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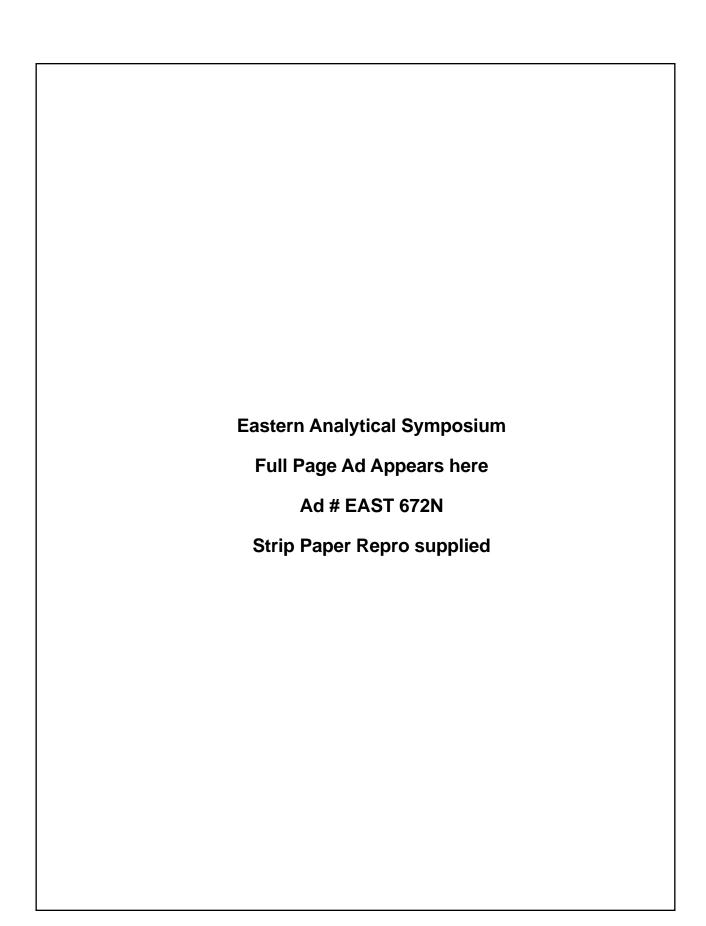
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Chemistry at the University of New Hampshire

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The Hanover Years

The University of New Hampshire traces its origins to the acceptance of the Morrill Act by the New Hampshire Legislature in June 1866. This led to the establishment of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in Hanover, in association with Dartmouth College. The first faculty member of the college in 1868 was Ezekiel W. Dimond, who was appointed professor of general and applied chemistry. An 1865 graduate of Middlebury College, Dimond was synonymous with the institution in its early days. Not only was he professor of chemistry, he was also the business manager, architect, supervisor of construction, and lobbyist in the state legislature. His efforts led to the construction of Culver Hall, which contained a chemistry laboratory, described in 1874 as the only one in the state. He also developed and taught courses in chemistry to students from New Hampshire College and Dartmouth College. The Department of Chemistry is thus the only department that has existed for the entire history of the University of New Hampshire. Dimond served as professor of chemistry until his untimely death, at the age of 40, in 1876.

Benjamin T. Blanpied succeeded Dimond as Professor of Chemistry and head of the department in 1877. In 1889 Fred W. Morse succeeded Blanpied as Professor of Chemistry and department head. In 1891 he was appointed vice-director of the Agricultural Experiment Station in addition to his duties in Chemistry. Charles L. Parsons, who had joined the department in 1888 was appointed Professor of Chemistry in 1891 and took over many of Morse's teaching duties.

During this period the department and the college continued to grow. The first foreign student at the college received a degree in chemistry in 1886 and the first female student, chemistry major, Lucy Swallow, was admitted in 1891. The first B.S. degree in chemistry was awarded in 1893. The first B.S. research thesis was by C. L. Hubbard (1893), entitled "The Soldering of Aluminium". (The British spelling is typical of several of the early research theses in the department.)

Conant Hall and the Move to Durham

While the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts was still located on the campus of Dartmouth College at Hanover, the State of New Hampshire was bequeathed the entire fortune of a Durham farmer, Benjamin Thompson. He specified that an agricultural college be founded on his property in Durham. The state accepted the bequest and in 1891, preparations began for the college to move to Durham. Charles Parsons designed the new chemistry laboratories in Conant Hall, which was constructed during 1892-1893 at a cost of

Next Meeting

Joint Meeting with the Rhode Island ACS Section

September 13, 2001 Bristol Community College, Fall River, MA

Prof. Richard M. Stratt (Brown University) will speak on his research on the dynamics of ultrafast processes in liquids and the mechanism of solvation.

Details will be in the September issue ♦

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\$40,000 to house the Department of Chemistry and other science departments. Conant Hall is now one of the three surviving original buildings of UNH at Durham.

In 1906 the first Master of Science degree in Chemistry was awarded to continued on page 10

Footnote to "The Jungle Story"

In April, just after publication of "The Jungle Story" in the April issue of *The NUCLEUS*, Richard Schultes, the subject of the story, died at age 86. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for some time and therefore would not have been able to appreciate the story in the April issue, even if he had received it.

He is survived by his wife in Waltham who had provided details for the article. ♦



AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY



30th Northeast Regional Meeting June 24-27, 2001

The 30th Northeast Regional Meeting, hosted by the ACS Northeastern Section, will be held in the Memorial Union Building (MUB) at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, June 24-27, 2001. The meeting will feature general sessions, topical symposia, and several workshops.

For information on registration and accommodation, visit: www.unh.edu/chemistry/NERM or contact Howard Mayne, (603) 862-1550, email: howard.mayne@unh.edu.

Special Events

The conference opens with a **complimentary reception Sunday evening, June 24, at 6:00 PM** in the Strafford Room of the MUB.

On Monday, June 25, there will be a **complimentary luncheon and social event for Alpha Chi Sigma**. Contact Dr. Joe Geiser at jgeiser@cisunix.unh.edu for more information

Two Student Affiliate luncheon panel discussions will be held. The first, on Monday, June 25, is entitled "After the BS". Representatives from academia, industry, and government will answer questions on opportunities for people who have – or soon will have — a baccalaureate degree. The second, on Wednesday, June 27, will feature representatives from successful SAACS chapters across the region in a panel discussing *Running an SA Chapter*.

The Northeast Regional Award for Excellence in Teaching High School Chemistry will be made Monday night, 6:30 PM, in the Strafford Room. This year's award will be presented to Susan M. Temme, who has taught at Cheshire High School in Cheshire, Connecticut since 1987. She began her career in 1973. Since 1990 she has served as coach and mentor of the Cheshire High School Chemistry Olympiad Team, and has received three Outstanding Teacher Awards—one from the University of Chicago and two from MIT. An ACS officer will be the keynote speaker.

A complimentary **District Director's Breakfast,** hosted by District I Director Anne O'Brien, will take place Tuesday from 7:30 – 8:30 AM. All NERM 2001 attendees are invited to hear about current Board actions and to voice any ideas, questions, and/or concerns about the ACS. In addition, sections celebrating significant anniversaries this year will be honored at this breakfast. Frank Walworth, ACS Staff Coordinator for the ACS 125th Anniversary celebration this year, will present commemorative certificates to those local sections. During the meeting, Mr. Walworth will host a display of historical data, along with a special collage that was designed to capture the history of the ACS in an encapsulated format, to commemorate the 125th anniversary.

A complimentary barbecue lunch for all participants will be held Tuesday at noon.

The 2001 Industrial Innovation Awards Ceremony will be held Tuesday at 6:00 PM in the Oak Room on campus. Recipients will present a talk on their innovations during a special awards symposium at 1:30 PM that day. Poster exhibits and tabletop displays of the top innovations will be in the exhibit hall throughout the meeting. The purpose of this awards program is to recognize industrial chemists and chemical engineers in our region for their inventions and discoveries that have contributed to the commercial success of their companies and to the good of the community.

Honoring a UNH Colleague

NERM 2001 has two special events planned to honor one of its own: A symposium and dinner for Dr. Robert E. Lyle. The *Symposium to Honor Robert E. Lyle* will take place Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26. The dinner will be held at the Three Chimneys Inn on Tuesday at 6:30 PM, and reservations are required.

Dr. Lyle served on the faculty of the University of New Hampshire from 1951 to 1977. During that period, his research group carried out work of outstanding quality. Many of his former colleagues, students, and friends will be on hand to pay tribute to this extraordinary man and his achievements.

Workshops

The ACS Career Resource Center, featuring the Regional Employment Clearing House (RECH), will offer **career workshops** and mini-sessions, résumé review appointments, and a resource library, from Monday June 25 – Wednesday June 27, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. ACS members and national and student affiliates interested in registering as job candidates may obtain information from the ACS Fax-On-Demand service at 877-227-0505; the Career Services home page at www: acs.org/careers; or by phone at 800-227-5558. Résumés will be accepted from candidates not able to attend the meeting. The deadline for returning registrations to the ACS Department of Career Services is June 11.

Employers interested in recruiting on site or posting positions in absentia may obtain registration and fee information by contacting ACS Career Services at the aforementioned numbers.

ACS Career Services will offer workshops covering the components of managing an effective job search on Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26. There is no cost and no pre-registration is required. These sessions include *Targeting the Job Market* (Monday 8:30 AM), *Résumé Preparation* (Monday 9:45 AM), *Interviewing Skills* (Monday 11:00 AM), and *Career Transitioning* (Tuesday 9:00 AM). In addition, individual 25-minute résumé reviews will be offered from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM on Monday through

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Wednesday. Bring a copy of your résumé. Appointments will be made at the RECH registration desk.

A one-day workshop on **Laboratory Safety** will be held Sunday. In addition to an intensive review of the fundamentals of lab safety and effective lab safety programs, the program will cover: the scope of the problem; accidents; legal aspects; planning for emergencies; handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals; biological and animal hazards; eye and face protection; disposal of chemicals; electrical safety, and safety program planning. Participants receive a 220-page seminar notebook and other handout materials. The fee is \$200 in advance or \$250 onsite.

A workshop on **Labworks®** software will be held Monday afternoon from 1:30 – 5:00 PM in Parsons Hall on the university campus. Also on Monday afternoon, Morton Hoffman (Boston University) and Jerome Mullin (University of New England) will conduct an ACS **College Chemistry Consultants Service** (**C**₃**S**) **Workshop**. They will discuss the range of consulting services available from C₃S for two- and four-year colleges, and demonstrate to university chemistry faculties and chairs how their departments might benefit from guidance, review, and/or assistance in the development of new programs, ACS-CPT departmental accreditation and program certification, and revitalization.

C3S is a service of the ACS Education and International Activities Division.

The ACS Office of Research Grants and Awards will present a workshop on *Writing Excellent Research Proposals* Tuesday afternoon. On Tuesday afternoon, Morton Hoffman (Boston University) will conduct a hands-on workshop for teachers of general chemistry entitled *New Strategies for the Teaching of General Chemistry*. Attendees will examine the use of group activities, calculator-free exams and quizzes, reading and writing assignments, reading notebooks, peer-led team learning, and performance-enhancing techniques.

There will be a one-day workshop on **minority affairs** on Wednesday. In the morning session, JoAnn Moody of the New England Board of Higher Education and Sheila Browne of Mt. Holyoke College will present *Faculty Mentoring and Departmental Good Practices: How to Retain Non-Majority Students*. The afternoon workshop, *ACS Programs You Can Use to Attract and Retain Minority and Younger Members*, will be given by the ACS Department of Diversity Programs. This session will inform participants of the ACS programs available to increase departments' enrollment, retention, and mentoring of minority and younger members.

Exhibits

More than 15 vendors will have displays in the exhibit area. Exhibits will be open Monday and Tuesday. Vendors wish-

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ing to participate should contact Kathy Gallagher (ksg@cisunix.unh.edu).

Travel & Lodging

Directions to the conference can be found at the NERM 2001 website listed earlier. Hotel and motel accommodation is plentiful near the conference site, and contact information is available at the website.

Dormitory accommodations are available on the University of New Hampshire campus. Reservations can be made at the website. Students can be accommodated for as little as \$21 per night. (Certain restrictions apply). Other rooms are available at a daily cost of \$36.50 single and \$27.50 double.

The ACS Meetings Department has entered into an agreement with *Association Travel Concepts (ATC)* to help facilitate **travel arrangements** for attendees to the ACS meetings. ATC is a travel agency that works exclusively with the association market. In addition to providing reservation assistance on our official air carriers, ATC will "fare shop" all airlines to find the absolute lowest fare. To book reservations, or for more information about ATC, call 1-800-458-9383

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Registration

On-site registration and distribution of program books and badges will take place on the $2^{\rm nd}$ floor landing of the Memorial Union Building from noon until 6:00 PM on Sunday, from 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday and from 7:30 AM - 12 Noon on Wednesday.

Advance registration forms are available online at: http://www.acs.org/meetings/regional/calendar.html

These must be submitted to the ACS Office of Regional Meetings *no later than June 3*. Full payment, either check or credit card number, must accompany the form. Purchase orders will not be accepted. Requests for refunds must made in writing to Evangelos Koutalas, ACS Office of Regional Meetings, 1155 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; e_koutalas@acs.org. Full refunds will be issued until June 3; between June 4 and June 23, a \$20 processing fee will be assessed. No refunds will be issued after June 23.

Special Events

Sunday

4:00PM - 7:00 PM - Registration

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM - Workshop: Laboratory Safety

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Workshop: High School Teachers

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Reception and Mixer

Monday

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM - Registration

8:30 - 9:30 AM - Workshop: Targeting the Job Market

9:45 - 10:45AM – Workshop: Résumé Preparation

11:00 AM - Noon – Workshop: Interviewing Skills

Noon –1:30 PM – Student Luncheon, "After the BS"

1:30 – 5:00 PM – Workshop: Labworks

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6:30 – 8:00 PM – High School Teacher Awards Dinner

7:30 – 9:30 PM – Poster Session I

Tuesday

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM – Registration

7:30 - 8:30 AM - District Director's Breakfast

9:00-10:00 AM - Workshop: Strategies for Career Transi-

tioning

Noon - 1:30 PM - Barbecue Lunch

1:30 - 5:00 PM - Workshop: Writing Excellent Research

Proposals

1:30 - 5:00 PM - Workshop: New Strategies for Teaching

General Chemistry

1:30 - 5:00 PM - Industrial Innovations Awards Symposium

6:00 - 8:00 PM - Industrial Innovations Dinner

6:30 – 8:00 PM – Lyle Dinner

7:30 – 9:30 PM – Poster Session II

Wednesday

7:30 AM -Noon -Registration

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8:30 AM - Noon – Workshop: Minority Recruiting and Retention I

Noon - 1:30 PM - Student Luncheon, "Running a SA

Chapter"

Noon - 1:30 PM – NERM Steering Committee Meeting 1:30 - 5:30 PM – Workshop: Minority Recruiting and Retention II

Technical Program

Monday 8:30 AM - 12:00 N

Developments in Mass Spectrometry: Instrumentation – Bruce Reinhold, Organizer

Advances in Polymer Delivery Systems and Composites – Yvon Durant and Donald Sundberg, Organizers

Reversible Molecular Interactions – Thomas Laue, Organizer

Symposium in Honor of Robert E. Lyle I – Gary Weisman, Organizer

Ultrafast Dynamics I – Peter Weber, Organizer Contributed Papers: Organic Chemistry I

Monday 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Advances in Polymer Analytical Techniques – Yvon Durant and Donald Sundberg, Organizers Oligosaccharide Synthesis – Peter Seeberger, Organizer

Ultrafast Dynamics, II – Peter Weber, Organizer

Symposium in Honor of Robert E. Lyle II – Gary Weisman, Organizer

Contributed Papers: Organic Chemistry II; Analytical Chemistry I

Monday 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Poster Session I

Tuesday 8:30 AM - 12:00 N

Developments in Mass Spectrometry: Proteomics and Glycomics I – Klaus Biemann and Bruno Domon, Organizers

Reactive and Unusual Molecules I – Glen Miller and Richard Johnson, Organizers

Clusters: From Molecules to Nanomaterials I – Olof Echt and François Amar, Organizers

Symposium in Honor of Robert E. Lyle III – Gary Weisman, Organizer

Advances in Synthetic Organic Chemistry I – Amy Howell, Peter Jacobi and Charles Zercher, Organizers

Topics in Microencapsulation and Polymer Chemistry – Yvon Durant and Donald Sundberg, Organizers

Change in Chemistry Education I – Christopher Bauer, Organizer

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Contributed Papers: Inorganic Chemistry I; Analytical Chemistry II

Tuesday 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Developments in Mass Spectrometry: Proteomics and Glycomics II – Klaus Biemann and Bruno Domon, Organizers

Reactive and Unusual Molecules II – Glen Miller and Richard Johnson, Organizers

Clusters: From Molecules to Nanomaterials II – Olof Echt and François Amar, Organizers

Advances in Synthetic Organic Chemistry II – Amy Howell, Peter Jacobi and Charles Zercher, Organizers

Contributed Papers; Inorganic Chemistry II; Other Chemistry Topics

Tuesday 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Poster Session II

Wednesday 8:30 AM – 12:00 N

Functional Glycomics – Harry Schachter, Organizer Molecular Magnetic Systems I – Christopher Landee and

Mark Turnbull, Organizers

Advances in Synthetic Organic Chemistry III– Amy Howell, Peter Jacobi and Charles Zercher, Organizers

Change in Chemistry Education II – Christopher Bauer, Organizer

Reactive and Unusual Molecules III – Glen Miller and Richard Johnson, Organizers

Contributed Papers: Physical Chemistry I

Wednesday 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

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Change in Chemistry Education III – Christopher Bauer, Organizer

Molecular Magnetic Systems II – Christopher Landee and Mark Turnbull, Organizers

Contributed Papers: Physical Chemistry II \diamondsuit

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Emory Braswell, University of Connecticut

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Jennifer Campbell, PE Biosystems

Ray Camphausen, Genetics Institute

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William Robinson, a student of Parsons. When Fred Morse became director of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station in 1909, Parsons was appointed head of the department. In 1907, Parsons had been appointed the secretary of the American Chemical Society. He held this office until 1945. Thus from 1907 until 1911, when Parsons resigned to become Chief Chemist of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Conant Hall was the headquarters of the ACS.

From 1906 to 1928, Conant Hall also housed the offices and laboratories of Charles James. On Parsons' resignation in 1911, James succeeded him as Professor and head of the department. Under his leadership, the department focused on the disciplines of inorganic and analytical chemistry. Under James, Conant Hall and Durham became known worldwide among chemists as a center of rare earth research.

On October 29, 1999 Conant Hall was dedicated as an ACS National Historic Chemical Landmark. The plaque,

which was presented to the University by ACS Past-President Paul Anderson (Ph.D., R. E. Lyle, 1963) reads: "Beginning in 1906, in a laboratory in Conant Hall, Charles James (1880-1928) devised novel fractional crystallization techniques for separating rare earth elements, which were widely adopted by other chemists. James used his method to separate large amounts of ytterbium, hitherto considered to be a single element, into two elements now known as ytterbium and lutetium. When the simultaneous isolation of lutetium was published in 1907 by Georges Urbain, James made no public claim for his own pioneering work. Despite his retiring nature, James was internationally recognized as an expert in rare earth chemistry. His highly purified rare earth specimens were in demand by research laboratories throughout the world."

Charles James Hall

By the late 1920s, Conant Hall was no longer adequate to accommodate the needs of the department. In 1926 planning began for a new and larger facility for the chemistry. James spent the next two years working and planning for the

new building. Unfortunately he was never to see the building completed as he died prematurely on December 10, 1928.

Dr. Harold A. Iddles, a graduate of Michigan State College, who held a masters from Iowa and a doctorate from Columbia was appointed the sixth Professor and Head of Chemistry in 1929. He supervised the move into

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David Newberg, Kennedy-Shriver Center

Pete O'Connor, Boston University Medical School

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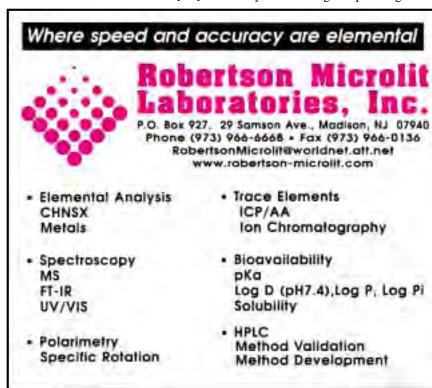
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the new chemistry building, which was dedicated at the 1929 fall meeting of the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society as Charles James Hall.

Professor Iddles expanded the offerings in organic and physical chemistry and increased the opportunities for upper level students to carry out independent undergraduate research projects. The Department was among the first to receive American Chemical Society approval and the power to confer ACS Certified Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemistry. The M.S. continued to be the highest degree offered by the department until 1955, when the Doctor of Philosophy degree program was instituted. The first Ph.D degrees were granted in 1958, all to students of Robert E. Lyle. Iddles served as Professor and Head of the department until his retirement in 1961.

Throughout the department's existence several courses in engineering were offered, because the department was in the College of Technology. In 1938 a chemical engineering option was introduced. In 1950, with the construction of Kingsbury Hall, a separate Department of Chemical Engineering was created to administer this program. A separate Department of Agricultural and Biological Chemistry was also established in the College of Agriculture

Parsons Hall and Iddles Auditorium

The department occupied James Hall until 1967, when Parsons Hall and the Iddles Auditorium were built to house the Chemistry Department laboratories, classrooms and library. It is interesting to note that from 1866 to 1961 the department was led by only six department heads, each of whom made a distinctive contribution the growth of the department and the university. Four of them, Ezekiel Dimond, Charles Parsons, Charles James, and Harold Iddles were recognized for their contributions by having buildings named in their honor on the Durham campus.

In 1961 the system of department heads was changed to one in which department chairs were elected from the faculty ranks for fixed terms by their colleagues. Under this system, Alexander R. "Sandy" Amell, Charles W. Owens, Clarence L. "Tiny" Grant, Frank L. Pilar, Paul R. Jones, W. Rudolf Seitz, and Howard R. Mayne have chaired the department. The department's growth has leveled off since the heyday of the 1960's. State funding for the university – never high has slipped in recent years. (New Hampshire is one of the few states with neither a sales tax nor an income tax.) However, the demands on administrative time have, if anything, increased dramatically. Chairs now have to cut through thickets of administrative red tape, keeping track of safety and employment regulations undreamed of in earlier days. The University has become a Carnegie Doctoral Extensive institution, and as such, maintains a vigorous research effort. The Chemistry Department is a key component in this effort, and can point to the fact that all its faculty members remain active in research, in spite of sometimes daunting budget problems. In 1998, the first Research Faculty came to the department, adding an expertise in biochemical mass spectrometry.

Chemistry at the University of New Hampshire has also spread to the state's largest city. The University of New Hampshire at Manchester has offered courses in chemistry for over a decade, but only this year hired its first tenure track faculty member.

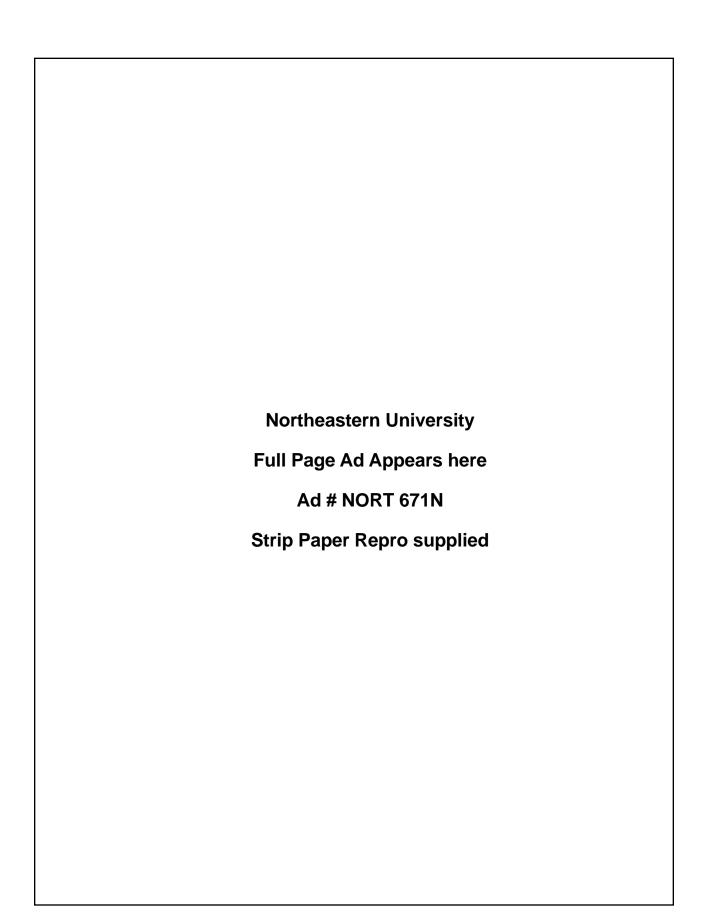
Another advance has been the department's recent initiatives in recruiting and retaining US minority graduate students. This has been recognized by awards and support from Glaxo SmithKline and the New England Board of Higher Education.

Whatever the changes, however, one aspect of chemistry at the University of New Hampshire remains constant. The commitment to the service of the community and the state remains an essential one. The focus on agricultural outreach has shifted away from the Chemistry Department to the Col-

lege of Life Sciences and Agriculture, and particularly to the Cooperative Extension Program and the Agricultural Experiment Station. Meanwhile, though, the Chemistry Department has become extremely active in supporting the state's educational programs in science, involved in training science teachers at all levels. Nowadays, as well as the traditional B.S. and B.A. degrees, undergraduates can work towards a B.A.C.P.T. (B.A. in Chemistry and Physics Teaching). In addition, the M.S.T. (Masters of Science in Teaching) is available for graduate students. The department has also been a pioneer in the Preparing Future Faculty program, and continues to spearhead initiatives in the teaching of general chemistry, receiving national attention (and National Science Foundation funding) for this work.

In 1993, Paul Jones organized a meeting to celebrate "A Century of Chemistry in Durham". This meeting was attended by many with direct links to the department's past. Professor A. F. Daggett (1906-1999), a student of Charles James, was among them. He is remembered fondly, as are many others who have taught or studied here, by a memorial scholarship – the Daggett Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship. Thus, the names of those who helped build the institution can live on with future generations of students. Parsons and James would be proud to know that the department continues the tradition of requiring a research thesis from all its B.S. students.

This summer, at NERM 2001, the University of New Hampshire invites its colleagues from the ACS Northeast Region to its campus to showcase its many facets. Most of the research areas of the Chemistry Department will be represented. In addition, we will celebrate the life and career of Professor Robert E. Lyle, who taught here from 1951 to 1977. The Chemistry Department has announced Dennis N. Chasteen as its first Gloria G. and Robert E. Lyle Professor of Chemistry. While the department continues to face the many challenges of the present, it keeps a respectful eye on its



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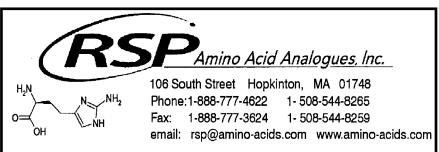
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Book Review

A Chemical History Tour: Picturing Chemistry from Alchemy to Modern Molecular Science, By Arthur Greenberg (Dean, College of Science and Engineering, U. of N.H.) (Wiley-Interscience; 2000), 312 pp., 0471354082; \$59.95 (hardcover)

Reviewed by David L. Adams Department of Chemistry University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003

In the preface to A Chemical History Tour, Arthur Greenberg states that "the purpose of this book is to treat you to a light-hearted tour through selected highlights of chemical history," and "this book is designed as a picture book with sufficient text to explain details and content." He further states that the book "is meant to be skimmed as well as read." The author, I believe, has accomplished these goals. The book is well written, well referenced and indexed.

The segments on pages 181 to 184 exemplify the pedagogical techniques used, the style, and the utility, of Greenberg's book. First, the units are brief and, although grouped by topic and era, they stand alone. Second, the author makes connections among similar events or concepts from different eras in the history of chemistry. Third, and this is perhaps the major strength of the book, he uses images to convey chemical history. In these three pages, he provides a common thread in the discovery of elements through the use of "chemical scalpels." Fire, the first chemical scalpel, added the four elements antimony, arsenic, bismuth, and zinc, to the nine known to the ancients. Sir Humphrey Davy used the voltaic pile, or, in Greenberg's view, the "electrical scalpel," to free alkali metals from their compounds. Glenn T. Seaborg used radiation to discover

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transuranium elements in the 20th century. On page 182 a plate from Davy's 1812 book *Elements of Chemical Philosophy*, shows the voltaic pile Davy used, along with the apparatus he used to discover potassium.

Greenberg effectively uses images not only to explain, but also to convey the thoughts and apparatus of the time. In fact, the single feature of this history of chemistry that separates it from many others is the use of images to develop the history of chemistry and bring it alive. For example, the description of the Atomic Paradigm by Dalton revolves around three plates from Dalton's A New System of Chemical Philosophy (1808-1810). These drawings show atomic symbols, the combination of atoms in simple, whole numbers to form compounds, and a description of why ice is less dense than water based on their molecular structures. Further, Greenberg illustrates Boyle's Law using two plates from New Experiments Physico-Mechanical, Touching the Spring of the Air published in 1662 that show the apparatus Boyle used. The images are less commonly known, and so serve a useful purpose in providing a visual portal into chemical history. In addition, the images, along with their accompanying descriptive text, provide an opportunity for the non-scientist to delve into our history.

Anyone interested in the history of chemistry will want to have this book on their reference shelf, especially because of its extensive use of visual images. The book is not, nor does it claim to be, a complete history of the science. Rather, it treats certain areas in chemical history in a loose chronological fashion. The topical units cover 1-3 pages on average, which allows short, flexible reading sessions. The treatment is often fragmented, switching topics quickly. These features make the text less useful for a formal history of chemistry course, but more useful for intermittent reading or as a supplemental text. The book's value for a course in the history of chemistry is enhanced, however, by the inclusion of a good index and many references. The index, while acceptable, could have been better if it included separate name and subject indices, and if the main index topics were expanded to include subcategories.

One of the pedagogical techniques used in the book that is very helpful in seeing historical parallels is that of connecting the old with the new. For example, on page 169 the explanation by Berthollet of the high concentrations of soda on the shores of salt lakes in Egypt presaged the law of mass action and Le Chatelier's Principle. Also, the modern notion that anticancer agents poison cancer cells more rapidly than normal cells is quite similar to Paracelsus' old idea that one poison could act as a purge for illness caused by another poison.

Generally, the book is well done and there are numerous instances where Greenberg injects humor and levity into the writing. These tend to make the reading more enjoyable, and even sometimes raise serious issues. For instance, Greenberg's analysis of the tenure file of Henry Cavendish on page 129 is funny, timely, and a commentary on the modern tenure decision process. There are, however, instances where the writing is unclear. For example, on pages 27-31 the author discusses the "Great Work," yet it is never defined or described or noted in the index. Only one technical error was discovered, and that is undoubtedly a typo. On page 121 the formula of samarium oxide is given as SmS. Finally, the binding of the book is poor; pages have already become largely separated in the review copy I used.

Overall, my history of chemistry bookshelf is enriched by the presence of Greenberg's book. I will read it when I have only a few minutes to spend on learning a single facet of chemical history, or when I have more time to delve into an entire era in chemical history. I will also use it as a reference in finding information about pre-20th century chemical history, especially with regard to the images important to that history.

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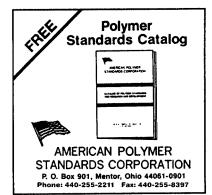
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Council Meeting Reports

San Diego, April 4, 2001

The Section was represented by its full complement of 12 Councilors/Alternate Councilors at the meeting.

Action items at the Meeting:

(Unless stated otherwise, all NESACS representatives voted in favor of the respective motions)

Sunset Review of the Committee on Environmental Improvement and the Committee on International Activities. On recommendation of the Committee on Committees, both committees were continued by unanimous votes.

Bylaw Amendment to Increase the Size of Standing Committees (from the current 15 to 25). An amendment to the motion to limit the maximum size to 20 won approval (all your representative, except M.Singer voted in favor of the amendment). The main motion was overwhelmingly approved. This amendment will take affect on approval by the ACS Board of Directors.

2002 Dues The Budget and Finance Committee moved that the dues for 2002 be the calculated amount according to the bylaw provisions, to be \$112. Eleven of the NESACS Representatives voted in favor, M. Singer voted against the increase. The Council approved the dues of \$112.

CEPA ACS Academic Professional Guidelines. The 3rd edition of the guidelines presented by the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs were approved.

The Committee on Local Section Affairs moved a change in the territory of the Savannah River Section and chartering a new Local Section: Middle Georgia, both with the approval of the adjacent Local Sections concerned. Both motions passed overwhelmingly.

M. Chen reported that the Admissions Committee, of which she is a member, discussed admission of those with a two-year degrees in Chemical Science and Chemical Technology, if followed by 5 years employment in the field.

C. Costello attended as a member the meeting of the Committee on International Activities. She also presented an invited paper at the Analytical Division Award Symposium.

Thomas R. Gilbert, an elected member of the Committee on Nomina-

tioons and Elections, attended its meetings and has been asked to chair its Subcommittee on Election Procedures.

M.Hearn attended a meeting of Subcommittee Chairs of the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs.

M. Hoffman is the Program Chair for the Division of Chemical Education and is a consultant on the Society Committee of Education Task Force on Undergraduate Programming at National Meetings.

D.Lewis attended the National Chemistry Week Workshop and attended the Local Section Affairs Open Meeting.

A.Light is a member of Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs and its Subcommittee on Employment Services. She also worked at the National Employment Clearing House Information/Library.

T. Light worked at NECH throughout the meeting.

D.Rickter has been put on the President's Task Force on K-12 Education. \diamondsuit

Historical Notes

Louis W. Mead, 80, died on December 7, 2000 at his home in Lexington, Mass. after a long illness. He was a native of St. Louis and a chemical engineering graduate of Cornell University. As a member of the 4th Engineers Special Brigade during World War II he participated in amphibious landings in the Pacific theater. After the war he was employed in research at Oak Ridge, Tenn. and at M.I.T..

He founded several small firms that developed radiopharmaceutical diagnostic tests, some of which are currently used by hospitals. He was the founder of the Mount Agamenticus ski area in southern Maine.

James H. Parliman died on June 15,1999 after a short illness. He was a 1943 graduate of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and was a longtime member of ACS. He lived in Keene, N.H. and was survived by his wife. We regret that we have been unable to acquire additional material on his career from his estate.

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