



Professor **Michael J. Minch** was a faculty member in the University of the Pacific, Department of Chemistry receiving three of the most prestigious awards presented to the University faculty. He received the Faye and Alex Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award in the College of the Pacific in 1987, was a recipient of an Eberhardt Teacher-Scholar Award in 1992, and received the University of the Pacific Distinguished Faculty Award in 1996. He attended Oregon State University, received his Ph.D. in 1970 from the University of Washington, and taught Chemistry at Tulane University from 1972 to 1974, then became a full professor at University of the Pacific in 1982 where he served as Chairman of the Chemistry Department from 1989 to 1995. He published numerous papers in the field of protein modification and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. He was successful in securing funds from the National Science Foundation to provide the department with its first Fourier Transform NMR instrument in 1988. Subsequent upgrades resulted in the instrument still available today in the department.



Mike designed the current biochemistry laboratory in the department with the goal



of making Graduate research (behind glass windows in the back of the room) more transparent and tangible for undergraduates who would carry out experiments in the main portion of the laboratory room.

Mike will always be remembered not only for his passion for teaching but also for his remarkable ability to discuss the most difficult scientific topics with students and colleagues in a very constructive way.