him, and they learned from him because he combined his scholarship and his humanity with great integrity"**.

This was a passage read by one of his friends at the funeral. It described the man he was and the man he will be remembered by.