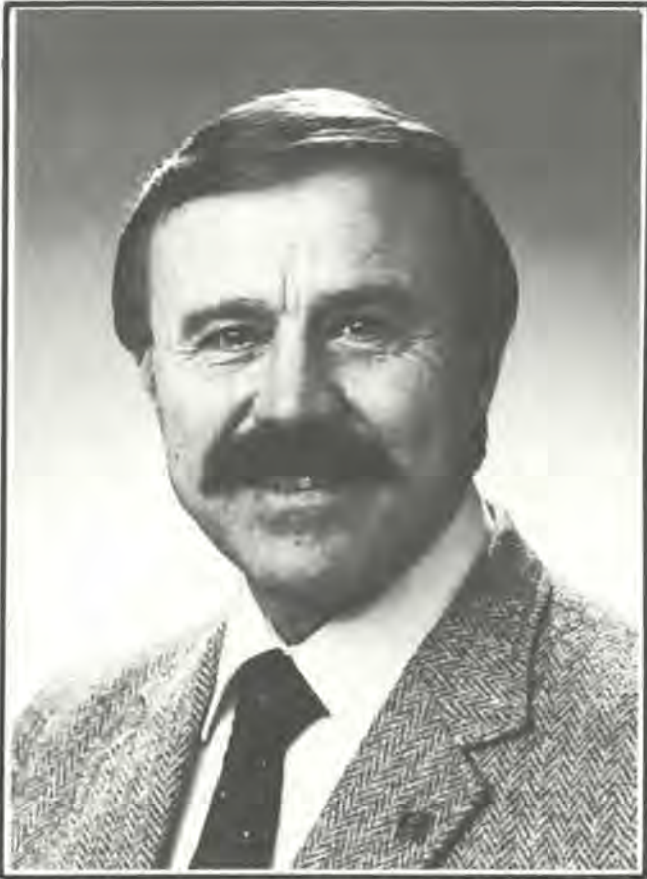


John H. Ehrenreich

1971-1984



John H. Ehrenreich, the college's fifth dean, came to UI in 1971 from the University of Arizona where he had been head of the Department of Watershed Management from 1965 to 1971. Ehrenreich stepped down from the deanship in 1984 to assume a professorship in range management and international forestry.

A Wisconsin native, Ehrenreich pursued studies in forest-range management at Colorado State University, earning a B.S. in 1951. After serving in the Air Force from 1951-1953, he returned to Colorado, taking an M.S. in Range Ecology in 1954. The next year he went on to Iowa State University, earning a Ph.D. in Plant Ecology from that institution in 1956.

He subsequently went on to a dual research/teaching appointment with the Forest Service and the University of Missouri, and from that position moved in 1964 to the University of Arizona.

His 13-year tenure brought many significant developments to the college. One of the most significant was the 1979 division of the college into departments. That same year, the Coopera-

tive Park Studies Unit—the personnel of which hold dual appointments with the college and with the National Park Service—was headquartered in the college, joining the fish and wildlife research units. Not long before, the college's forest tree research and its relationships with forest agencies and private industries were augmented by the establishment of the Inland Empire Tree Improvement Cooperative and the Intermountain Tree Nutrition Cooperative, the executive directors of which are college faculty members.

Added, too, were the Clark Fork Field Campus near Lake Pend Oreille, currently the site of numerous workshops and other continuing education programs, and the Wilderness Research Center, which administers the Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station and various wilderness related research projects.

In the late 70s, he broke new ground internationally by establishing a relationship between the UI and the Ministry of Forestry of the People's Republic of China. This relationship became the foundation for the UI-People's Republic of China Exchange Agreement, whereby Chinese scholars have and are studying in various of the UI's colleges.

Relatedly, he also established the college's International Program which, among many other activities, administers a U.S. Agency for International Development grant designed to strengthen UI faculty members' abilities to participate in overseas development projects.

Long convinced of the value to the college of an active alumni body, he worked over the years to develop an FWR Alumni Association. In April 1983, his efforts bore fruit. The FWR Alumni Association was formally instituted as a constituent member of the University of Idaho Alumni Association.

John H. Ehrenreich guided the college through an era characterized by both expansion and retrenchment and by extensive social and technological change. The reputation the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences enjoys nationally and internationally gives ample evidence of the quality of his leadership.