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Newsletter of the Alliance of Distinguished Rank Professors

Doris Merritt and John Ryan newest Honorary Members

20th Anniversary Celebration well attended

The Alliance Fall Dinner and 20th Anniversary Celebration was attended by approximately 200 faculty, guests, and dignitaries. Mike Dunn, Oscar R. Ewing Professor of Philosophy, served as MC for the event in his last duty as

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Bloomington Chair of the Alliance Steering Committee.

Following an excellent dinner, Dr. Doris Merritt (IN) was presented with the Alliance Promotion of Excellence Award, and President Emeritus John W. Ryan received the Alliance 20th Anniversary Award. Both individuals were presented with Alliance Honorary Memberships (see Member Profile elsewhere in this newsletter). Special thanks to President Emeritus John W. Ryan for his speech on excellence at IU.

Janos Starker, cello and one of the founders of the Alliance, along with Charles Webb on the piano, began the evening's entertainment followed by Eugene Rousseau, saxophone, and Emile Naoumoff, piano. We thank all four performers for making the event a very special affair with their selections.

The Celebration was delightful, and we extend our thanks to the

following people for their generous support: President Myles Brand, Chancellor Kenneth Gros Louis, and Chancellor Gerald Bepko.

2000 Fall Dinner

The Fall 2000 Dinner will be held on **Thursday, October 26, 2000**, at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center in Indianapolis and will be hosted by Chancellor Gerald Bepko. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Dr. Ting-Kai Li elected to Institute of Medicine

Ting-Kai Li, Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean of Research, IU School of Medicine, has been elected to the Institute of Medicine, a unit of the National Academy of

Sciences. Members are elected on the basis of professional achievement and involvement with issues critical to the public health. Congratulations!

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>

Alfred C. Aman, Jr. (BL)
Roscoe C. O'Byrne Chair in Law

Tsu-Yi Chuang (IN) Arthur L. Norins Professor of Dermatologic Clinical Research

Daniel H. Cole (IN) M. Dale Palmer Professor of Law

Jeffrey G. Covin (BL) Samuel and Pauline Glaubinger Professor of Entrepreneurship

Paul N. Cox (IN) Centennial Professor of Law

Blaise Cronin (BL) Rudy Professor of Information Science

Kenneth G. Dau-Schmidt (BL) Willard and Margaret Carr Professor of Law

William K. Estes (BL)
Distinguished Scholar of

Psychology and of Cognitive Science

Robert Huckfeldt (BL)
Endowed Professor of Human Studies

Jeffrey C. Isaac (BL) James H. Rudy Professor of Political Science

Daniel James (BL) Mendel Chair in Latin American History

Eleanor D. Kinney (IN) Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law

Rosemary Lloyd (BL) Rudy Professor of French and Italian

David Orentlicher (IN) Samuel R. Rosen Professor of law

Joseph E. Steinmetz (BL)
Eleanor Cox Riggs Professor of Psychology

James W. Torke (IN) Carl M. Gray Professor of Law

In Memoriam

Dr. Raleigh Lingeman (IN),
Betty A. Morgan Professor Emeritus, IU School of Medicine

Professor Gyorgy Sebok (BL),
Distinguished Professor, School of Music.

Henry B. Veatch (BL),

Distinguished Service Professor of Philosophy, 1961-65.

We send our condolences to their families.

Awards

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

Joan Kessner Austin (IN), Distinguished Professor, IU School of Nursing, received the ILAE-IBE Social Accomplishment Award in recognition of her dedication and accomplishments in the study of the psycho-social aspects of epilepsy in children.

Ernest R. Davidson (BL), Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemistry, will receive the year 2000 American Chemistry Society Award in Theoretical Chemistry sponsored by IBM Corporation.

Donald Gray (BL), Culbertson Chair Emeritus of English, has been awarded the President's Medal for Excellence.

Angela McBride (IN), Distinguished Professor, School of Nursing, was named as one of 22 "influential women" in Indianapolis for 1999 by the *Indianapolis Business Journal* and the *Indiana Lawyer*. She

was awarded honorary membership at the national meeting of Chi Eta Phi (July 1999), the association devoted to professional development of African-American nurses, for her efforts on behalf of minority nurses.

Milos Novotny (BL), Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemistry, has been awarded the 1999 Distinguished Faculty Award by the College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association. He has also been elected as a Foreign Member of the Royal Society of Sciences (Sweden) and is the recipient of the 2000 Pittsburgh Analytical Chemistry Award.

Thomas A. Sebeok (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Linguistics and Semiotics, was unanimously re-elected for an unprecedented sixth five-year term as Editor-in-Chief of *Semiotica*.

Denis Sinor (BL) Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Uralic and Altaic Studies, has received the Silver Avicenna Medal of UNESCO in recognition of his work with the History of Civilizations of Central Asia and the Gold Medal of Merit of the American Oriental Society.

David H. Weaver (BL), Roy W. Howard Research Professor in the School of Journalism, recently lectured on studies of journalists in the U. S. And other countries at the University of Amsterdam in The Netherlands and the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain.

New Alliance Co-Directors

The Alliance has new Co-Directors recently elected by the Steering Committee. They are: **Henry R. Besch, Jr.**, Showalter Professor of Pharmacology, IU School of Medicine, Indianapolis, and **Peter Bondanella**, Distinguished Professor, West European Studies, Bloomington.

The Alliance extends a special thanks to Bruce Cole and Rich Shiffrin for all their hard work and commitment toward achieving excellence at Indiana University during their term as co-directors.

New Steering Committee Members

Below are the results of the recent election. The new

Steering Committee will take office beginning January 1, 2000, for a three year term. Feel free to contact any of the members with questions, suggestions, and complaints. Addresses are provided on the Alliance web site at: <http://www.indiana.edu/~alldrp/offices.html>

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Stan Jones, Commissioner for Higher Education, visits IUB

On November 17, at the invitation of the Alliance, Stan Jones, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education, spoke on higher education issues at the Indiana Memorial Union in Bloomington. During his talk, Jones explained that the

Community College initiative would have no adverse financial impact on IU or Purdue. He added that the Commission for Higher Education wanted to put IU and Purdue in the top 50 Research I universities and the top 20 state Research I universities and that "we are not there yet." A stronger commitment to the quality of higher education in Indiana would be welcomed by the Alliance.

Membership Booklets

By now, everyone should have received their 1999 membership booklets which were mailed out in October. If you have not yet received yours or if you need additional copies, please contact the Alliance office (812-855-8279 or alliance@indiana.edu). The Alliance office wishes to thank all of you for your patience and cooperation in updating the booklet.

Member Profile I

Doris H. Merritt, M.D., joined Indiana University's faculty in

1961. Previously, she had spent four years at the National Institutes of Health. Within her first year at IU, she became the first woman to serve in a decanal position within Indiana University School of Medicine. She was the first dean of IUPUI's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

She left IU in 1978 to accept a position as Special Assistant to the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In the last two years of her tenure at NIH, she was appointed the first (acting) director of the National Center for Nursing Research. While at NIH, she also co-authored the first analysis of NIH's portfolio in women's health research, which subsequently led to the establishment of an Office of Women's Health Research within that agency.

Dr. Merritt returned to IU in 1988 and became the first woman to chair the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine and the first person to chair the Congressionally-mandated committee to provide technical review for research-related construction grants.

Over the course of the next decade, she contributed as a dean in Medicine and also served as special assistant to both the IU President and the IUPUI Chancellor, eventually

becoming the first woman to serve as dean (acting) of the Purdue University School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI (1995), and the first person to serve as vice chancellor for Research and Graduate Education at IUPUI (1997).

Member Profile II

John W. Ryan is President Emeritus of Indiana University (1971-1987). He has also served as Interim Chancellor and Chancellor at the State University of New York (1996-1999); as Interim President at the University of Maryland at Baltimore (1994); and as Interim President at Florida Atlantic University in 1989.

He holds the Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from Indiana University, the B.A. degree from the University of Utah, and numerous honorary degrees.

Dr. Ryan held positions at several large public university systems including Vice President and Chancellor for Regional Campuses at Indiana University; Chancellor, University of Massachusetts; Vice President for Academic

Affairs at Arizona State University; Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary of the University, University of Massachusetts; Associate Director, Bureau of Government, University of Wisconsin; and Assistant Director, Institute of Training for Public Service at Indiana University.

He has been active in several professional organizations, including the American Society for Public Administration, the American Political Science Association, the Association for Asian Studies, the National Academy of Public Administration, and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Dr. Ryan was the first chairman of the Presidents Commission of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and later served as consultant to the Presidents Commission. He was chairman of the National Advisory Board on International Educational

Programs, which advised the Secretary of Education on Title VI matters; Chief of Party for the City of Knowledge Project in Panama, Academy for Educational Development; and consultant to the Administrator for Management Training in Central and Eastern Europe for the Agency for International Development.

Holiday Office Closing:

*The Alliance Office
will be closed for the
Holiday beginning
with Thursday,
December 23, 1999,
and will reopen on
Monday, January 3,
2000.*

*Have a safe and
happy Holiday!*

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