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This section of the Journal is dedicated to Professor Otto Vogl, Department of Polymer Science and Engineering, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. Our association with Professor Vogl and the *Journal of Macromolecular Science, Pure and Applied Chemistry* began over 20 years ago, when the then publisher, Marcel Dekker was seeking a new editor for this publication. Professor Vogl recommended us for the position and what began as a venture to turn around a journal in trouble has turned into the productive publication you see today. During those years, Professor Vogl was truly a mentor in all regards. He taught us the ins and outs of attracting new, innovative work and helped us along the way by attracting various symposia to get us established and into the hands of the scientific world. To say the relationship has developed into one of mutual respect and friendship is an understatement. Due to the extremely tight publications

schedule we have not been able to publish a full issue in his honor which we sincerely would have loved to do. The sheer number of people wanting to contribute to such an issue made it impossible to collect, edit and publish on time due to the authors' varied schedules. Therefore, we chose the articles that were submitted first and in a timeframe that made it possible to publish together as a small group. We want to thank these authors for working so quickly, and for their full cooperation.

To Otto, we want to say thank you for the years of guidance, knowledge, perseverance and friendship. You are truly appreciated and honored. Happy 80th Birthday!

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