The Department of Physiology mourns the loss of George D. Davis, Ph.D., a member of our department for 34 years, from 1951 until 1985. Those of us who knew and worked with him want to acknowledge his tremendous achievements as a scientist and educator, and his lasting influence on the Department of Physiology, the School of Medicine, and the Health Sciences Center. Dr. Davis made significant contributions to the field of neurophysiology and mentored several graduate students, some of whom later became faculty members in our department.

Dr. Davis was an innovator in medical education. He was responsible for one of the first integrated medical neuroscience courses in the United States, combining physiology, neuroanatomy and clinical correlations in the first year of medical school. He was also a leader in bringing, what was in its time, sophisticated audiovisual support to the medical school classroom. He was the prime designer of the classroom and student laboratory space in the Medical Education Building, in which most of us are currently housed, and several of us have been for more than 30 years.

Those of us that knew him well will miss his sense of humor and storytelling abilities most of all.