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MARTIN T. POND (1930-)

Martin T. Pond, a native of Utah, joined the Purdue University staff in 1963 after receiving his Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University. He specialized in Community Development and Public Policy and became a leader in Purdue's pioneering community development programs. As a result of his extension efforts, a number of educational programs were undertaken to identify community needs, improve community services, to assist Indiana businesses in competing in the global economy, and to ease the transition of students from school into the labor force. For these efforts, the Indiana Lieutenant Governor made him an Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture in 1985.

Dr. Pond was a highly regarded teacher and advisor, receiving the outstanding departmental teaching award in 1974 and the outstanding advisor awards in 1996 and 1997. He developed and taught for 35 years a unique course on the structure and functioning of communities which trained many future community leaders and was instrumental in fostering numerous community improvements. He also taught a macroeconomics course at Purdue and two Purdue courses at Vincennes University. His work with Vincennes students was responsible for encouraging many students to transfer to Purdue to complete their education. For his outstanding 10 year service as faculty advisor, he was awarded national honorary membership in Sigma Alpha, the professional agricultural sorority for women.

Martin and his wife Jeanine have three sons and nine grandchildren.