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*This award was established to recognize alumni who have demonstrated outstanding adherence to the ideals of Tau Beta Pi (integrity, breadth of interest, adaptability, and unselfish activity) and to fostering a spirit of liberal culture in our society. Its second purpose is to provide examples of excellence both in leadership and in character to members of collegiate chapters.*

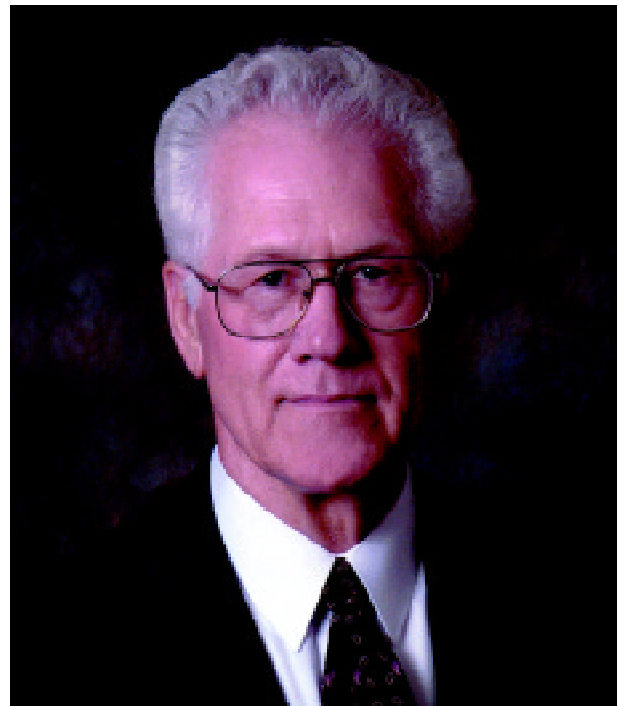
## Dr. Lyle D. Feisel

TAU BETA PI HAS SELECTED ITS 2002 *Distinguished Alumnus* from academe—Lyle D. Feisel, *Iowa Alpha '61*, P.E. He is dean emeritus of the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science at the State University of New York at Binghamton and will be in the spotlight at the 2002 Convention where he will be honored. The former dean and electrical engineering professor holds three degrees from Iowa State University and served as professor and department head at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology during 1964-83 before continuing his academic career at SUNY.

Dr. Feisel exemplifies the Tau Beta Pi ideal of a person who fosters a “spirit of liberal culture” in society and one whose character is a beacon to collegiate members.

His influence on the engineering profession through his involvement in professional societies has helped to determine the direction of engineering education, or at least illuminate it, during the past three decades. He led the American Society for Engineering Education, first as chair of the electrical engineering division, later as vice president for finance, and in 1997-98 as president. During his term, he represented the U.S. abroad as the ASEE delegate to the *Internationale Gesellschaft für Ingenieurpädagogik* in Grenoble, France, where he reported on the status of engineering education in the United States. Through his work in ABET, he has sought to recognize engineering curricula in universities worldwide that are substantially equivalent to EAC/ABET curricula in the U.S. He is a fellow of the IEEE, has served as president of its education society, and now serves as vice president of educational activities.

His contributions to the *Journal of Engineering Education* as the reviewer for “The Academic Bookshelf” extended from 1993 through 1997. An example of his personal writing style and good-sense advice appears in this issue of *THE BENT* and begins a new series in the magazine.



On the state and university scene, Dr. Feisel was instrumental in chartering Tau Beta Pi's New York Tau Chapter on the Binghamton campus in 1991. In 1992, under his guidance, the chapter received the Association's highest honor—the R.C. Matthews Most Outstanding Chapter Award.

For his contributions to engineering education and the profession, Dr. Feisel has received: the IEEE centennial medal and millenium medal and the Region 1 award for innovative leadership, the Iowa State University professional achievement citation in engineering, and the New York State Society of Professional Engineers award for achievement and contributions in the field of education; and in 2000, he was named New York State engineer of the year by the NYSSPE. Tau Beta Pi is proud to name Dr. Feisel as its 2002 Distinguished Alumnus.