BETA PHI MU
International Library and Information Studies Honor Society

Founded 1948

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE
and
50th ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUNE 28, 1998
PROGRAM

Welcome and Remarks: Marion T. Reid, President
Dean of Library and Information Services
California State University
San Marcos, California

Introduction of Speaker: Mary Biggs, Past-President
Director of Library and Information Services
Trenton State College
Trenton, New Jersey

Distinguished Lecture: "Librarianship and Scholarship Through Five Decades: A Personal View"
Dr. Edward G. Holley
William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

50th Anniversary Reception follows Lecture
BETA PHI MU

Beta Phi Mu was founded at the University of Illinois in 1948. Harold Lancour, a member of the faculty, had first raised the idea of a professional honor society while a student at Columbia University. Twelve years later, he raised the issue again and found interest. Initially, twelve students were selected and they formed the founding group. The first chapter consisted of these twelve and their thirteen sponsors.

The names of these individuals are as follows:

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From that beginning Beta Phi Mu has grown to more than 23,000 members and has chartered 56 chapters including two international chapters. The society holds membership in the select Association of College Honor Societies.

For many years, Beta Phi Mu published a series of "chapbooks" which were scholarly works on a variety of topics. A total of 15 of these volumes were published.

Early in its history, the Society established an award for outstanding achievement in the field. After two years, the administration of the award was transferred to the American Library Association with Beta Phi Mu as sponsor.

Given its goal of encouraging scholarship, the Society has established grants and programs. Among these efforts is an annual program of scholarships for various purposes. There are now five scholarship award programs.

The Sarah Rebecca Reed scholarship for a beginning library and information studies student.

The Harold Lancour Scholarship for international studies.

The Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for continuing education for a Beta Phi Mu member.

The E. Blanche Woolf Scholarship for a beginning student in school media services.

The Doctoral Dissertation award.

Beta Phi Mu provided a grant to assist in establishing the ALA Archives at the University of Illinois. A grant also assisted in the convening of the first Research Symposium held at Florida State University.

As Beta Phi Mu begins its second half century of service, it has a strong foundation for ongoing service to the profession.
50 Years
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