



# EXCELLENCE



Newsletter of the Alliance of Distinguished Rank Professors

## Lowengrub receives Alliance Award for Promotion of Excellence

### Presented at Fall Dinner

Morton Lowengrub, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University, Bloomington, was awarded the Alliance Award for the Promotion of Excellence at the

annual Fall Dinner held on October 16, 1997. He was also made an Honorary Member of the Alliance.

The award for the Promotion of Excellence is conferred upon an individual who has exhibited unusual distinction in promoting and encouraging the growth of excellence at Indiana University. This was the third such award conferred by the Alliance.

Mort, who came to Indiana University in 1976, is an accomplished and highly productive mathematician who has held a number of important fellowships and grants. He was Chairman of the Department of Mathematics before becoming Dean of Research and Graduate Development. In 1988, he became Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He also serves the larger scholarly community by his membership on many national and

international committees, both in mathematics and higher education.

In his devoted service to the University, Mort has been a vigorous champion and promotor of excellence in all its many forms. His intellectual rigor, good sense, and uncanny ability to recognize and promote superior research and teaching have made Indiana University a better place. He also has the unusual distinction of having a small asteroid (Lowengrub 4045) named after him by the International Astronomical Union! We are delighted to acknowledge his many accomplishments and welcome him to our ranks.

The dinner was attended by approximately 150 members, guests, and dignitaries including two members of the IU Board of Trustees: Frederick Eichhorn, Jr. and P. A. Mack.

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Following dinner, the four newly distinguished professors entertained the group with their varied presentations.

The Alliance wishes to thank Chancellor Kenneth Gros Louis for hosting the dinner and making it an enjoyable event.

## New Members

The Alliance welcomes the following new members: Carl E. Bauer (BL), Clyde Culbertson Professor of Biology; Michael R. Baye (BL), Bert Elwert Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy; Donald J. Gray (BL), Culbertson Chair of English; Christopher J. McDougale (IN), Raymond E. Houk Professor of Psychiatry; Richard C. Rink (IN), Robert A. Garrett Professor of Pediatric Urologic Research; and James W. Smith (IN), Nordschow Professor of Laboratory Medicine.

**Correction:** The previous issue of *Excellence* listed new member Linda B. Smith (BL) incorrectly. She holds the title of Chancellors' Professor of Psychology. We apologize for the error.

### Additional Title:

Ronald A. Hites (BL), Distinguished Professor of Public and Environmental Affairs, has been awarded the

additional title of Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, effective 9/15/97.

## Special Awards

Congratulations to the following members who have received special recognition and awards: Jon Barwise (BL), College Professor of Computer Science, Philosophy, and Mathematics, (along with a colleague) won the 1997 Educom Medal in the category of philosophy; Harvey Feigenbaum (IN), Distinguished Professor of Medicine, was presented the 1997 Luminary Award by the city of Pisa, Italy; and Jerome C. Harste (BL), Martha Lea and Bill Armstrong Chair of Teacher Education, has been elected vice president of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Also, Lawrence A. Jegen III (IN), Thomas F. Sheehan Professor of Tax Law and Policy, has received the state's Sagamore of the Wabash award; Clement McDonald (IN), Distinguished Professor of Medicine, accepted the 1997 Nicholas E. Davies Computer-based Patient Record Recognition Award of Excellence presented to the Regenstrief Institute for Health Care for his work in developing the Institute's medical record system; and Linda B. Smith

(BL), Chancellors' Professor of Psychology, has received the Tracy M. Sonneborn award.

*Excellence* invites members to send in their most recent (15 months) Honors to avoid overlooking those who deserve recognition. Please forward the information to: Alliance Office, Poplars 823, Bloomington, IN 47405 (alliance@indiana.edu; 812-855-8279; FAX: 812-855-5767)

## In Memoriam

The following members have recently passed away: Robert F. Forney (IN), Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Toxicology and Margaret Harshaw (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Music.

## 1998 Fall Dinner

The 1998 Alliance Fall Dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 1998 at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center in Indianapolis. Chancellor Gerald Bepko will be hosting the event. Please mark the date on your calendars.

## Deadline for Promotion of Excellence Award Nominations

Nominations for the Alliance Award for Promotion of Excellence (see article elsewhere in this issue) are due March 1, 1998 for presentation at the Fall dinner.

The Alliance Award for the Promotion of Excellence is conferred upon an individual who has exhibited unusual distinction in promoting and encouraging the growth of excellence at Indiana University, by facilitating the achievement of scholarly excellence in others, by creating mechanisms at Indiana University that enable others to pursue scholarly excellence, and/or by moving forward an organizational unit at Indiana University to achieve an outstanding reputation. It may be given to anyone judged worthy of the honor, whether directly associated with the university or not, and whether or not a current Alliance member.

At most one such award may be given each year and will normally be announced and presented at the annual dinner.

The nominations will be reviewed by the Alliance Award Committee, a committee appointed by the Alliance Steering Committee. The committee may recommend one or more recipients to the Steering Committee and Directors; this group may select at most one recipient, subject to at least a 75% vote. The recipient will receive a plaque and an honorary membership in the Alliance.

**Nomination Materials:** A nomination should contain a complete resume or curriculum vitae, a one page statement by the nominator, and at least two letters of recommendation. Send nominations to Angela McBride, Chair, Promotion of Excellence, c/o Alliance of Distinguished Rank Professors, Indiana University, Poplars 823, Bloomington, IN 47405 (alliance@indiana.edu; 812-855-8279; FAX: 812-855-5767).

## Charter Addition

The following addition to the Charter was approved by the membership at the General Business Meeting held before the Annual Fall Dinner on October 16, 1997 in Bloomington. Under Section 1, a) Honorary Memberships will from time to time be awarded to

individuals who are not currently members of the Alliance, but have contributed to the development of excellence at Indiana University, either through their individual accomplishments, their promotion of excellence, or both. Such an award may be given to a worthy recipient who has had, or currently has, a connection to Indiana University, but need not have been or currently be, an employee. At most one such award may be given in any one year, unless the Alliance Award for the Promotion of Excellence is conferred in that year, in which case a second Honorary Membership may be awarded.

Normally, the awards will be announced and conferred at the annual dinner. The recipient will receive a scroll, will be listed in the Alliance Brochure and on its web page, and will be invited to the annual dinners.

The selection of recipients will be at the discretion of the steering committee and director(s), subject to a 75% favorable vote within this group. Nominations of possible recipients with supporting documentation will be welcomed by the steering committee and directors at any time, but there is no formal nominating process.

**Nominations Information:**

Please send the names to:  
 Honorary Membership, c/o  
 Alliance of Distinguished Rank  
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 Bloomington, IN 47405  
 (alliance@indiana.edu; 812-  
 855-8279; FAX: 812-855-  
 5767).

**Office Funding**

We are pleased to announce that the funding for the Alliance office has been extended an additional four years until the year 2002. The Alliance wishes to thank President Brand for his support.

**Brand plans to move IU to the top rank of the Big Ten**

In his State of the University address this fall, President Myles Brand enunciated the goal of moving Indiana University to the top rank of national universities in academic and research excellence: "Indiana University must move forward now to the next level until it is recognized as one of the very best of the nation's universities. IU's success in research, scholarship, and creative activity will be a critical determinant of whether

we...move into the very top tier of the nation's public universities." The Alliance naturally applauds this initiative. However, any change, even in support of such a worthy goal, inevitably meets resistance from conservative elements within the institution. The directors encourage the members of the Alliance to speak up in support of changes that will be needed if IU is indeed to join the top rank of big ten institutions.

**Projects update:****IUPUI and IUB Wall Plaques**

A wall plaque listing the IUPUI faculty with distinguished rank is being completed and will soon be placed on the wall in the hallway between the University Place Conference Center and the University Place Hotel. The Alliance sincerely thanks Chancellor Bepko for his interest and support in the project.

The IUB wall plaque outside Bloomington's Whittenberger Auditorium in the IMU is being redesigned and updated and should be completed in early 1998. Alliance members whose names are presently on the plaque appreciate the patience and civility of those who joined

the Alliance since 1993 but whose names had not been added to the display in the IMU due to lack of space.

**Endowment Campaign**

The Endowment Campaign for IU Bloomington has reached \$230 million of the \$350 million goal in hopes of establishing 100 new chairs and professorships by the end of the campaign in June 2000. Two of the faculty co-chairs for the campaign are Alliance's own Susan Gubar, English and Gary Hieftje, Chemistry.

**Election to Academies**

The Alliance has started a serious effort on both IUPUI and IUB campuses to assist in getting faculty nominated to national honorary societies. If any members know of suitable candidates at IU, whether currently in the Alliance or otherwise, please let the Alliance office know. Although names alone would be appreciated, the more information provided to us that would help justify an individual's nomination, the more helpful we would find the recommendation. Please send your suggestions and any supporting information to:

Academies, c/o Alliance of Distinguished Rank Professors, Poplars 823, Bloomington, IN 47405 (alliance@indiana.edu; 812-855-8279; FAX 812-855-5767).

## Anniversary Celebration

Plans for the 20-year Alliance Anniversary Celebration in 1999 are in progress. The Alliance office would welcome suggestions for activities and possible guest speaker(s). The Celebration might be a suitable occasion to present an Honorary Membership to an appropriate individual. Let us hear from you.

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## Letters from the membership

The Steering Committee invites the general membership to contribute "letters to the editor." The topics should be related to the mission of the Alliance. Given our sparse publication schedule, the letters ought to address concerns that will be of relevance after a delay of weeks or months. Such letters provide a means for members not on the Steering Committee to play a role in setting policy and priorities, and we encourage

you to make such a contribution. We plan to publish the newsletter twice a year (May and December). Please submit your letters two months prior to publication.

## Holiday office hours

The Alliance office will be closed beginning at noon on Wednesday, December 24, 1997, and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 1998.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!!**

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