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Dear Friends,

Mental health, it has been said by Bonaro Overstreet, may be characterized not by what a person's apparent traits are but by what others become in his presence.

David J. Latz was a catalyst. During the three and a half years that he was with the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, he effected many changes in people.

His interest in others' achievements made their accomplishments take on new dimensions.

His vicarious participation in every person's activities, social, cultural, scholastic, or personal, heightened the meaning of the action for the individual.

His avid delight in reading in all fields kept others on their mental toes.

His ability to rejoice in the good fortune of other people increased the delight for the recipients.



In Dave Latz's presence, people felt taller.

He exemplified a concern for others which is widely described but less widely practiced.

It would not be fair to characterize Dave Latz in the above manner without, at the same time, describing his unique and delightful characteristics which have stamped the Hogg Foundation and his many friends and acquaintances with his mark.

He was a proud but constrained husband and father who spoke with special emphasis when he described his children's achievements.

He had a vocabulary both colorful and individual, gathered from his Air Force background and his own personality. The staff became the "troops," the office "the shop," and he often threatened to "send the school nurse" after a sick member of the staff.

He dressed in impeccable and individual manner. His striped shirts and small hat were trademarks.

He had ecumenical and global delight in all religions and peoples.

He was a "Snoopy" lover and fan.

In his work Dave was meticulous and thorough. He followed through on all administrative details. Yet he always had time to discuss and listen to problems by mail, by telephone, or in person.

Perhaps it is easier to describe not what Dave Latz was but what all of us who knew him have become for the knowing.

We have grown more aware of the needs of other people. We have increased our own perception of articles read, people met, shows seen, music heard.

We have learned a special kind of concern.

The Hogg Foundation Staff

David J. Latz, 46, assistant to the director for administration, the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, died October 2, 1968, after a brief illness. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, three sons, and his mother.

A native of Windber, Pennsylvania, he retired as a lieutenant colonel from the United States Air Force after twenty three years' service. Mr. Latz joined the staff here in 1965.

In response to many requests and with his family's permission a David J. Latz Memorial Fund is being established by the Hogg Foundation. The exact uses of this fund will be determined by the staff in cooperation with Mrs. Latz; any project which it supports will reflect Dave's special interests within the mental health field.