



CHI CHAPTER NEWS

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Distinguished Professor Herbert S. White Honored

The recipient of the Chi Chapter's Library Service Award for 1995 is Herbert S. White. Distinguished Professor White will retire from the faculty of the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS), Indiana University, at the end of the current semester.

It is impossible to imagine a recipient more deserving than Herb White. During his career he has brought great honor and recognition to Indiana University and to the state through his notable scholarship, his excellent teaching, and his extensive and influential leadership.

Herb White is one of the most prolific authors in our field. His scholarship has been widely recognized as pathbreaking and influential. He has also shown remarkable agility as a thinker and popularity as a writer. In part, this popularity lies in his ability to penetrate the cant and self-deceptions of librarians and to identify the true issues underlying our beliefs and prejudices. Many of his published papers have been of this type and have made him one of the most widely read and influential commentators in the field. He has provided continuing columns in both **Library Journal** and **American Libraries**, and he is one of the most sought-after speakers and panelists anywhere in our profession.

His manifest leadership has earned Herb White top honors and offices in virtually all of the organizations in his field. He has served as Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee of the International Federation for Documentation, and he has been elected President of both the American Society for Information Science and the Special Libraries Association. In 1986 he received the cherished Melvil Dewey Medal from the American Li-

brary Association, awarded annually for "professional achievement of a high order." He received the "Professional Award" from the Special Libraries Association in 1985 and was named to the SLA Hall of Fame in 1994. He received both the "Watson Davis Award for Service to Society" and the "Award of Merit for Service to the Profession" from the American Society for Information Science in 1978 and 1981, respectively. Professor White's reputation has extended far beyond the United States and Canada; he has been called upon to lecture and consult in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, as well as throughout North America.

Herb White joined the SLIS faculty at Indiana University in 1975 and became Dean of the School in 1980. During his tenure as Dean the size of both the School's enrollment and its faculty grew to their largest ever. Perception studies conducted during his tenure as Dean listed SLIS among the top five or six schools of library and information science in the nation, a ranking due, at least in part, to his stewardship.

Herb White is an invigorating lecturer and an inspiring teacher. His students praise his ability to stimulate them to think in new ways about the problems of the field. He is the author of the nation's most widely used textbooks in two of his areas of competence: special library management and library personnel administration. In 1991 White was named Distinguished Professor of Library and Information Science by Indiana University.

Herbert S. White's achievements have been truly remarkable. The Chi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu is honored to present its Library Service Award for 1995 to this most distinguished contributor to the library profession.

From the President

On behalf of Beta Phi Mu's Executive Board, I send greetings to all those who have been initiated into Chi Chapter. Your Executive Board has been very involved since September in projects including: 1) updating the Chi Chapter Membership Roster; and 2) planning a special Initiation and Awards Breakfast. We need your assistance and support in order to ensure that both of these efforts are successful.

Please forward any name or address changes to Mary Popp at IU Libraries, Bloomington, IN 47405, so that we can mail timely Beta Phi Mu information to you. Also, I encourage you to attend a very special Beta Phi Mu Initiation and Awards Breakfast to be held on April 12, 1995 in conjunction with the Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference (see accompanying article for details). You are not required to attend the conference in order to attend the breakfast.

If you would like to nominate someone to serve on the Executive Board or if you want to nominate a future recipient of the Chi Chapter Award, please contact me at Vigo County Public Library, One Library Square, Terre Haute, IN 47807. This is one way in which you can play an active role in Chi Chapter.

The Executive Board is especially interested in hearing from any members who would be willing to serve on a Program Committee which would plan a special Fall 1995 Beta Phi Mu sponsored event. Again, contact me for a chance to meet or become reacquainted with other Chi Chapter members and to assist Chi Chapter with a service-oriented activity.

As your President, I encourage you to pay your 1995 dues promptly. It is only through these membership dues that Chi Chapter is financially able to provide programs and events which benefit Chi Chapter and all of us.

I look forward to seeing each of you on April 12.

- Jan Preusz

1995 Beta Phi Mu Initiation and Awards Ceremony

Beta Phi Mu Chi Chapter's 1995 Initiation and Awards Ceremony will occur in conjunction with the Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference which will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center on April 11-13. Beta Phi Mu will host a continental breakfast in the Convention Center on Wednesday, April 12 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

An initiation ceremony for new Chi Chapter members will follow the breakfast. In addition, the 1995 Chi Chapter Service Award will be presented to Herbert White, Distinguished Professor, IU School of Library and Information Science. Following the award, White will address those in attendance, and BPM's annual business meeting will be held.

All BPM members are encouraged to attend the breakfast. Members attending the ILF Conference should check the breakfast on their registration form, include the payment in their conference fees, and return the form to ILF by the March 10 deadline. Those not attending the conference may make BPM reservations by sending name, number of reservations and full payment of \$10 per person to BPM c/o Mary Krutulis, IU SLIS, Library 011, Bloomington, IN 47405-1801 by March 5.

Dr. Stephen Harter Joins Board as Faculty Representative

The Chi Chapter Board has a new faculty representative in the person of Professor Stephen Harter. Dr. Harter joined the IU-SLIS faculty in the Fall 1981 semester. He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees in Mathematics and Mathematical education from Ohio State University and A.M. and Ph. D. degrees in Library Science from the University of Chicago. Before coming to Indiana University, he was a faculty member of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida.

Dr. Harter is the author of numerous publications, including the monograph, "Online Information Retrieval: Concepts, Principles, and Techniques," which is

widely used as a text in the field of information retrieval. Since Fall 1990, he has been editor of **The Library Quarterly**. At IU, Professor Harter teaches in the areas of information retrieval and research in library and information science.

Dues Increase Reflects Rising Costs

The dues for annual membership in Chi Chapter have been \$5 since time immemorial. Back in the days when the few activities we conducted tended to be local to the Bloomington area, this was sufficient. Your Executive Board would like for Chi Chapter to be more active. Holding an initiation breakfast and awards ceremony at the annual ILF meeting in Indianapolis increases the visibility of our Honor Society, but it is expensive. We would also like to be able to promote and sponsor some professional and social activities beneficial to members of Beta Phi Mu and to the Library and Information Science community.

To that end, this year's officers and Executive Board are unanimous in recommending an increase in dues from \$5 to \$10 per year. The additional money is needed now to ensure that these plans come to fruition. While the change is a major increase in percentage terms, when compared with other Honor Societies' dues, the cost remains minimal.

If you would like to have your opinion heard on this matter, please attend the Initiation breakfast and annual business meeting on April 12 in Indianapolis, when the vote will be taken.

1994 Beta Phi Mu Initiation and Awards Ceremony

Chi Chapter's 1994 initiation and award ceremony was held April 8, 1994, during the Indiana Library Federation's Annual Conference. Mary Pagliero Popp presided. Thirty-one 1993 graduates were initiated into Chi Chapter based on their outstanding educational achievement and promise of future achievement in the

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Dues Due and New Moves

If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu and are interested in joining Chi Chapter or in renewing your current membership, you may pay your dues at the initiation or send them to the address below.

Dues are currently \$5 per year. If the proposed dues increase is acceptable to the membership, the new \$10 dues will take effect in 1996. Please make your check payable to Beta Phi Mu and send it, along with this form, to Thomas Amos, Treasurer, Lilly Library, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Have you changed your address recently? Let us know where you now live. Don't forget to send a message to the National Society as well, so that their records are current. National's address is: University of Pittsburgh, Beta Phi Mu - SLIS, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

Name

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Is this a new address?

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The initiates were: Cristina Barnette, Rita B Jennifer Bauman, Carla Brooks, Kay Carlson, St Cochran, Robin Crumrin, Kellee Hayes, Jill Hobgood, Tamora Hoskisson, Clay Householder, Christopher Jackson, Hilary Jolly, Penelope Mathiesen, Cynthia Monnier, Tamara Orme, Kara Overfelt, Beverly Pegg, Marcia Pendley, Linda Petrie, Theresa Phillips, Deborah Polley, April Purcell, Susan Ramsey, Raymond Ranier, Virginia Reese, Kristi Schneider, Mary Ellen Spencer, Mary Voors, Dane Ward and Nancy Wootton.

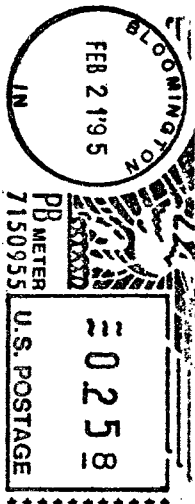
The Chi Chapter Award was given posthumously to John C. Swan, Ph.D., in recognition of his outstanding career as an academic librarian and of his contributions in the area of intellectual freedom. Swan was a reference librarian at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, from 1979 through 1986. Until his 1994 death, he was head librarian at Bennington College in Vermont. Mrs. Susan Swan traveled to Indianapolis to accept the award on behalf of Dr. Swan. Stephen Walter, a longtime friend and colleague of Swan's, spoke about his friend's personality and career.

The 1995 initiation will again take place during the ILF Conference. See details in another article and plan to attend!

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