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Dedicated to Dr. John L. Hogg

Teacher, Mentor, Friend

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Orbitals will resume its regular format in March. The February issue is dedicated to the memory of Dr. John Hogg, who authored this newsletter since 1985.

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Texas A&M Mourns Loss of Beloved Chemist and Teacher John Hogg

Dr. John L. Hogg, professor of chemistry and Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence at Texas A&M University, died Saturday, January 19 of suspected heart complications, according to his family. He was 59.

The beloved chemist and teacher came to Texas A&M in 1975 as an assistant professor of chemistry and served since 1985 as the chief advisor for undergraduate chemistry majors at Texas A&M. Hogg was renowned by both colleagues and students for his comprehensive knowledge of chemistry, his ability to generate enthusiasm for the subject in his students, and his commitment to promoting its genuine understanding.

"Dr. Hogg was the standard of excellence for advising, teaching and student affairs at Texas A&M University," said Dr. Timothy P. Scott, associate dean for undergraduate programs in the College of Science. "He was a tireless student advocate with impeccable standards. Dr. Hogg knew no 'former' students. Once he advised you, he kept up with you and yours from then on. His concern for students didn't stop at academics, but was also concerned with personal well being and job placement. He served as a friend and mentor to me for 20 years. His presence in chemistry, the college and the university will be missed for years to come. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Janet and his two children."

A decorated instructor, Hogg received many teaching awards, including the coveted Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence Award in 2007, which represents the highest honor bestowed by Texas A&M for educational excellence in the classroom. He earned equally prestigious recognition on four separate occasions from The Association of Former Students, including two university-level awards for outstanding teaching (2005 and 1982), a college-level award for outstanding teaching (2002) and a university-level award for outstanding student relationships (1989). In addition, Hogg was one of the initial four faculty members at Texas A&M to earn the title of University Professor of Undergraduate Teaching Excellence in 1996.

In 2004 Hogg was honored by the Texas A&M University Advisors and Counselors Organization with the Mervin and Annette Peters Advising Award, which annually recognizes the university's most outstanding faculty advisor.

"I've known John Hogg for more than 30 years, and his contributions to Texas A&M University and the Department of Chemistry in the areas of teaching and advising were beyond outstanding," said Dr. Michael P. Rosynek, professor of chemistry and associate department head. "He's won most of the university's top teaching awards — multiple times in some instances, which is unprecedented as far as I know in the university and certainly in chemistry. Essentially every chemistry major at Texas A&M for the last 25 years has consulted with him about everything from course options to future plans.

"He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and the students, who were devoted to him. His shoes will be about the most difficult I can think of to fill in our department."

Beyond his excellence in the traditional classroom, Hogg also was the driving force behind Texas A&M's popular Chemistry Road Show, an educational outreach program he created in 1985 that...
currently introduces an estimated average of 2,000 people to the wonders of chemistry each year with the help of fire, explosions, weird polymers and super cold materials.

"Dr Hogg established the Chemistry Road Show program in the mid-1980s, doing everything from the performances to the fundraising," Rosynek said. "He created what can only be described as a phenomenal outreach effort for our department. He's the reason teachers and students throughout Texas know our name."

Hogg wrote nearly 50 research publications in the general areas of physical, organic and biorganic chemistry. He is co-author of the popular textbook "The World of Chemistry: Essentials," now in its fourth edition and celebrated for its effectiveness in presenting chemistry in terms that are understandable to the non-science major. In addition, he has written a monthly newsletter, "Orbitals: What's Happening in Chemistry Circles," for undergraduate chemistry majors at Texas A&M since 1985.

A native of Granite, Okla., Hogg received his bachelor's of science degree in chemistry in 1970 from Southwestern State College in Oklahoma and his Ph.D. in 1974 from the University of Kansas.

Hogg is survived by his wife, Janet, of College Station; a daughter, Krista, of Dallas; and a son, Ryan, of New York City.

The funeral service for John Hogg held 2 PM on Tuesday, January 22 at Memorial Funeral Chapel College Station, 2901 Texas Avenue South was packed to overflowing with family, friends, colleagues, and current and former students.

**John L. Hogg Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

In lieu of flowers or other offerings, the Hogg family has requested that donations be made to the **John L. Hogg Memorial Endowed Scholarship** to support students pursuing degrees in chemistry in care of the Texas A&M Foundation, 401 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2811.

Cards, letters and other written forms of condolences also may be addressed to the John L. Hogg Family in care of the Department of Chemistry, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-3255.
Photo Gallery
Memories of Dr. Hogg

These memories of Dr. Hogg are taken from http://www.chem.tamu.edu/hoggmemories. If you wish to send a condolence note or your memories of Dr. Hogg, please send an email to hoggmemories@mail.chem.tamu.edu. We will do our best to post them in a timely manner and appreciate your patience. Future remembrances will be published in subsequent issues of Orbitals.

It now has been more than a week since John Hogg's passing, and although the initial shock and sadness have abated somewhat, the pleasant memories will last forever. It has been said that we often do not fully appreciate something until we no longer have it. But in John's case, I think that all of us with whom he interacted and that he influenced, colleagues and students alike, understand exactly what we had and what we now will sorely miss: an individual that was unique in the history of our department.

I fondly remember John as a colleague and good friend for more than 30 years (I don't think that anyone who knew him could consider him as anything other than a good friend), and I interacted with him on an almost daily basis for the last 20 years. During that time, we discussed many things, both professional and personal, and I could always count on John to provide an unexpected and usually insightful perspective on most issues. I will miss those frequent conversations more than I probably yet realize. I will miss his ever-present smile, his impish chuckle and mischievous laugh, his often irreverent opinions, and his upbeat (and uplifting) view of life. On a more serious level (and despite his playful nature, John was very serious about the things that mattered most), I also will miss seeing his very obvious devotion to his family and experiencing his commitment to this department and university, his unreserved dedication to students, and his legendary passion for teaching excellence.

All of us are still coming to grips with the reality that we no longer will be able to benefit from John's knowledge and advice on academic matters. More than once during the past week, when confronted with a teaching or student-related issue, I have had the previously automatic thought, "I'll have to ask John about this," but then soberly remembered that I no longer can do that. As a result, I already have begun to adopt the WWJD ("What would John do?") approach to such matters, but it is a poor substitute for the real thing.

We all know very well what we used to have, and what we now will miss, but the wonderful memories are permanent and will sustain us through the sadness. My deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go out to Janet, Krista, and Ryan and to all of John's family at their loss.

Mike Rosynek
January 29, 2008
I’ve hesitated at writing a letter about John Hogg for several reasons. First, the shock and dismay at so suddenly losing a friend and colleague made it difficult. Second, it requires more skill with prose than I possess to try to properly describe what John meant to the community of chemistry, his colleagues and the present, future and past students at Texas A&M. Of course, the effect of his loss on his family cannot be expressed by words. About all one can say is that we all miss him terribly.

John was a very dear and good friend. I talked to him nearly every day about something or other. Sometimes these discussions would be professional and would be about Chemistry or Department issues. However, equally often, it would be him or me exchanging some sort of anecdote or story about something we saw, something we read, or something more personal. It could be me showing him pictures of my daughter’s wedding or him showing pictures of his family or bragging on their comings and goings. It wasn’t only about family either. Other times he would have stories about his crazed cats or about how he almost set fire to a elementary school during a road show. It is still hard to realize that I will not get to have even one more conversation. I still have things to tell him.

As others have noted, he was an extraordinary Professor of Chemistry who made a difference for thousands of students who he either taught or advised during a remarkable career. No one is likely to ever assemble the innumerable awards he received over the years as a teacher and advisor. His value to the Department and university though went far beyond those awards. He was one of the wise people you went to if you wanted a second opinion on some issue. He knew everything there was to know about teaching, about curricula, about University procedures, and he had a lifetime of experience with students’ problems and issues. I routinely used him as a resource and I always knew that I could send someone to him and that they could in turn get good and honest advice.

John Hogg was someone who made a difference in ways outside of just being a professor and advisor. His road shows brought the excitement of chemistry to people young and old alike. As I write this letter, I am reminded of a Saturday last Spring when I was in my office writing a letter on his behalf for his Presidential Professorship nomination. I remember that as I was working, I could hear explosions going on somewhere down the hall. Since I live and work in a Chemistry building that might be a concern. However, it was just John Hogg, doing a Chemistry Road show as part of Aggieland Saturday. That show with its instruction about basic chemical science, its lights, fires, and explosions was an extra effort on John’s part – an effort that others might consider extraordinary. By John’s account, it was all just him doing his job. That show on a Saturday last February just like the show a week ago Friday was just another of the hundreds of shows he has presented across Texas from South Texas to the high plains to the piney woods. The prospective students in those audiences and their parents were among the over 50,000 people who over twenty years heard and saw John explain how science and chemistry produce simple effects that wow kids and amaze their parents. Some may not know this but he gave more than some knew to that enterprise. He actually had some reduced hearing from his early years when he did not wear ear protection during the explosions.

John’s distinctions extended far beyond a flash of color or a loud report. His efforts in the classroom were his greatest distinction. These efforts included teaching over 20 different courses in the Chemistry Department. Those efforts led to his receipt of every teaching award offered at Texas A&M. In some cases he received those awards multiple times. While I could cite countless examples of how John
excelled in teaching, for brevity’s sake I will focus on only one example. Every outstanding teacher I know here or elsewhere has one distinction – they generally make a course their own or completely invent a course. That is true of John too. Chemistry 106 – ‘Molecular Science for Citizens’ – is a course he basically invented. It is a course that languished as a course number and as a boring chore for students before he began to teach it. It is has since become part of the core curriculum. It is a course that has attracted national attention to the university. Indeed, when one of the major publishers sought a new author for the most established text, they turned to John. His book published only a year or two ago is now widely adopted across the U.S. Chemistry 106 is also a course that illustrates John’s unique ability to teach to a remarkably diverse group of students. This course is often taken by elementary education majors – people whose grasp of science and math is distinctly different than that of science or engineering majors. I was always amazed at and in awe of John’s skill at appealing to the different interests and talents of this group of students while still teaching a rigorous chemistry course.

John’s other activity for the past 20 some years was in his role as the undergraduate advisor in Chemistry. He excelled in that role too and his Association of Former Students award for that effort only hints at his impact in that role. Someone in the days just after his death noted that he had no former students – they were all part of his sphere even long after they graduated. Indeed, many students he has advised often remained in contact with him. His office was filled with pictures of former students’ children, marriage pictures, career news and the like. The newsletter that he published called ‘Orbitals’ that he sent out electronically every month or so was in some ways his equivalent of those Christmas letters some people distribute.

John was a tireless advocate of undergraduates and of education ever since he arrived here in 1975. That advocacy was never strident. It was instead persuasive and firm. Within the Department, he was without question the ‘go to’ person for everything undergraduate related. In some cases, he was not only the source of inspiration for others, he served as our conscience too. Some years ago there was a budget crunch in the summer. The Department and the College consequently decided for economic reasons to cancel a senior course in the summer that had been offered every summer for the past twenty years. John pointed out that there were seniors whose graduation would as a result be delayed for a semester or more. When he was told that the problem was simply finding salary funds (a few thousand dollars for a lecturer) he volunteered his Thaman funding (the unrestricted funds from his endowed professorship for undergraduate teaching excellence). The result eventually was they found the money, the course was offered, and the students were able to graduate.

In these few days after John died, the community that has been made aware of his passing is really only a fraction of the community that knew him. There are 1000s of others who had John as a professor either in a class like Chemistry 106 or who had majors other than Chemistry. In some cases, those students never even had a class with John. He just fixed their schedule so that they could continue a job or he helped them when they had a personal crisis. He taught dozens of sophomore organic classes where the students were not chemistry majors. They always wrote him up as a superstar professor – often describing him as the best professor they ever had.

I think it is most fitting that John Hogg will continue to impact chemistry education and future students in Chemistry through the scholarships that will be endowed in his name. Using and assigning the limited monies available in the Department for scholarships for entering and continuing undergraduate students majoring in Chemistry was something John did over and over again, year after year.
Sometimes he would have stories about them, telling me how he would have called a prospective student and talked to a single parent who would just gush over what was actually a very modest financial award – telling him how they had up to then been unsure if their son or daughter would indeed be able to be the first person in their family to go to college because of their limited resources. More recently he had expressed some frustration about the lack of funding for the many qualified students. Hopefully, that won’t be the problem for future Chemistry advisors and John’s influence will go on and on as future generations get their start in Chemistry with these awards that bear his name.

Dave Bergbreiter
January 28, 2008

Starting this is the hardest part. It's hard not to just say: Dr. Hogg is so amazing! It's hard to have to say Dr. Hogg was. But what isn't hard is to tell of the some of the great memories he has given me.

I can remember being in Dr. Hogg's office, and on more than one occasion he'd talk about all the pretty girls he has had the opportunity to teach. There was myself, and another student, when a guy walks in his office for a scheduled meeting. Of course, the other girl and I had gone at least 30 minutes over our intended meeting time with Dr. Hogg because it was so easy to talk about anything and everything. Without asking us to leave, Dr. Hogg asked: "What do you need?" and the boy answered: "I'm thinking about changing my major to chemistry." Dr. Hogg laughed that resonating laugh of his and said: "You couldn't of chosen a luckier field. All the gorgeous girls come to chemistry, see! Come on in!" We all laughed, and the other girl and I left, while the boy came in feeling instantly at ease with Dr. Hogg. Dr. Hogg just had that way about him - he could make anyone laugh in an instant, relate to people of any age, maintain his sincerity, and all the while seem completely normal. He was so much more than 'just normal'. He was extraordinary.

There was another time when I happened to be near his office and I popped my head in. I mentioned I thought about going to New York, and he instantly told stories of his son. He was so proud of him. He then proceeded to tell me how beautiful and intelligent his daughter was, and pulled a sketch she had drawn for him. It was him in his underwear with a book. It was hilarious! This was when Dr. Hogg was pretty busy with writing chapters for that book. I just remember how happy he always was to talk about his children, and how he often times mentioned how his wife was just too goodlooking for a man like him. Haha, we all agreed with him on that! But seriously, he was the kind of guy we could joke with easily, partly because he was almost always joking with us.

I know I'm not alone when I say I am going to miss Dr. Hogg, but I know there was so much he gave to this university that can't be replaced. I am lucky to have been able to know such a man, and that alone gives me comfort in his passing. I offer my condolences to him family for their loss.

Sincerely,
Jessica M Trevino
Dr. Hogg is the ONLY reason I majored in Chemistry at A&M. I learned a lot from him and laughed a lot with him, and at him, both inside and outside the classroom. I feel so blessed to have had such a wonderful advisor.

Holly Henderson  
Class of 2006

The first time I met Dr. Hogg was when I was changing my major to Chemistry. I had recently broken my back and arm in a fall, and looked quite the mess. I hobbled into his office and introduced myself, and he calmly said, “you look like hell… let’s take a photo.” He joked that he wanted an action shot of me falling off a chair. And there I was, wearing a back brace and an arm in a cast, getting the time-honored Polaroid welcome into the Chemistry department.

During my time at Texas A&M, Dr. Hogg was much more than just an advisor and professor. He would invite me into his office and we would trade the latest gossip and small talk. Every weekend, he would come into Hastings where I worked and pick up the latest movies that I would stash away for him. More than once he read me the riot act about some prank I had pulled or interrupting a class. But he never treated me, or anyone else, as merely students. He took the role of advisor far beyond what credits were required or filing for a Q-drop. Even after graduating, Dr. Hogg would continue to mentor me and many others in the direction both our lives and careers were headed.

On two occasions he invited me to share my professional chemistry experiences with his Horizons in Chemistry class; both times I considered the invite an incredible honor. After I lectured this past fall, I sat in his office and railed about how I felt that I needed a change in my career. I was frustrated and bored with my current profession, and was craving a new focus. It was then that he suggested I apply for a laboratory teaching position with Texas A&M University at Qatar. Two weeks later, after finishing my interview and being offered the job, I just had to interrupt one of his classes to thank him. He smiled and reminded me that I would be on the other side of the classroom very soon. Because of Dr. Hogg, I find myself teaching chemistry to students in a beautiful foreign country for a university I love. I hope in the future I can build the lasting friendships with my students that he built with his.

I will forever be grateful to him... and will always miss him. Thank you, Dr. Hogg.

Ben Cieslinski ‘98  
Laboratory Technician II / Instructor  
Department of Chemistry  
Texas A&M University at Qatar

Like so many others, I will miss Dr. Hogg terribly. He was my undergraduate advisor and a genuine family friend. I'm sad that I won't be able to visit him at his office when I come home to College Station, and I'm sad that I can't look forward to his hilarious and irreverent perspective on life and its ordeals. Dr. Hogg's kindness, decency, and generosity made him the very best kind of role model. My
thoughts and sympathies are with his family during this difficult time; I thank them for sharing Dr. Hogg with all of us.

Tommy Miller
Class of 2000

Since August 2004 - when I became a Lecturer in the Chemistry Department - I’ve been calling on John for guidance. If I felt unsure about a classroom issue or situation, I would ask him. He would usually have a similar - but funnier - situation with which to compare, and no matter how serious my mood was when I walked into his office, he’d have me laughing before I left. His advice was always sound.

John took the time to critique me. I cannot tell you how nervous I was in my second month as a lecturer when he made an unannounced appearance in my class. As I walked past him - before lecture - he said, "Don’t worry, just retain. Retain." He took down every note, and then after class he told me very directly all of the things that he didn’t like about my lecture. He also gave me praise, patted me on the shoulder and said, “You’re doing a good job.” That December, when I was officially awarded my Ph.D., John was standing at the foot of the stage to shake my hand.

This past summer John called on me for my help with a technical issue on his computer. I dropped what I was doing for an opportunity to help him, but he did not understand why. Afterward he said, "Thanks for taking the time to help an old man." Then, in all seriousness, he offered to grade some of my exams as a return favor. I did not let him.

I will miss John because he was so honest, down-to-earth, comical, inspiring, and caring. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, whose loss I cannot even begin to imagine.

Megan Tichy
Lecturer
Texas A&M University

To say the Dr. John Hogg was a great man is an understatement. His compassion for his students, his passion for teaching, his excellence in advising, and his dedication and love to his family are but a few words to sum up Dr. Hogg's character and love of life. I do not believe I have the capacity to express how lucky I, and the rest of his students, feel to have gotten to know Dr. John Hogg.

Dr. Hogg most impacted my life through his teaching. I never once missed one of his organic chemistry lectures my sophomore year (even though I found the study of organic to be entirely atrocious; though some of my fellow students found my love for Analytical Chemistry grossly misplaced). He made the subject "come alive" for me, so to speak. His hilarious antics, crazy physical gestures, charismatic presence, and witticism helped to make lecture fun. I'll never forget the time he demonstrated how molecules vibrate when introduced to infrared radiation by wildly pumping his arms right to left or madly waving his arms up and down, all the while turning practically blue in the face from his physical
exertions. We all had a good laugh after his demonstration. I don't think I could fail to remember the
time where he came to class with an Avenue Q CD and had us listen to a track because he found it
hysterical (I thought so, too). I think I will always remember the time he told me I looked like Minnie
Driver after wearing a red dress to the Chemistry Banquet. I'll always recall how he cursed and slaved
over his textbook writing and revisions almost every other time I went into his office to see him (he
claimed it was the Bane of His Existence…but that textbook became his "baby" once it was
published…he even tried to convince some of us students to buy it, even though we weren't in his
CHEM 106 lecture!). But most of all, I will always remember how much he wanted us to learn. He
would always make time to consult with us students whenever we were having second thoughts about
majoring in chemistry or whether or not we were actually going to graduate on time. His door was
always, always open, and Dr. Hogg always welcomed you into his office with a smile. He changed my
life. I will always be grateful to Dr. Hogg for imparting his love of chemistry on me; without him, I
don't know what would have become of me during my time at A&M.

To say that Dr. John Hogg was a great man is an understatement. He still is a great man. His spirit and
memory will always live on in us, his students.

Erin Cochran-Kowaleski
Class of 2007

Dr. John Hogg

Words are not enough to describe a professor who truly cared for his students like Dr. Hogg....

I will never forget him. He was a great teacher, advisor and friend. His door was always open. He had
a genuine concern for all aspects of your life both prior to and after graduation. The Texas A&M family
has not just lost a great professor on January 19, 2008, but a friend and father figure to all that he graced.

He will be sorely missed.

God Bless,
James Machac
Class of '94

I am still in shock by the fact that the only teacher who really knew me in the past 3 years of my college
life and was able to help me understand what I really want out of life has passed away. Not only was he
by far the toughest teacher I have ever had but he also was the best of the best.

Abhishek Bhaumik
John Hogg was one of my heroes at Texas A&M. I know of no other faculty member I have met in my 28 years here who gave so much of his time and energies to helping students, especially undergraduates. Higher education has changed greatly in the past several decades and especially so in Research 1 universities where the clearly rewarded foci are research, federal grants, and graduate training. But there are other rewards that come from an awareness of enriching the lives of others and John thrived in that environment. Thousands of chemistry students are enjoying better lives and better careers today because of their contact with John and his selflessness in advising them, befriending them, and advocating for them. He was also a passionate promoter for science education. One wonders how many of the Road Show kids have been drawn to careers in science. The American historian Henry Brooks Adams has written, "A teacher affects eternity: he can never tell where his influence will stop." And such is John's legacy, continued through generations of his students, and their students, and their students, and beyond.

Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr.
Psychology Department
Texas A&M University

John Hogg

I first met John while I was Dean of the College of Science. This was in the 80's and John had some excellent ideas about "outreach". The college contributed to John's efforts and those of the department to reach prospective students about chemistry, science and Texas A&M. He successfully developed important scholarships for students, especially minority students to come here and study chemistry. In particular he developed a strong connection with Monsanto that led to many years of outstanding support for ethnic minority, chemistry undergraduates. This was before the State of Texas banned such recruiting practices. Even after that blow to recruiting, he worked hard in many other ways to make sure that qualified minority students received an opportunity to come to A&M and study chemistry.

I remember that John enjoyed golf but wasn't especially gifted for it. Sometime in the 80's we had a great day at Waterwood where he and Janet also had a cottage. I also remember those by-gone days since we generally wore ties to class and as Dean I had to wear one virtually every day. I was concerned one day about the length the tie should properly extend toward the floor and asked John. His answer was confident. "It should have the tip at the belt buckle." I think of that advice now every time I put on a tie. While running the Universities Quality Enhancement Plan earlier in this century, I often went to John for advice on ways to encourage faculty to strengthen their undergraduate teaching efforts. Some of the things we are doing now such as better course syllabi, strengthened inquiry based instruction, and more University support for undergraduate research were supported by him.

The Chemistry Department, College and University sorely misses you John.

John P. Fackler, Jr.
Distinguished Professor of Chemistry
Texas A&M University
A letter to Dr. Hogg – if I could tell you now what you meant to me then and still mean to me this day.

Dear Dr. Hogg,

I know my parents felt they left me in good hands that Spring of 1999 when I began my first semester at Texas A&M. You were like a pseudo parent to me, as well as the rest of the chemistry undergrads – you always had our best interests in mind, from the academic to the personal. I always felt I was at home in the department, that I belonged. I can tell you my parents - to this day - enjoyed the chemistry magic show you put on for our graduating class and families. You really made them feel a part of Texas A&M, a part of the chemistry department, and very proud of their daughter. They enjoyed it so much. They will never forget the fire alarms going off at the end either, lol. You provided some fond memories that my parents and I will always share about my undergraduate chemistry experience, those memories are worth so much to us!

Dr. Hogg, you added a special element to the whole Texas A&M – Chemistry – experience, you really did! Texas A&M was lucky to have such a dedicated person such as yourself. I know that your stellar direction and encouragement is what guided me to that BS in Chemistry I so desperately wanted. That degree has allowed me to live my dream.

Thank You Dr. Hogg.

May the Lord Bless You and May the Lord Always Keep You!

God Bless,
Veronica K. Sorola (Formally Franz)
Class 2001

Dr. Hogg...what can I say. He was just one of those people you can never forget. I remember starting at A&M back in 1997. He sat with me and my dad and made us feel right at home. He opened up to us and shared a lot of his personal life stories. He was hilarious and just had that charm that few people you meet in life have. He was pretty much the whole reason why I majored in chemistry. He made all the chem majors feel like one big family. Once I graduated, I would always check the "Orbitals" from time to time to just see what was going on. I always intended to one day walk back in the chem building and update him about everything, but never got the chance to do it.

Well Dr. Hogg, just wanted to say you were awesome. Throughout all my years of schooling, you stand out by far as the one man I would want to emulate. I just loved how you were so relaxed and comical, but yet exceptional at teaching. I will definitely miss you. Definitely one of a kind. Cheers to you Dr. Hogg!!!! God Bless you.

Timmy Kovoor
Texas A&M 01'
I would like to extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dr. Hogg. Dr. John Hogg was an extraordinary friend, teacher, advisor and an exemplary human being. I am a better physician and teacher because of him. He touched countless lives and we are all the better for it. He will be sorely missed.

"No bubble is so iridescent or floats longer than that blown by the successful teacher." - William Osler

God Bless,
Marie Mullen, MD
University of Massachusetts Medical School

Dr. Hogg was one of those rare individuals who cared about all of the chemistry students. He was concerned about how you were doing AND how you were doing in classes. I always found that Dr. Hogg had time to help me and make certain that I was making the progress that I needed to in order to graduate with my degree. This is all despite the fact that I never had him as a professor – just as department advisor. He was definitely one of the people that led to my continuing on to graduate school in chemistry.

Even years after graduating, he was still interested in what I was doing. One memory I have is that several years after graduating, a fellow TAMU chemistry graduate and I saw Dr. Hogg at an ACS meeting. He gave us a jokingly hard time about still hanging around together and we spent some time talking over old times. I think that Dr. Hogg was aware of everything that went on in the department even if we didn’t think he knew!

It will be difficult to imagine the chemistry department without Dr. Hogg watching over all of the students. It will be infinitely more difficult for his wife, children and parents to be without him. May the good memories quickly overtake the sadness of losing John Hogg.

Theresa Harper ’93
San Francisco, CA

John Hogg and I were graduate students in Dick Scowen’s group at KU in the early 70's. I joined Texas A&M chemistry department as a lecturer in 1976 and John was instrumental in bringing me to Texas A&M. I left Texas A&M in 1979. John and I have been friends for 37 years. I cannot believe that John is no more. We will all miss him dearly.

John was one of the best persons I have met in my life. He was friendly, jovial and always helpful. He worked very hard as a graduate student and spent countless hours in the lab. On a typical day John would come to the lab at 8.00 AM and worked continuously till 5.00 PM (eating the lunch he brought in at his desk). He left around 5.00 PM to eat dinner with Janet and always came back to the lab around 6.00 PM. He worked another four to five hours and would be back at home in time to hear Ed McMahon announce in the Johnny Carson show," Here comes Johnny"! Yes, John was a fan of of Johnny Carson.
Believe me he was as funny as Johnny Carson and could have succeeded as a stand-up comedian! Luckily for Texas A&M and its chemistry students, John chose to teach chemistry and what a great teacher he was.

I still remember how well he was liked both by his graduate students and undergraduate students. His office was always full of students and there were several undergraduate students that worked in his group. I collaborated with John on some research projects and thus I got to know some of his undergraduate students. One of them is Phil Huskey who went on to get a Ph.D from Dick Schowen's group. Phil is currently a professor of chemistry at Rutgers in Newark. John was genuinely concerned about his students education and welfare and he had charisma and a personal charm. A combination of all these attributes has made John a legendary professor at Texas A&M.

John will not be with us physically but his spirit and his memories will be with us for ever. It is a huge loss to Janet and John and Janet's children, Krista and Ryan. I pray to the Almighty to give them fortitude and courage to accept this loss and go on with their lives. May John's soul rest in peace!

K.S. Venkatasubban

My sincerest condolences go out to Dr. Hogg’s family. My personal and academic experiences with Dr Hogg are memories that I will always cherish. I came to College Station from El Paso (700 miles from BCS). I came in like most freshman….anxious, excited, not very confident, and in need of some direction. Dr. Hogg was patient when I opted for a conservative curriculum, but was quick to challenge me to do more once I was established. Dr. Hogg was able to put together my entire development package much better than anyone else. He understood my needs, my apprehensions, and my strengths.

He helped me find a path that has lead to a successful career in chemistry. He recommended leadership roles at Texas A&M, chemistry internships, extracurricular activities, as well as coursework. In addition providing direction, Dr. Hogg also realized the importance of student recognition at a large university. He spent tireless hours ensuring his students were publicly acknowledged for their hard work. Most importantly though, Dr. Hogg had an open door policy on life and was always ready to talk.

He was always thinking about what was best for me, given my situation….even when his opinion was not consistent with the opinion of others. It is this type of honest insight I will always remember.

His dedication to people was even more evident after I left Texas A&M. Dr. Hogg continued to stay in touch with me and continued to provide developmental opportunities for me to speak and present my work. During campus visits he always had a smiling face, a witty comment, and some strange new office toy to show off. He would always ask the obvious question most others did not….are you happy.

My response always catalyzed an interesting discussion where I ended up learning a little more about myself. He cared about his students.

I enjoyed and flourished in my experience at Texas A&M and in the chemistry department. Dr Hogg is tightly woven into that fabric in an inseparable way. I will miss him terribly.

G. Stuart Gregory ‘94
I think it is pretty amazing that after 15 years, we still kept in contact. In fact the last email I received from him was December 17, 2007, we were discussing our plans for Christmas and the recent pictures I sent him of Kate, my daughter. In fact he told me that he printed the picture of our family (Kate, my husband Steve and myself) and posted it outside his office. The truly special thing about Dr. Hogg was that even after you were his student, he still maintained contact; he honestly wanted to know how you were doing. He wanted to know of your professional as well as personal achievements. He was there for me when I graduated from A&M, when I went to Rice he kept up with my research, he went to my wedding and was there for the divorce, he was there when my grandparents passed away, he was there when I started my postdoc at Los Alamos National Laboratory and when I became staff, he was there when I married Steve (he always wanted to meet him, but never did), he was there when my aunt passed away, and he was there when Kate was born always asking for recent pictures and he and Janet sent a gift for her.

In 1993, I began my search for universities. I chose Texas A&M, not only because of the Chemistry department, but more because of Dr. Hogg. When my father and I met with him, he immediately made me feel at home and welcomed, and I trusted that he would do an excellent job in mentoring me, and I was right. He was there every step of the way.

He was tough, in his classes and in advising. He knew your strengths and your weaknesses and he told you flat out if he thought whatever path or class you wanted to take might not be the best idea or it was a great idea. However, he was fair. Once, I was checking over an exam and I noticed there was an error in his grading. He looked at it and said "you're right" and he changed it. Another time, he was announcing the grade cut-offs. I was right under the "A". I gave him a hard time for putting me below the cut-off and he said "well if you had a few more points and had done better on your exams, you would be above the line." Tough, but true. Another memory I will share is his homework. He would assign homework problems and say "do it over and over until you get it right, then do it again and again and again, and when you are sick of doing it, do it again", and I did and he was right.

He will truly be missed,

Kimberly DeFRIEND, class of 1998

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Dear Hogg family,

I am writing to express my sincerest condolences for the loss you have suffered with Dr. Hogg’s passing. I was a student in his organic chemistry class for the fall semester, and I was taking his class again this semester. At first I was not interested in taking honors organic chemistry, but a chemistry professor of mine specifically recommended Dr. Hogg as an outstanding professor for organic chemistry. I reluctantly registered for the class, but I had no idea what I was getting into.

Dr. Hogg was the greatest instructor I have had on any level of learning. He was engaging, fun to listen to in lecture, and I learned so much from him. When I realized I needed a very good grade on the final to get an A in his class, he put up with me visiting him almost every other day to ask questions about things I didn’t understand. Dr. Hogg made me so enthusiastic about chemistry that I registered for his class again without even considering all the extra work I would be taking on.
I’ve never experienced the loss of a teacher before, and now that it’s happened I can’t imagine a teacher that I would miss more than Dr. Hogg. He was very special to me, and I’m sure that a man that extraordinary meant the world to you. You and Dr. Hogg will all be in my prayers.

God bless,
William O’Gorman

Dr. Hogg will be missed dearly by everyone he ever had a conversation with. His personality was one that when you spoke with him, you felt like you had known him for decades. He was a great professor, speaker, and most importantly, a great person. I will always remember him for his wisdom, encouragement, and friendliness as will every CHEM major that has walked the halls of Aggieland since Dr. Hogg arrived. He touched countless lives including mine and will be missed by all. My condolences go out to his family and friends.

Jared Benedict – Class of ‘02
Senior QC Associate
Luminex Corporation

John was an exemplary teacher and, more important, a caring human being. He will be missed.

Paul Parrish

I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family and the friends of Dr. Hogg.

My son and I attended two separate Chemistry Shows and really enjoyed our time. You could tell by Dr. Hogg’s presentations that he truly enjoyed what he was doing. If you were to judge by the expressions and excitement on all the participants I would have to say that we were all wowed by Dr. Hogg’s enthusiasm and demonstrations from the freezing of the flowers to the explosions of the canons etc…..

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know that though we did not “know” Dr. Hogg….we will always remember our time in his presence.

Patsy Rose Goodnight
Senior Office Associate
International Programs Office
I think it says something about Dr. Hogg that, while I was not even a Chemistry major, he had a strong impact on me during my undergraduate years at A&M. I had heard of him even before coming to A&M from my older sisters, Marie and Christine, who both were Chemistry majors. As a Biochemistry major, I became active in the ACS student chapter and found myself in Dr. Hogg's office quite a bit, even after he stepped down as acting ACS advisor. I came to realize that my sisters' opinion of Dr. Hogg was right: I did not always agree with what he said, but I deeply respected and admired him. He could always be counted on for a listening ear, no matter how busy he was, and whether your concern was school-related or personal. Sometimes he would just propose a question to me, and we would sit and have a philosophical discussion. There are not many professors, or people, with whom you can do that.

In fact, when I struggled in my junior year with changing my career plans, Dr. Hogg was one of the folks I turned to for advice. I had originally planned to obtain my Ph.D. and had participated in internships at graduate schools and "had everything lined up." And then I saw an article in C&E News in the advising office about Master's programs in Biotechnology and got thinking. And when others questioned my decision, Dr. Hogg provided me with advice, books on alternative careers in chemistry, and a pat on the back. I now have a wonderful job doing research at a major biotechnology company, and I have him in part to thank for it.

I think one of the keys to Dr. Hogg's skill in in advising was that he treated like us adults. Sometimes that was a hard lesson, but it was also wonderful because he treated you with respect. He could always be counted on to be honest and forthright in his advice (sometimes bluntly so!) but he'd always throw in a joke or two. I will miss his jokes. I will miss his complaining about how he had to scotch-guard his carpets at home, because all those pesky ACS students spilled drinks on them at parties. I will miss his wearing the magic hat at the Road Shows and the joy he took in sharing chemistry with children.

And there are two sayings of his that I will never forget. One is "You can work hard in school to get the job you want, or you can do what you want in school and settle for a job you don't want." His advice stung at the time, and there were many days I hated skipping activities for studying, but (as usual) Dr. Hogg was right. My grades helped me get valuable internships, which in turn helped me get into the biotechnology program I wanted...and into the graduate internship at the pharmaceutical company I wanted...and which helped me get my current job. The other saying I will always remember is "Lack of prior planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine." It is one of my favorite quotations, and has always reminded me to always do my end of the bargain and expect others to do theirs, both in school and in work.

I am probably going on too long, but I wanted to share these memories because I want Janet, Krista, Ryan, and Dr. Hogg's parents to know what a wonderful and dear man he was to us students. He was really more than a professor and an advisor. We all love him dearly and will miss him terribly. I know he would not want any of this attention on himself, but he deserves all this and more. Thank you for sharing him with us students all these years. I will pray that God comfort you in this time.

**Gig 'em and God bless,**
**Johanna Mullen**
**B.S., Biochemistry & Genetics, 2001**
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**Dr. Hogg,**  
**You will be greatly missed.**  
**Krista Witte**

These condolences were posted on The Guest Book on the Obituary section of The Eagle.  
(http://www.theeagle.com)

Johnny, as he was known at Lake Creek, was helpful when deciding where Jay was going to graduate school. When Jay received his doctorate from A&M, he came from the back of the stage to shake hands with Jay. Amazing, considering that I had only visited with John a few times since high school graduation.  
**Charles Locklear (Hollis, OK)**

Janet,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. John was a true educator. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.  
**Peggy Basinger (Corpus Christi, TX)**

To Janet and family: Words cannot even begin to describe the sadness and shock felt over the news of John's passing. He was extremely special to me--from an inspiring educator to a true friend. My thoughts and prayers are extended to all of you during this difficult time. John's
spirit, enthusiasm, and sense of humor will endure in our minds and hearts forever...

Omar Torres (Los Angeles)

To the family of John Hogg: I, like many others was shocked to learn of Dr. Hogg's sudden death. I have known him for many years through the university. He was a great man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I pray you will all find peace and comfort in the days ahead. God bless you.

Pat Nichols (Bryan)

I taught at your school the Junior Achievement classes for the City of College Station. I am sorry to hear of your loss. You both have helped educate many people. He was a blessing to this community and to TAMU. God bless you.

Gregg Lancaster (College Station)

Janet and Family, While the years and miles have separated us, I am deeply saddened to learn of John's untimely and sudden death. I am so sorry for your loss.

Marlene Geiger (Ames, IA)

Janet and Family...
We have been very blessed in meeting you guys - first when Ashlee saw the Chemistry Show and decided right then she wanted to do that and then when you were Connor's teacher (remember his first question to you? are we going to make potions?) Then Ashlee goes to A&M to major in Chemistry and meets this magnificent professor who ignited her passion to finish her degree in 3 years (how did he do that?) Ashlee was so proud when Dr. Hogg praised her (in his off-handed manner of course). John and I felt like we knew Dr. Hogg very well because of Ashlee's stories. We so much appreciate your family sharing this wonderful man with our children. Your fantastic Science class and the A&M Chemistry show has lit a fire under Connor too and we are sad that he will not have the opportunity to experience Dr. Hogg's teaching and mentoring. Let's pray for God to send the Chemistry Dept. a worthy stand-in for Dr. Hogg. Please know you and your family are in our prayers and hearts right now. Love from John, Katherine and Connor Jahnke

Katherine Jahnke (College Station, TX)

Janet, Krista and Ryan,
I am saddened to read about the loss of your husband and father. John did such a fantastic job with his chemistry shows for us at College Hills Elementary School years ago. We were all blessed by his passion for teaching. My heartfelt sympathy, love and prayers go out to you and your family.

Donna Beto (Bryan, TX)
Hogg family:
Our son, Matthew Rowan, was turned on to chemistry at an early age due to Dr. Hogg's love of chemistry. Today he is pursuing a PhD thanks to the encouragement of Dr. Hogg. We are so grateful for his life and love of teaching. Thank you for sharing him with us. Your family is in our prayers as we share in your loss.
Sue Rowan (College Station)

January 22, 2008

To express our deep sympathy to you in your loss. We thank Dr. Hogg for being an educator in the Chemistry Department of Texas A&M University. He will be missed as he made chemistry interesting & fun. May God's Speed Be With You Dr John.
The American Legion
Earl Graham Post 159
Commander
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David P. Marion (Bryan, TX)

John shared his love of chemistry with so many over the years! It is impossible to imagine the number of people he influenced.
You are in our thoughts and prayers!
The Raulersons (College Station, TX)

Mrs. Hogg,
The boys and I are so sorry for your loss. Coy always talked about how much fun Mr. Hogg was when he visited your class. He was very emotional and worried sick about you and your family. Please know you are in our prayers.
Nikki, Colten, and Coy Hutchinson
Nikki Hutchinson (College Station, TX)

Janet, Ryan and Krista,
You have been on my heart since I heard the awful news on Saturday morning. I am truly sorry for your loss. John was a fun uncle to spend time with and I have so many memories of holidays with you all. I hope you know that I am thinking of you during this time and the days to come.
May God Bless.
Jaclyn Bull (Altus, OK)

Janet & family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My heart hurts for all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sandra Goldapp (College Station)
My only encounter with Dr. Hogg was during new student orientation in July. He was witty, informative, and most of all, pleasant and genuine. He made me feel relaxed about leaving my daughter at such a large university because of his caring nature. He took a lot of time with us, showed the work of former students and talked about his family. We shared the same birthday and seemingly understood each other right away. I'm sad because the university really needs Dr. Hogg, yet I cannot question the work of the Lord. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to meet him and talk to him. He will be missed.

Rena (TX)

I have not see John Hogg since my graduation from Granite High School in 1965 one year ahead of "Johnnie" as we call him then. I've followed his career and successes through family friends and relatives, and know he will be greatly missed. I offer my sympathy especially to his parents and brother who I still know very well. One lesson I'm sure Dr. Hogg would agree to is that many times in the past 10 years I've been on the TAMU campus and thought about walking across the street to the Chemistry Department and visit with John, but did not do so waiting for a more convenient time. Since that possibility is now past, we all need to make time for friends because we never know when the opportunity will be past. John's legacy continues, and I hope all take great satisfaction in being part of that.

Signed,
Lewis Norman, Ph.D
Granite High School Class of '65
Lewis Norman (Duncan, OK)

Most students arrive at college not having any idea what they want to do. There is nothing wrong with that. They pick a major, try it out, switch to something else, and try again. The pattern repeats itself, often with no helpful words from a trusted mentor, no guidance, no affirmation. That is NOT okay.

John Hogg provided all of those things to TAMU chemistry students. He didn't try to maximize the number of chemistry majors. He didn't focus on just one group of students. He was there to point each of us toward our passion, whether it involved studying molecules or not. He lived this way - we knew his encouragement and counsel were not idle chatter.

I'd love to stop by the department just one last time to say 'hi' and catch up. I'm sad I won't be able to do that.

B. Small (Kingwood, TX)

Janet and Family,

I was very saddened to hear of your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Benny Murphy (Granite, OK)
Janet, Krista, and Ryan,
Britton has wonderful memories of John and his "magic wire" and of all the time spent with your family. We can't fathom the loss you must feel. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Noble and Rose Douglass
Rose Douglass (Bryan, TX)

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Dr. Hogg was a truly great, selfless man.
Christopher Govea, M.D. (Houston, TX)

Janet and family - there are no words that can express how John's passing affect all of us who knew him and worked with him. I am teaching tomorrow so I can't be present at the service - I know John would understand....
Wendy Keeney-Kennicutt (College Station, TX)

Aunt Janet, Ryan and Krista...
We are all so very sad to hear about Uncle John. He was truly a special man. The kids still talk about his great chemistry demonstration from when we visited years ago! He was magnetic - but I know I don't have to tell you that. We're sending love and hugs to the whole family. It's been a hard three years for us, and especially for you - keep your faith and hold onto each other during this time. Love, Hollie, Bill, Will, Elise, Sean, and Christian Myers
Hollie Ford-Myers (Reisterstown, MD)

Dear Janet and Family, I cannot begin to tell you how many times Dr. Hogg made me laugh, almost every time I ever saw him! One funny story I always remember is Dr. Hogg sending an email announcing the discovery of a pair of pants on the front steps of the Chemistry building! He is the last person you would want to find your lost pants! Once the person to whom they belonged laid claim to them, he of course used all the discretion he could muster and said he would only give the initials of the person "Jeff Kelly"! I think Dr. Kelly hid for a couple of days at least!

He always willingly shared his warmth(insert one of his colorful jokes here) and laughter. I have not worked in the department for a while and I can honestly say he is very high on my list of people I miss.

I am sure you know without anyone telling you; but he has touched the lives of so many young people in such a positive way. His life has made a tremendous difference now and down the line! Just think how many young minds he encouraged that will make life better for so many for years to come!

My heart is truly sad, I will keep you all in my thoughts. Sincerely,
Donna Shumaker (Bryan, TX)
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Dr. Hogg, You will be greatly missed.

-Krista

Krista Witte (San Francisco, CA)

Mrs.Hogg, we are saddened for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts.

Bruce, Bernerdett, and Christopher King.

Bruce King (Crofton, MD)

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved son, husband and father. He served as a role model and friend to my 5 aggie daughters. My grateitute to him for all he has done is without measure. Thank you for sharing him.

John Mullen M.D. & Family

John Mullen (San Antonio, TX)

Ryan, Janet, and Krista, I was so sorry to see about John's death in this morning's paper. You are certainly all in our prayers. the Hoelschers

Nita hoelscher (college station, TX)
Dear family of John Hogg -
I like so many others were shocked to hear of his untimely death. I worked in the Dean of Faculties Office at Texas A&M for 25+ years and thus had many occasions for interaction with John - mainly because of the honors he received. He was truly a wonderful teacher, an untold asset to the University, and a genuinely nice person. Texas A&M will be a dimmer place without his presence. I pray the legacy of his life will be a comfort to you in this time of sorrow.

Ann Pittman
Ann Pittman (College Station, TX)

JANET,

I HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL FIND THE STRENGTH YOU NEED IN YOUR TIME OF GRIEF. MY SINCERE SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO YOUR FAMILY AND OF COURSE YOU.

COLLEGE STATION
MEDICAL CENTER
EMERGENCY DEPT.

TERE' PHILLIPS
TERE PHILLIPS (COLLEGE STATION, TX)
Dear Chemistry Graduate,

Dr. Hogg was the strongest connection to Chemistry Department for many of you, sometimes even decades after graduation. As you know, the best part of *Orbitals* has always been reading about the exploits of Old Ags that Dr. Hogg extracted from your email messages. Dr. Hogg used his connections with you for the benefit of current majors, passing out contact information to those seeking career guidance about one particular field or another. He searched his tremendous internal database of names to find interesting speakers for CHEM100. These speakers enable our first-year students to hear about many different career paths, opening their eyes to the tremendous possibilities for chemistry majors. **We don’t want to lose these connections.**

We remain enormously proud of our graduates, and hope that you will continue to share your good news with us, and allow us to share it with others in *Orbitals*. Please send your news to orbitals@mail.chem.tamu.edu.

The best way to continue receiving *Orbitals* is to subscribe to our new list-serve. To subscribe, send an email to orbitals_sub-subscribe@mail.chem.tamu.edu. No text or subject line is needed. You will receive a confirming email, which you must reply to. This system ensures that we have current, reliable email addresses for you. Please feel free to forward the subscribing information to anyone who might be interested. We suspect our list is incomplete.

Unfortunately, much of our contact information was lost with Dr. Hogg. We are in the process of creating a formalized database of information about our graduates. Soon, we will be sending a request for information from you. *Please* respond to that request so we can share your expertise with our current majors.

Many of you have wondered who will take Dr. Hogg’s place. The answer, of course, is that no one ever could. However, his duties in the advising office are being assumed for the short-term by Dr. Tammy Tiner, who has worked with Dr. Hogg for many years. In the longer term, Dr. Holly Gaede, who has been working with Drs. Hogg and Tiner since Fall 2005, will be stepping up. Fortunately for everyone, Ms. Marylin Warren will continue in her vital role in the Advising Office. Rest assured that Dr. Hogg was a mentor and dear friend to all of us. We aspire to his level of service, share his values, and will do our best to follow in his footsteps. Please continue to drop by the Advising Office when you are in College Station. If we already know you, we’d love to see you, and if we haven’t met you yet, we certainly want to.

Sincerely,

The Undergraduate Advising Office
Dr. Tammy Tiner
Dr. Holly Gaede
Ms. Marylin Warren