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**EDITORS' COMMENTS**

Institutions of higher education are influenced by a myriad of factors. The rapid pace of change, not only on our campuses but in the larger society, has a significant impact on our daily activities. Reflecting on these changes and assessing the ways in which we respond is essential to meeting the ever-evolving needs of our students, our institutions, and our profession. This issue of the *Journal* addresses the many ways we evaluate the nature and quality of our work.

The following articles are a product of the authors' personal interests, academic accomplishments, and professional experiences. As such, they represent a wide variety of perspectives within the field of student affairs.

The first article in this year's edition reports the results of a recent survey of IU CSPA alumni, revealing very positive responses about the quality and relevance of the program to professional positions in student affairs. "New Student Affairs Professionals: Moving Up, Turning Over, and Burning Out" explores the nature of various challenges in the field for new professionals. "Women's Perceptions of Body Image, Dieting, Exercise and Self Concept in an Undergraduate Residence Center" is an environmental assessment that provides valuable information relating to eating disorders and important implications for practice. "Cost and Quality in Higher Education: Finding the Balance" discusses the importance of educational quality in a period of tight budgetary resources. Finally, "Historically Black and Predominantly White Higher Education Institutions: How Do They Compare?" examines the experiences of African American students at these two types of institutions, while Marylu McEwen's article discusses the specific responsibilities of white student affairs professionals in understanding and addressing racial issues on campus.

We are grateful to several individuals without whom production of this year's *Journal* would not have been possible. We thank the outstanding Editorial Review Board for their careful evaluation of articles, the authors for their committed efforts to incorporate revision suggestions, and George Kuh for his continued support and advising of the *Journal* staff.

The members of the *Journal* staff have not escaped the current climate of change in higher education. Since some of the traditional sources of funding for the *Journal* are no longer available, many individuals have committed significant time, effort, and creativity to ensure the continued publication of the *Journal*. We express our appreciation to the Indiana University Student Association, the Indiana University Student Personnel Association, the

Department of Residence Life, the Association of College Unions-International, and especially the many generous alumni whose financial contributions made publication of the *Journal* possible. It is our sincere hope that alumni will continue to contribute in order to provide adequate funding for future issues of the *Journal*. Once again, thank you for your continued support of our efforts.

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## STATE OF THE PROGRAM

*George D. Kuh*

Greetings from Bloomington! As I write, spring has finally arrived, with the green of grass and trees, and blooming plants, making Bloomington and Indiana University a very attractive place to live and work. You remember those days, don't you?!

Don Hossler is presently in China helping a small group of administrators from Indiana University establish a partnership with a counterpart institution in Beijing. From China he will head to Russia where he is working on a funded project with a group of institutions there.

Again this year, the Bloomington campus and the School of Education have committed fellowship monies to permit us to support four master's degree and two doctoral students from historically underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. These students, committed to a career in higher education and student affairs, also bring to their assistantship appointments additional much needed diversity to the staff ranks at IU.

The Indiana University Student Personnel Association has had another active year. As you know this organization is key to successfully recruiting and orienting newcomers to the master's program. Representing IU this year in the NASPA case study competition in San Diego were Darnell Cole (who did his undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte), and Eileen Stanko (who is a graduate of Florida State University). Darnell and Eileen were cited at the closing session at NASPA as one of six outstanding teams; they were noted as being particularly strong in the application of theory.

In January, I became the coordinator of doctoral programs in higher education. This summer, I will include coordination of the master's program as well into these duties on a trial basis. In the past, the responsibilities for these programs have been kept separate due to time demands associated with each. I trust, with the good help of my colleagues and Joyce Register, not too many important things will fall through the cracks!

Finally, inserted in your *Journal* is a letter from me explaining the particularly difficult circumstances facing further issues of the *Journal of IUSPA*. Please read and respond accordingly. Please help us by continuing to recommend IU to outstanding prospects, sharing news of your recent accomplishments, and earmarking some of your precious discretionary dollars for support of IUSPA and this *Journal*.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Congratulations to these members of the Indiana University family on the following recognitions:

Marylu McEwen	1995 Elizabeth A. Greenleaf Award
Rodger Summers	1995 Robert H. Shaffer Award
Deanna Armstrong	1995 Elizabeth A. Greenleaf Fellowship Award
James W. Lyons	1995 Indiana University School of Education Outstanding Alumnus Award
Lawrence Tyree	1995 Indiana University School of Education Outstanding Alumnus Award
Sarah Westfall	1994 Raleigh W. Holmstedt Fellowship Award
Flo Hamrick	1994 Raleigh W. Holmstedt Fellowship Award
William Shipton	1994 Kate Hevner Mueller Award

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations of individuals for the 1996 Elizabeth A. Greenleaf Award are now being accepted.

The Greenleaf Award is presented annually to the graduate of the master's degree program in Higher Education and Student Affairs, "exemplifying the sincere commitment, professional leadership and personal warmth characteristic of the distinguished professor for whom the award is named." Previous Greenleaf Award recipients include Vicki Mech-Fields, Keith Miser, Louis Stamatakos, Phyllis Mable, James Lyons, Paula Rooney, Joanne Trow, Carol Cummins-Collier, Thomas Miller, Frank Ardaiole, Deborah Hunter, Vernon Wall, William Bryan, and Terry Williams.

The Robert H. Shaffer Award is presented to the graduate of the Indiana University Higher Education doctoral program who exemplifies outstanding service to the student affairs profession. Previous Shaffer Award recipients include John Welty, David Ambler, L. "Sandy" McLean, Thomas Hennessey, Jimmy Lewis Ross, Robert Ackerman, Don G. Creamer, Nell Bailey, and Alice Manicur.

Nominations for both awards will close on February 2, 1996. The awards will be presented at the 1996 NASPA and ACPA conferences. Please direct your nominations and supporting materials (e.g., vita) to George Kuh, W.W. Wright Education Building, Room 4228, 201 N. Rose Avenue, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405. Thank you.