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EDITORIAL

This month Professor Otto Vogl celebrates his 65th birthday.

On behalf of Marcel Dekker, the staff of the *Journal of Macromolecular Science—Pure and Applied Chemistry*, and his many friends all over the world, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Professor Vogl on this very happy occasion. To commemorate his birthday, we have published 26 papers dedicated to him by his friends throughout Volume 29 (1992).

Professor Vogl was born in 1927 in the small village of Traiskirchen in the foothills of the Alps in Austria's wine country. He studied chemistry at the University of Vienna where he received his Ph.D. in 1950. He held postdoctoral positions at the University of Michigan and Princeton University before joining the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company in 1956. In 1970 he accepted a professorship at the University of Massachusetts. He was very influential in the early, formative years of its internationally recognized Department of Polymer Science and Engineering. During these years he was also faculty advisor for new students, and he was very influential on the professional lives of many students who eventually graduated with advanced degrees and went on to enjoy successful professional lives.

Since 1983 he has held the prestigious position of Herman F. Mark Professor of Polymer Science at the Polytechnic Institute of New York and, concomitantly, Professor Emeritis at the University of Massachusetts.

Throughout his career he has been a very influential figure on the international polymer science scene through his research (over 350 papers and 40 US and foreign patents), teaching, lectureships at many universities around the world, and his positions on the Editorial Boards of several polymer journals. He is currently a member of the Senior Advisory Board of this *Journal*, and we are indebted to him for his dedication and energy in helping to establish its current stature in the field. In addition, he is past chairman of the Polymer Division of the American Chemical Society and co-founder of the Pacific Polymer Federation. His technical and organizational influence has been recognized and rewarded by numerous medals, grants, and awards.

I am certain all of this hard work and dedication to polymer science and his profession was made much more enjoyable by the constant support of his family, particularly his wife, Jane.

Happy 65th birthday Otto! We hope you continue to enjoy good health and have many, many more birthdays.

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Editor