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sessed of a quiet (yet often delightfully
wicked) sense of humor." Nygaard carries
with her much of what she learned from
Maclear, and teaches with the memory of
his example. She writes "I am blessed to
have had such a model to look up to, for I
will never be without a goal to work
towards and a sure standard against which
to measure my promise."

Maclear, with his information packed
lectures and his wit and humor, sparked
the intellectual curiosity of students. In
addition to his outstanding performance in
the classroom. Maclear served on many
important committees and projects and
was known for his wisdom and good
advice. His teaching and service was rec-
ognized (despite his profound reluctance
to be a candidate for UMD awards) with
the following: Outstanding Faculty Award
(1975), the Albert Tezla Scholar-Teacher
Award (1988) and the Chancellor's Award

Maclear was a distinguished scholar
who did research for the sheer joy of dis-
cover. He never made a show of his
scholarly accomplishments, but those
acquainted with the fields of church and
intellectual history realize that his highly
original articles appeared in such leading
journals as Church History, William and
Mary Quarterly, Mississippi Valley
Historical Review, the Journal of the
History of Ideas, and the New England
Quarterly. It must be noted that Maclear’s
research on Puritanism was widely
respected and that a survey of the histori-
cal literature done by Michael McGiffert,
a scholar with an international reputation,
devoted much attention to Maclear’s sig-
nificant contributions. In 1995 Oxford
University Press published a major refer-
ence work that Maclear edited, Church
and State in the Modern Age: A
Documentary History. At the time of his
death, he was completing an ambitious

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by Neil Storch, Professor of History. Storch
was Maclear’s longtime colleague and
friend.