Mark Chapple Murphy, M.S.W., M.A., came to College from East Granby, Connecticut. While in College, Mark played cello with the Dartmouth Symphony Orchestra and guitar with the "transmogrified rock group" called "The Bunch." He majored in Sociology and was a member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity. A conscientious objector to the military draft, he worked in a poverty program in New Haven, Conn., for two years. He took two master’s degrees, one in social work at New York University in 1969 and another in urban and regional planning at the University of Colorado in 1976. He served on the board of directors of the Boulder Community Design Center and worked actively with CanSurmount, a program of the American Cancer Society. He died May 20, 1980 in Boulder, Colorado of an unusual cancer of the liver. His final illness lasted 18 months, during which he continued his work with the Center for Community Development and Design in Boulder and his teaching at the University of Colorado (Boulder and Denver), where he was assistant professor of urban planning in the College of Environmental Design. Mark and Eloise Osborne were married in 1969, and she, his parents, and a twin brother survive him. His courage in the face of impossible odds was a source of inspiration to his family and friends, and to other patients afflicted with malignant liver disease, for whom he wrote a technical manual for self-care and also a poem, called "Rest Yourself Easy":

I once knew a man - reminds me of you

Felt sorry for himself, like you do for you.

He was afraid to die - he was afraid to live.

Time got away from him like water through a sieve.

When you're feeling mighty low

Just pick yourself up and walk down the road.

The surface's smooth, the way is clear.

Just rest yourself easy, stop your living so fast.

If you don't take your time, your time will never last.

Ain't a thing to do - life's slippin' away.

Take another day.