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When **Clarke Burnham** died last March 12th, the university and community lost a treasured friend and supporter. Clarke's colleagues and friends remember how caring and helpful he was to both graduate and undergraduate students during his many years at the university, so we have established an endowment fund both to honor him and to provide support for graduate students into the future.

During his time at the university, Clarke affected the careers of thousands of Psychology students in his roles as graduate advisor and undergraduate advisor, and he helped facilitate student and faculty research all across campus when he chaired the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Many of you have shared stories with us about how Clarke helped you satisfy some university regulation (sometimes at the last minute and sometimes very creatively) or modify your research protocol so that you could both answer the questions of interest to you and keep the IRB satisfied. To his family, wife Joan and their five sons, Clarke was a devoted husband and father who served as household carpenter and chef. All of us remember that hearty laugh and perpetual smile and the long hours Clarke spent working to help others. He long will be remembered as a scholar, colleague, mentor, gentleman, and family man.

Two of Clarke's ongoing frustrations as graduate advisor were the low salary paid to graduate students and the difficulty associated with helping students find money to implement their research. Often a few hundred dollars can make the difference between just doing a research project and doing that project right. Many of you know this from personal experience, and unfortunately, funding of this sort is even more difficult to find given the university's current financial challenges. Accordingly, we decided that a fitting remembrance for Clarke would be to create a fund dedicated to supporting graduate students in Psychology—the **Clarke A. Burnham Memorial Excellence Endowment**. The goal is to raise \$25,000. If we do not reach this goal, the funds accumulated will be awarded outright to support graduate students in the Psychology department.

If ever you received help from Clarke as a student with a problem or a faculty member with a flawed protocol—or if you just remember with fondness that laugh and smile—we ask that you thank him and honor him with a contribution to this endowment. Contributions of any size will be greatly appreciated (they are tax-deductible), and you can be confident of having the heartfelt thanks of every future student recipient.

Sincerely,

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