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In this edition of the Jefferson Journal of Psychiatry we say good-bye to Harvey J. Schwartz, M.D., who founded it as a resident education project ten years ago and who has been our Faculty Advisor ever since. Under Dr. Schwartz's mentorship the Journal has grown from a departmental vehicle for residents' writings to a national publication in which residents can be proud to have their work presented. Having become a nation-wide resident education project, sponsored in part by the APA, the Journal serves to meet a need for all psychiatry residents: to learn about writing, editing and publishing.

As a mentor Dr. Schwartz has left an indelible mark upon those of us privileged to work with him. He has always expected excellence from his residents, and this expectation is a gift which he leaves with the Journal. Authors are familiar with rewriting their pieces, sometimes several times, until the Editorial Board is satisfied, and Editors learn to work with an article and its writer until the piece is as good as it possibly can be.

As he intended it to be, the day-to-day operation of the Journal has been almost exclusively in resident hands, and Dr. Schwartz's presence has been a quiet one. But those who know him understand that although quiet, his presence is always commanding. By allowing contributors and editors independence in creating each issue of the Journal, Dr. Schwartz has conveyed to us a firm conviction that the Journal will be nothing less than excellent, because residents are capable of excellent work.

One former Chief Editor said that after each issue came out she would receive a message to call Dr. Schwartz. She worried that perhaps he might have some constructive criticism or maybe a complaint, but all he ever said was, "Good job, the issue looks great." He seemed to know all along that a resident project would be an excellent project.

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