

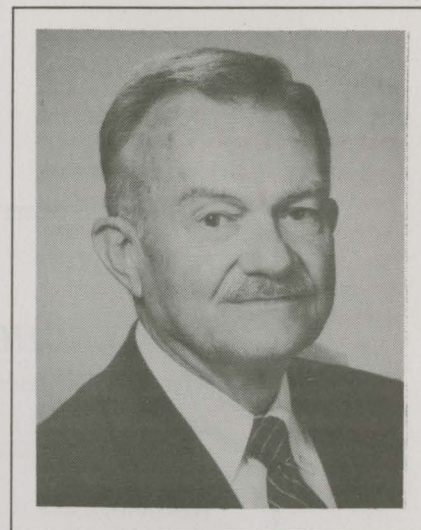
Outstanding Service Award

E. MILES ANNAS

E. Miles Annas of Charlotte, a 1942 graduate, is the only person to lead the University's three most important local governing bodies: the board of trustees (chairman 1979-81), the foundation corporation (president 1983-1991) and the alumni council (president 1963-1964). He was a member of the athletic council for 12 years, and served on the search committees that chose Chancellor Thomas and the last three athletic directors and head football coaches. Annas never missed a meeting during 10 years on the board of trustees, 12 years on the athletic council and 16 years on the foundation board.

While a student at Appalachian, Annas was sports editor and editor-in chief of *The Appalachian*, a class officer and a senior superlative.

Annas is president of Southern Comfort in Charlotte. He is past president of the Charlotte Athletic Club, former chairman of the board of deacons of Avondale Presbyterian Church and a former member of the board of directors of the Community School of the Arts.



Distinguished Alumni Award

DAVID H. DIAMONT

David Hunter Diamont is the recipient of the 1992 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Diamont, of Pilot Mountain, is co-chairman of the N.C. House Appropriations Committee and a teacher at Mount Airy High School.

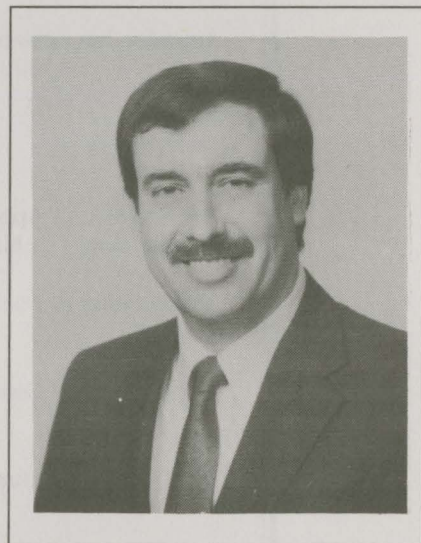
Diamont received his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest in 1968. He began a teaching and coaching career in the Surry County schools after receiving his master's in social sciences from Appalachian in 1972. Diamont teaches history, government and economics, and coaches football at Mount Airy Senior High School. He has also taught and coached at East Surry High School.

Diamont has represented North Carolina's 40th house district for 18 years. In 1989 he was named the state's most effective legislator in a poll of legislators, lobbyists and reporters conducted by the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research. The poll followed his term as chair of the appropriations committee, when Diamont worked to open the state budget process. "We kept everything totally in the open," he said in an interview at the time. "There was nothing done in the back rooms." Members from both parties complimented Diamont on the open and fair manner in which he handled the state budget.

Diamont became involved in politics in 1972 as a leader of "Young People for Sanford" in Surry County. In 1973 he became president of the county's Young Democrats organization, and in 1974 he won his first election to the house.

He has served as vice chair of the house committees on education, higher education, and banks and thrift institutions.

Diamont has been honored by N.C. Legal Services, the N.C. Board of Social Services, the state Council of Community Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Programs and the Superintendents Legislative Liaison Committee for his work in the house.



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