Janos Starker receives a Grammy

Cellist wins

Janos Starker, Distinguished Professor, IU School of Music, was presented a Grammy Award on February 25 in the category of best instrumental soloists performance (without orchestra) beating out four piano soloists. Professor Starker won for his recording of Bach's Suites for Solo Cello, Nos. 1-6 (RCA Victor).

Starker had been nominated for a Grammy twice before but had never won, adding that he won because Bach recordings are popular with the judges. He was one of seven people (musicians and vocalists) with IU ties who were nominated this year.

The Alliance extends their sincerest congratulations to Professor Starker.

Distinguished Professor Titles

At their January 23, 1998, meeting, the IU Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution to drop any field or disciplinary designation from the Distinguished Professor title. The Alliance office has updated all of their lists to reflect this change.

New Members

The Alliance would like to welcome the following new members:

Philip P. Breitfeld (IN), Zachary Klingler Chair in Pediatrics.

Thomas A. Broadie (IN), Frederic W. Taylor Professor of Surgery.

J. Scott Long (BL), Chancellors’ Professor of Sociology.

James Perry (BL), Chancellors’ Professor of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Bernice Pescosolido (BL), Chancellors’ Professor of Sociology.

New Fall Dinner Date

The 1998 Alliance Fall Dinner will be held on Monday, October 26, 1998, at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center in Indianapolis. Chancellor Gerald Bepko will be hosting the event. There were several conflicts with the original date of October 15, making it necessary to select another date. Please mark your calendars with the new date and plan to join us for an enjoyable evening. Transportation will be provided from Bloomington. You will be receiving more information about the dinner in late summer or early fall.
George K. Stookey (IN), Distinguished Professor, School of Dentistry.

**Change in Title:**

Dan R. Dalton (BL) is the new Harold A. Poling Chair of Strategic Management.

**Happenings**

Robert Ferrell (BL), Distinguished Professor, Department of History appeared on CBS News’ Public Eye With Bryant Gumble in March. The segment was taped in Bloomington earlier and concerned the love letters of Harry and Bess Truman. Ferrell is the author of 10 books on Truman’s life.

The first Toradze Concerto Institute will be held at IUSB in November. Conceived by Alexander Toradze (IUSB), Martin Professor of Piano, some dozen “fellows” will be selected competitively from among the nation’s best young performers to participate.

**Special awards**

We wish to congratulate the following members for receiving special recognition and awards:

Harvey Feigenbaum (IN), Distinguished Professor, School of Medicine, was recently paid tribute by The American Heart Association to 20th-century American pioneers in cardiovascular medicine.

Douglas R. Hofstadter (BL), College Professor of Cognitive Science and Computer Science, is the 1998 Tracy M. Sonneborn recipient. In addition, he recently received a special faculty award from the Cognitive Sciences Program for his contributions to the program.

Fedwa Malti-Douglas (BL), Martha C. Kraft Professor of Humanities, received the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) 1997 Kuwait Prize for Arts and Letters, one of the highest honors given in Kuwait for intellectual achievement.

Angela B. McBride (IN), Distinguished Professor, recently received an honorary doctorate in liberal arts from Purdue University.

Thomas Sebeok (IUB), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, has been selected by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences to receive a fellowship from the Domus Hungarica Foundation.

Richard M. Shiffrin (IUB), Luther Dana Waterman Professor of Psychology, has received the Distinguished Hoosier Award presented by Governor Frank O’Bannon, for his contributions to education and research in Indiana and worldwide.

David H. Weaver (BL), Roy W. Howard Professor in Journalism and Mass Communication Research, along with G. Cleveland Wilhoit, has received the national Sigma Delta Chi Award for Research about Journalism for their book entitled The American Journalist in the 1990s.

**Updates:**

**Endowment Campaign**

The Bloomington Endowment Campaign has reached $85 million in gifts and 99 new endowed positions as a result of the first $4 million investment by IU. The Trustees approved another $2 million at their May meeting which should leverage another $40 million for 50 more positions, according to Curt Simic, President of the IU Foundation. He added that faculty support of the Endowment Matching Program is about $16 million so far.

The total goal of the Bloomington Endowment
Campaign is $350 million ($200 million for on-going support and $150 million in new endowment for chairs and professorships). Mr. Simic announced that they are now over $260 million with about two years to go.

**Strategic Directors Charter**

The final round of the SDC is now complete. President Brand recently announced that over $4 million was distributed among twelve new projects. Awards included $1.3 million to the College of Arts and Sciences at IUB for the enhancement of scientific infrastructure for scientific research; $250,000 went to develop distance learning links between IU’s Music School and the Royal Academy of Music in London; and $300,000 was awarded to provide a state-of-the-art Instructional Operations Complex at IU South Bend. Another $600,000 refunded existing projects, such as the Institute for the Study of Intellectual Property and Education at IUPUI and Destination: Education at IUK at Kokomo, an early intervention program that works with local school systems to identify promising junior high and high school students who might not go to college without assistance.

**1999 Celebration**

A committee has been appointed for the 1999 Alliance Anniversary Celebration.

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Janos Starker (IUB), School of Music, Music Annex 155, IUB, (812) 855-3132; starker@indiana.edu

If you have any thoughts or suggestions concerning the event, please get in touch with one of the committee members as soon as possible or contact the Alliance office.

**Something new**

The Alliance office plans to profile members in future issues of the Excellence Newsletter. We are asking for suggestions from the membership. If you have a member in mind that you would like to see profiled, please contact the Alliance office.

We also plan to periodically include information about the history of the Alliance. Again, we welcome your input and suggestions.

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