

## James P. Holland\*

Professor James Philip Holland is retiring after thirty-one years of dedicated service to Indiana University and its students. Jim was born in Kentucky and graduated from Kentucky State College. He came to Indiana University for graduate study, and in 1961 received his Ph.D. in zoology-endocrinology under the direction of Professor W. R. Breneman. For the next six years he held positions as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and then as a faculty member at Howard University. In 1967 Jim returned to Indiana University as a faculty member in the biology department. Later he also served as an associate dean and then as interim dean of the Graduate School.

Over the years, Jim has not been willing to "just say no" to a reasonable request to be of service to the university. He has served on innumerable committees—for faculty promotions, search and screen, the evaluation of presidents, internal reviews of departments, Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) graduate fellowship selection and advising, laboratory animal care and use, radiation safety, intercollegiate athletics, distinguished alumni awards, honorary degree awards, and the Campaign for Indiana Capital Fund Drive, to cite some examples.

Jim has also contributed a great amount of time and energy, both as a committee member and a mentor, to the improvement of the status of minority students on the Bloomington campus as well as in high schools. For example, he organized and directed the Biology Undergraduate Initiative-Sponsored High School Summer Enrichment Program for ninth- and tenth-grade minority students. In recognition of this and much more he was presented the

Extra Mile Award in 1993 by the Indiana University Black History Month Committee for outstanding service to and support and uplift of students. He was also the recipient of Indiana University's Distinguished Service Award in 1994.

As impressive as all this is, teaching is the area in which Jim Holland has shone the brightest. The range of his teaching has extended from very large introductory biology classes to advanced courses in endocrinology and the supervision of Ph.D. students in endocrinology. His interest in students as individuals and his genuine concern for them have resulted in a near open-door policy with regard to office hours. As a result he has also advised and counseled many generations of students.

As one reflection of his outstanding career as a teacher, Jim has received many awards. These include the President's Award for distinguished teaching, the Indiana University Student Association's Merit Award for excellence in teaching, and the Sigma Delta Chi Journalism Society Brown Derby Award for the most popular professor. Jim was the frequent recipient of the Award for Teaching Excellence and Dedication to Undergraduates presented by biology seniors, and he also received the Indiana University Senior Alumni Council Distinguished Teaching Award. He was selected by the *Indianapolis Star* for inclusion in a series on "Who's Who among Scholars in Indiana," and in 1990 was named one of the "most influential faculty members in their academic careers" by graduating seniors. In recognition of his outstanding career at Indiana University, Jim was presented with a medallion and inducted into the Kentucky State University Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 1991. On the Bloomington campus he was awarded the Herman B Wells Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indiana University Student Foundation last spring.

In November 1997 a special banquet was held honoring Jim's achievements. One can gain some idea of Jim's broad influence on the Bloomington campus and the admiration and esteem in which he is held by surveying the co-sponsors of this Holland Celebration Banquet. They include the Office of Afro-American Affairs, the Department of Afro-American Studies, the IU Alumni Association, the College of Arts and Sciences, the IU Athletics Committee, the Department of Biology, the Office of the Dean of the Faculties, the IU Foundation, the University Graduate School, the Office of the President, and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Bloomington Chancellor.

Two major announcements were made at the banquet: first, the establishment of the James Philip Holland Award for Exemplary Teaching and Service to Students, and second, the presentation to Jim of the first Bloomington Chancellor's Medallion for "extraordinary—indeed transcendent—service to the Bloomington Campus" by IU Vice President and Bloomington Chancellor Kenneth R. R. Gros Louis.

One of the speakers at the banquet referred to Jim as the "Mr. Chips of Indiana University." And so, on the occasion of his retirement from active duty, we can say a heartfelt "Good-bye, Mr. Chips." Thank you, Jim, for your remarkable career.

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