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The International Colloquium on Synthetic Polymer Chemistry, which was organized under the supervision of Professor Otto Vogl at the Polymer Science and Engineering Department at the University of Massachusetts on July 31, 1971, was a very suitable finale to the large IUPAC Meeting on Polymers which had been held the preceding week in Boston. The IUPAC Meeting had been many sided with little time for discussion of papers or informal visits between the scientists present. The smaller Colloquium provided just this opportunity for discussion and informal talks which are so useful in spreading ideas among scientists.

In the late afternoon of the last day of the Boston Meeting, a selected group of the scientists who were present there were provided with the opportunity to go to Amherst and gather at the Campus Center of the University of Massachusetts. There we were provided with pleasant rooms and good food in the evening to prepare us for the educational feast to follow the next day. Most of the guests were from abroad, but a number of representatives of industry from the companies that support the Polymer Program at the University were also present. Representatives from the American schools where polymer chemistry is stressed were also invited. It was a most congenial representative group of the leaders in the field.

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On Saturday, the 31st, two topics were presented, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, by very able speakers. Following the talks, well-known discussion leaders brought up questions and new contributions in a friendly unhurried atmosphere conducive to a full interchange of ideas.

The Colloquium was highly successful and all of us who were invited profited greatly by the experience. We are indebted to the Polymer Science and Engineering Group at the University of Massachusetts for making the occasion a most pleasant and rewarding experience for us.

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