



# REVIEW

Vol. 3, No. 3

Nov. 15, 1972

## A TRIBUTE TO DEAN LAWRENCE N. CANJAR

"The good die first  
And they whose hearts are dry as summer dust  
Burn to the socket."

William Wordsworth  
"The Excursion"

In August, 1965, when I walked into the office of the Dean of the College of Engineering to report for duty, I was faced with a strange situation. I was unaware that the former Dean, John Uicker, who was responsible for hiring me, had resigned his post in preparation for his retirement. In his place sat Larry Canjar -- a fat, jolly, and above all, very pleasant man. I knew at once that my job as Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering would be a very pleasant experience. And the passing of time witnessed a gradual transition in my mind: Larry Canjar was no longer a fat man...instead I had come to think of him as a great man.

His premature death burns us to the socket and leaves his family with the consolation that in word and in deed he led an intensely Christian life. In Wordsworth's words, Larry Canjar would have died first, even if he had lived to be 100.

His students no longer have "Uncle Larry" to go to. His faculty no longer have the benefit of his valuable time and advice. His friends are left with the memory of his infectiously happy nature. And, the profession no longer has the forward-thinking gems of his imagination.

Among the many and varied contributions he made to the cause of engineering education, the concept of the design and development-oriented Doctor of Engineering program, will for a long time to come remain a fitting tribute to the genius of Lawrence N. Canjar.

--Dr. C.F. Miranda,  
Chairman, Civil Eng. and  
Associate Dean,  
College of Engineering

