



# EXCELLENCE



Newsletter of the Alliance of Distinguished Rank Professors

## Herman B Wells recipient of the 1998 Alliance Promotion of Excellence Award

### Presentation at Fall Dinner

University Chancellor Herman B Wells received the Promotion of Excellence Award and was made an Honorary Member of the Alliance at the October 26, 1998, Fall Dinner in Indianapolis. The event was

attended by approximately 120 members and guests. Since Chancellor Wells' accomplishments are too numerous to list in the limited space available, be sure to visit the Alliance web site at <http://www.indiana.edu/~alldrp/> for his biographical information.

Following dinner, President Myles Brand gave a talk on "Progress and Challenges in Research at IU."

Dean Angela McBride presented the 24 new Alliance members (since last year's dinner) after which newly Distinguished Professor George Stookey, IU School of Dentistry, entertained everyone with his presentation "From Toothpaste to Dog Biscuits."

We were honored this year to have three IU Board of Trustees attend the dinner. They were: Trustee Stephen Backer,

Trustee Steve Ferguson, and Trustee Peter Obremsky.

The Alliance wishes to thank Chancellor Gerald Bepko for hosting this year's event.

### 1999 Alliance 20th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, November 16, 1999**, for the 20th Anniversary Celebration. It will be in conjunction with our annual Fall Dinner and meeting. Plan on an evening of enjoyment. Hope to see you then.

If you have comments or suggestions, feel free to contact the celebration committee:

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## New Members

The Alliance welcomes the following new members. Biographical information is provided for some on the Alliance web site:  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~alldrp>

David B. Audretsch (BL), Ameritech Chair of Economic Development

Merrill D. Benson (IN), A. Donald Merritt Professor of Medical and Molecular Genetics

George Christou (BL), Rudy Professor of Chemistry

William A. Corsaro (BL), Robert H. Shaffer Class of 1967 Professor of Sociology

Mary C. Dinauer (IN), Nora Letzter Professor of Pediatrics

Thomas M. Duffy (BL), Barbara B. Jacobs Chair in Education

P. Christopher Earley (BL), Randall L. Tobias Chair of Global Leadership

William A. Engle (IN), Erik T. Ragan Professor of Pediatrics

Alan Walter Ewert (BL), Joel and Patti Meier Outdoor Leadership Chair

Evan R. Farmer (IN), Kampen-Norins Professor of Dermatology

Michele Fratianni (BL), W. George Pinnell Professor of Business

R. Kent Honeycutt (BL), John Hill Professor of Astronomy

Robert H. Jennings (BL), Jack R. Wentworth Professor of Business

Vincent A. Mabert (BL), John and Esther Reese Professor of Business

John R. McKivigan (IN), Mary O'Brien Gibson Professor of History

Ora H. Pescovitz (IN), Edwin Letzter Professor of Pediatrics

Roger W. Schmenner (IN), Richard M. and Myra Louise Buskirk Professor in Manufacturing Management

Gregory F. Udell (BL), NBD Chair of Banking and Finance

## Additional title:

Thomas J. Mathiesen, Distinguished Professor, School of Music, has been awarded the additional title of David H. Jacobs Chair in Music

Menahem Pressler, Distinguished Professor, School of Music, has been selected the Dean Charles H. Webb Chair in Music

## Retirements

The following Alliance members have recently retired from academic teaching: Donald Girod (IN), J. Samuel N. Preus (BL), and James Smith (IN).

## In Memoriam

James E. Simmons (IN), Arthur B. Richter Professor Emeritus of Child Psychiatry, passed away in August.

## Awards

Congratulations to the following Alliance members who have received special recognition and awards.

Ernest Davidson (BL), Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, received an honorary degree at the spring commencement of Rose-Hulman Institute of

Technology, Terre Haute, for his contributions to the theoretical understanding of molecules and chemical reactions.

Edward G. Carmines (BL), Rudy Professor of Political Science, won the 1998 Gladys M. Kammerer Award for his co-authored book, *Reaching Beyond Race*. The Kammerer Award is sponsored by the American Political Science Association and is awarded to the best political science publication in the field of U.S. national politics published that year or the previous year. Professor Carmines also won the 1990 Kammerer Award for his previous book and is the only person to have won this award twice.

Gary M. Hieftje (BL), Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemistry, is the 1998 winner of the American Chemical Society, Division of Analytical Chemistry Award for Excellence in Teaching. A special symposium was organized in his honor at the ACS National Meeting held August 23-27, 1998 in Boston.

Doug Hofstadter, College Professor of Cognitive Science (BL) is the 1998 recipient of the Tracy M. Sonneborn Award. He is currently exhibiting Whirly Art, *For the Love of Line and Pattern: Studies*

*Inspired by Alphabets and Music*, at the SoFA Gallery, IUB School of Fine Arts through December 7.

Thomas C. Kaufman, Distinguished Professor of Biology, was awarded the Edwin Grant Conklin Medal at the Society for Developmental Biology meeting at Stanford University. The Conklin Medal is awarded each year to a member of the society in recognition of significant and sustained contributions to the field of developmental biology.

Mohammad Torabi (BL), Chancellors' Professor of Applied Health Science, recently received a Tony and Mary Hulman health Achievement Award. The award is presented by the Indiana Public Health Foundation and recognizes Indiana citizens and organizations whose efforts have resulted in significant improvement to the human state.

Albert Valdman (BL), Rudy Professor of French and Italian and of Linguistics, is the recipient of the 1998 Florence Steiner Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education, Postsecondary, from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. He received the award last month at the 32nd

annual ACTFL convention in Chicago.

## **Announcements:**

### **Call for nominations**

In November, the Alliance office mailed out a call for nominations letter and form for the 1999 Alliance Steering Committee. **If you have not already done so, please return your nominations as soon as possible.** To date, few have been received. If you did not receive a form, please contact the Alliance office, and we will mail you another copy.

### **Promotion of Excellence nominations**

Nominations are solicited for honorary membership in the Alliance and the Alliance's Promotion of Excellence Award in 1999. The Alliance is committed to the promotion of excellence at Indiana University. In keeping with this mission, members elect from time to time individuals to honorary membership and for the Promotion of Excellence Award who have promoted such excellence.

To be eligible for these awards, an individual must have (1) pursued excellence in her or his own career; (2) facilitated the achievement of excellence in others; (3) created mechanisms at Indiana University that enabled others to pursue excellence; and or (4) moved an organizational unit at IU forward to achieve an outstanding reputation.

**Nomination Process:** Members wishing to nominate an individual to honorary membership and the Promotion of Excellence Award must submit an application that includes:

- Letter of nomination, describing in detail the candidate's accomplishments as they bear on the aforementioned criteria
- Letters of support from at least two other members of the Alliance
- Candidate's Curriculum Vitae
- Additional supporting evidence as appropriate

Nominations should be sent to Janet Black, Alliance Office, Poplars 823, IUB (47405) by **March 1, 1999.**

## 1999 Brochures

It is time to update and print new Alliance booklets. Following the Holidays, the Alliance office will be mailing out requests for members to update their biographical information and to submit a photograph (unless one is already on file). Please take time to review your bio and to return them in a timely fashion. You may want to save time by viewing your bio on the Alliance web site <http://www.indiana.edu/~alldr/> and making the necessary changes by E-mail to the office ([alliance@indiana.edu](mailto:alliance@indiana.edu)).

## Brand Review

It is time for President Myles Brand's five-year review. The Alliance is soliciting comments from the members. If you have information and/or thoughts on his performance, please contact the Alliance office at [alliance@indiana.edu](mailto:alliance@indiana.edu); 812-855-8279; fax: 812-855-5767.

## Updates:

## Endowment Campaign

As of October 1, 1998, \$105 million has been raised in the

current campaign for endowed faculty positions in the President's Match program. There are 107 new endowed chairs, professorships, or curatorships (61 chairs, 24 professorships, 4 curatorships, and 18 in progress).

## Membership

The Alliance presently has 233 members and with the present endowment campaign, the list continues to grow.

## Wall Plaques

The IUPUI and IUB wall plaques are now up.

The IUPUI wall plaque is located at the University Place Hotel and Conference center in the hallway outside the Faculty Club. The Alliance extends thanks to Henry Besch who saw this project through to completion and a very special thank you goes to Chancellor Bepko for his support.

The updated IUB wall plaque is in the same location as the previous plaque outside Whittenberger Auditorium in the IMU.

Please take the time to view these plaques when you are in the vicinity.

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*Back in Time:*

*On November 12, 1979, the first Alliance Steering Committee was elected and included: Bob Byrnes, secretary, Richard Dorson, Paul Halmos, Henry Hofstetter, John Mee, Roger Newton, Frank Putnam, and Janos Stärker as President.*

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***OFFICE HOURS:***

*The Alliance Office will be closed for the Holidays beginning December 24, 1998, and will reopen on January 4, 1999.*

***Have a safe and happy Holiday!!***

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