

Marvin Waldman

February 15, 1920 — November 9, 1977

Marvin Waldman, associate professor of clinical psychology at the Gannett Medical Clinic, died November 9, 1977, at the age of fifty-seven, after an extended illness, during most of which he continued to work actively.

Dr. Waldman was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 15, 1920, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1942 at Roosevelt College, majoring in psychology. In January 1943 he enrolled in the doctoral program at the University of Chicago, receiving his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1956. After service as a member of the Psychological Research Unit in the United States Air Force from 1942 to 1945, he interned in clinical psychology at the Worcester State Hospital in Massachusetts from August 1947 to September 1948. Such were his contributions that he was asked to continue there from September 1948 until March 1950, as a staff psychologist involved in therapy and research. Marvin was then asked to assume the position of research psychologist from March 1950 until August 1951, designing and conducting applied studies in psychopathology and participating in the educational program. As chief psychologist from August 1951 until September 1956, he actively directed the student training program; then after a year as psychologist in the Los Angeles Psychiatric Service he joined the staff of the Laboratory of Psychology, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Maryland, where he coordinated their psychodiagnostic program.

Dr. Waldman joined the Mental Health Section of the Department of University Health Services in October 1958 as associate professor in order to engage in his main interest, the practice of psychotherapy. Early in his career in Worcester he was actively involved in public speaking to community groups and as a psychological consultant to the Family Service Organization agency. Dr. Waldman continued these interests while a member of the Cornell faculty, being active in the organization and training of volunteers for the Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service and serving as a consultant to and president of the board of directors of the Family and Children's Service, as well as a board member of the Tompkins County Mental Health Association.

Marvin was a welcome speaker and teacher at innumerable campus meetings and discussion groups. He emphasized a strong interest in the preventive aspect of mental health and was always ready to participate in discussions and conferences with groups of students regarding general problems of mental health, instead of confining his efforts to one-to-one psychotherapy. Marvin was known to many students over the years as an

informal, friendly, supportive therapist who was genuinely interested in their lives. He had many friends and will long be remembered about campus as a result of his unusual kindness and consuming interest in others.

Dr. Waldman was a diplomate of the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology and a member of several learned and professional societies. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and two sons, Mark and John.

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