

## **Stanley E. and Ruth B. Dimond Best Dissertation Award**

The Stanley E. and Ruth B. Dimond Best Dissertation Award has been established at the University of Michigan School of Education to give recognition annually to the premiere doctoral dissertation completed in the school in the prior year.

The award recipient is selected each year by the School of Education Graduate Affairs Committee (or its successor) from the doctoral dissertations chosen as best-in-program by faculty in each of the School's program units. The award is supported by proceeds from an endowment, which was established by members of the Dimond Family and colleagues and friends. If no award is given in a particular year, proceeds will be retained for future Dimond Award distributions. If more than one dissertation is chosen, the proceeds will be divided equally among recipients.

The award memorializes Stanley E. Dimond and his wife, Ruth Bullis Dimond. Professor Dimond earned his undergraduate ('27), Masters' ('29) and PhD ('43) degrees from the University of Michigan. After a nationally acclaimed career in teaching, administration, and citizenship education in pre-collegiate public schooling, Dr. Dimond joined the faculty of the School of Education in 1950. His teaching, writing, support of master's and doctoral candidates, and national leadership in social studies and public education were recognized by the Regents of the University of Michigan as he was named, first, Distinguished Professor in 1966 and, upon his retirement in 1972, Professor Emeritus. Mrs. Dimond, a graduate of Northern Illinois University, was a schoolteacher, devoted mother, businesswoman and co-owner of the Furmond Farm, civic leader, and supported of many education, charitable, and church activities. Together, Stan and Ruth Dimond encouraged several generations of students at the School of Education to preserve and to excel in their chosen fields of inquiry and service.

Professor Dimond died March 25, 1989; Mrs. Dimond, December 1, 1996. They had two sons, both graduates of the University of Michigan, and four grandchildren, the youngest of whom is scheduled to graduate from the University of Michigan in 1998.