



Students pay tribute to a friend

The students of Physics 110 are deeply grieved by the death of Dr. E.W. Guptill and we would like to attempt to illustrate the extent to which his death has touched each and everyone of us.

We shall all sadly miss his ready smile, his love for practical jokes, and the ever-present twinkle in his eye. No one will forget his boyish shrug when experiments misfired; his delight when demonstrations were perfect.

If a problem ever arose, we knew that his door would be open and his time would be ours. He always tried to reduce the hopelessly complicated into the simple. He wanted his students to **understand** physics, and not become "slaves to formulae." His youthful enthusiasm for physics proved to us that there must be more to it than $E=mc^2$!

Not only was he concerned with our understanding of the basic laws of physics, but also with our understanding of the basic laws of survival in the academic world.

Ernest Guptill was so full of life and energy it seems inconceivable that he is no longer with us. The following are impressions written

by some of our classmates. We think they represent the thoughts of the majority of Guptill's physics students, past and present.....

"Dr. Guptill knew me by name before x-mas, something which I consider to be significant when one considers there were 150 students in the class.

He was always available to help with problems, any time of the day. He would often relate an anecdote to liven-up his lectures.

On the Friday before his death, I had asked Dr. Guptill's advise on next year's courses. He was most enlightening, even profound, in the way he helped map out my future.

I only wish he could have shown up on Monday for his 8:30 lecture. He will never be forgotten.

--Stephen M. Goyeche

We were all confused. The questions kept bouncing back and forth among the students: "How does he reason that?" "I don't understand!" How can this man complicate something which is really so simple? We were all combining our own pre-conceived methods of learning and super-

imposing them on his methods of teaching. But soon we realized that he was teaching basics, so that we could understand physics and not be confounded by complicated formulae. He taught from the ground up. It was all so simple. He coloured his lectures with humorous anecdotes that kept so many of us interested. It was not uncommon for one of his lectures to conclude with a roar of applause.

--Pat Gaul

Ernest Guptill possessed the compassion, understanding and expertise which brought the admiration, respect and friendship of each and everyone of his students. He was dedicated to teaching. Is there any other way to describe a man who would get up early on a blustery winter Sunday to come and give extra help in an otherwise vacant lecture hall? However, even more amazing was the presence of his familiar cheeriness in such a situation.

Dr. Guptill's enthusiasm for his work was constantly a source of incentive for his students. Each morning began with a warm greet-

ing and ended with a sincere thank you. Physics became an enjoyable experience. It seemed that he could produce an anecdote that would clarify any type of idea. For example, when understanding torque became a problem, Dr. Guptill would search his memory for a moment to provide a refreshing pause in the class, and would proceed to relate his childhood experiences while swinging on the kitchen door in his home. It was like being tutored by a friend.

Ernest Guptill was friend and a professor. We will miss him very much.

--Robert P. Boutilier

Those of us who used to talk with Dr. Guptill after his lectures and who brought their problems to his office, feel very much like a friend has gone. This emotion is so deep that 'Dr. Guptill' will live with us forever.

--Vincente

Guptill's lectures always ended with a "thank-you". Now we thank you!

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