

## Harry Lee Gradman

In 1964, Louisville, Kentucky, native Harry Gradman arrived in Bloomington, Indiana, as a beginning graduate student in the Department of English. This fresh Phi Beta Kappa, cum laude graduate from Miami University with honors in history had not planned for Bloomington to be an especially long stay. Some 42 years later Indiana University and south central Indiana have certainly been the major part of his life. Spending the next year as a graduate student and part-time teacher with a 30-day renewable emergency teaching certificate in southern Monroe County, before the present Monroe County Community Schools system existed, Harry came to realize the warmth and richness of the local community.

However, when Bernard Spolsky offered him a teaching assistantship in the Department of Linguistics' English as a Second Language Program, he left what was then his position as principal of the Harrodsburg School (part-time) and began what was to be a lifelong connection with the international community. Upon earning his master's degree in English literature in 1966, he moved to the doctoral program in the Department of Linguistics, continuing as a teaching assistant and then lecturer toward the end of his Ph.D. in linguistics in 1970. During this period he also earned the graduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics.

Harry accepted a faculty position in the newly formed Urban and Overseas English Programs in the School of Education in 1969. Although these programs were designed ultimately to replace linguistics' M.A.T. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) with an enhanced program for those interested in teaching English to nonnative speakers, Harry nevertheless continued as the advisor to the linguistics M.A.T. program for the next three years, through 1972, until already enrolled students had completed their work. The TESOL course of studies remained in the School of Education through 1980. It was during that period that Harry's scholarly interest in second language acquisition and especially in language testing flourished. Author of many articles on assessment in general and reduced redundancy testing in particular, Harry became interested in tests of English with varying degrees of background noise. Harry also served for three years on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Committee of Examiners at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey.

These were interesting years for a variety of other reasons as well, not the least of which was the addition of Beverly Hartford to the faculty. Her interests both in the field and in students complemented Harry's, and they were responsible for developing a premier TESOL program. Together they trained more than a thousand graduate students at the M.A. level, and over 200 doctoral students, many of whom have gone on to be leaders in the field and in their countries. Harry chaired Urban and Overseas English Programs from 1972 through 1980, when the TESOL program returned to the Department of Linguistics. A year earlier he had been named chair of linguistics, a position he held through two terms until the end of 1986. He was promoted to the rank of professor during his second term as chair.

As both administrator and professor, in the School of Education as well as in linguistics, Harry created the Center for English Language Training, a unit devoted solely to the English education of nonnative speakers of English. The center resulted from several years of individual language teaching projects with various countries, and its Intensive English Program was designed to be a better use of resources for expanded levels of English language training. From its inception in 1976 until the present, the Center for English Language Training has educated countless thousands of international students at Indiana University.

After stepping down as chair, Harry remained as director of the Center for English Language Training, and found his efforts drawn to recruiting international students both for the Intensive English Program itself and Indiana University in general. This was an important task as all of these efforts were self-funded. During this period, with the addition of second language learning specialists to the linguistics faculty, the College of Arts and Sciences ultimately moved towards the creation of the Department of TESOL and Applied Linguistics, giving this field its due recognition as a separate area of studies. Its current incarnation as the Department of Second Language Studies reflects the

expanded collaboration and appeal of efforts that go back to Harry and Beverly's early years.

Since Harry chaired all of these units, his attention was rather naturally drawn to the areas of program development and evaluation, topics on which he is a popular speaker. He remains a consultant and an evaluator of other programs and departments in this country and abroad. He has also held various positions in national and international organizations related to English language teaching and applied linguistics. In 1996 he was recognized with the prestigious John Ryan Award for his many contributions to the international efforts of Indiana University.

Harry's service to local communities is reflected in his early presidency of Hospice of Bloomington, his volunteer efforts at Methodist Hospital Hospice in Indianapolis, his longtime tenure with Richard Bier as a driver for Bloomington Meals on Wheels, and his many years as director and treasurer of the Indiana Railway Museum, where he serves as a regular conductor on the French Lick, West Baden, and Southern Railway System in Orange and Dubois counties. He also serves as director and treasurer of the freight Dubois County Railroad.

Harry's future lies primarily in Bloomington, home of his beloved Indiana University, with time working on the railroad, and time spent abroad, both in the condo on Jomtien Beach, Thailand, which he shares with Marlin Howard, and travels visiting his many alumni friends throughout the world.