

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

LAWRENCE PETER BOHL (1929-)

Professor Lawrence P. "Larry" Bohl dedicated his life to teaching and counseling in the department for over 35 years. He received his B.S. degree from Montana State University in 1953 and subsequently taught Vocational Agriculture in Montana High Schools for eleven years. He came to Purdue in 1964 to work on advanced degrees. While studying for his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees he became a teaching assistant and an instructor and taught seven different courses. Larry served as advisor to several student clubs and was a Faculty Fellow in Windsor Hall. After completing his Ph.D. in 1971, he joined the department as Assistant Professor and assumed the role of Head Undergraduate Counselor. He continued his teaching, counseling and advisor responsibilities. He also originated and taught "Sophomore Seminar" and worked with students from recruitment through placement.



Professor Bohl's special interests include business management with emphasis on veterinary practice management. His research centered on manager behavior and time-motion studies. He assisted in the development of some of the first computerized management simulation programs in the profession. He was inducted into the Scientific Research Society, Sigma Xi, but his true passion was working in all aspects of undergraduate education. Professor Bohl was recognized in many ways for his work with students. He received eight major teaching and counseling awards at the school, university and national levels. Along the way he received special recognition from the Agricultural Economics Club, Outstanding Faculty Fellow for Windsor Hall, Honorary Membership in Alpha Gamma Rho Delta Chapter, Farmhouse International Fraternities, CERES, and Tomahawk.

In 1992, Professor Bohl received the Best of the Best Teacher Award from the Purdue Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. In 1996, Professor Bohl received the Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to the Rural People of Indiana, and in 1997 he was inducted as a Founding Member into the Purdue Teaching Academy. The Special Boilermaker Award was presented to Dr. Bohl in 1998 and the Purdue Agricultural Alumni "Certificate of Distinction" in 1999. The BEST of all his rewards is the lifetime friendships he developed with his many students.

Larry and his wife, Dorothy, have three children: Sandra, David, and Lorinda. They have six grandchildren.