CAMPUS REMEMBRANCE FOR

E. GREGORY KEATING PhD

December 2, 1942 – August 17, 2006

Tuesday, August 29, 2006
4:00 p.m.
SUNY Upstate Medical University
Ninth Floor Auditorium
Born in 1942, Greg Keating was raised in New York City and California. He received his PhD in physiological psychology from the University of Florida in 1970 and began teaching at SUNY Upstate that same year. He married Caroline Faupel Keating and they had twins Jessica and Matthew in 1984.

In his 36-year career at SUNY Upstate Dr. Keating flourished in the lab, in the classroom and in the ranks of campus leadership. As a professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, he taught and co-directed the neuroscience course. This course, which presented material in a case-history format, was widely recognized as one of the most innovative in the College of Medicine. He also created a special six-week neuroscience course for graduate students and developed several software packages that were used at this and other universities. Noted for his wit and clarity, his exemplary teaching was recognized by these awards: Cell and Developmental Biology Departmental Award for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching (1992, 1996); President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching (1995); and the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching (1996). In 2001 he was named a State University of New York Distinguished Teaching Professor, the highest teaching award in the 64-campus system.

A well-known scholar in the field of vision and oculomotor studies, Dr. Keating ran his lab for 30 years and received research funding from the U.S. Public Health Service, the Veteran’s Administration, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the National Science Foundation. Many graduate students who began their professional careers in his laboratory now hold faculty positions at leading institutions. He also guided the dissertations of nearly 30 students.

Often tapped for leadership service, Dr. Keating served on many campus committees including chair of the President’s Strategic Planning Committee and was a key member of the Curriculum Renewal Task Force. Dr. Keating was named Dean of Student Affairs in 2001 and set forth, and achieved, an ambitious program of improving the experience here for all students.

Greg Keating influenced the lives of thousands of students and countless others. He will long be remembered as an outstanding scientist, educator, innovator, campus leader, colleague, mentor and friend.