CHEMISTRY 410
Advanced Scientific Writing Fall Semester 1998

FIRST ASSIGNMENT

This first assignment requires the reading, précis, and criticism of a randomly selected paper from the Journal of Chemical Education.

Articles have been copied from the journal and sealed in envelopes. You will each choose one at random. These will be distributed at the first class meeting on September 8th.

Read your assigned paper and write a summary of the content. You must communicate clearly in your summary what the paper is all about. Your summary must be written well; it must be both grammatically correct and elegant in style.

Write a second paper criticizing your assigned article:
How well is it written?
Did you enjoy reading it?
Are the ideas presently clearly?
Is the structure of the paper logical?
Etc.

You may, but do not have to, criticize the scientific content of the paper. Use examples where necessary in your criticism. Note that your comments do not have to be unfavorable.

This assignment will contribute 15% toward your grade in the course.
This assignment must be typewritten and double-spaced.
This assignment is due by our class meeting on Tuesday September 29th.
