

This is a special evening to salute Chris, one of our most respected colleagues who has done so much, so willingly and for so long to make both Hygiene and Blomberg the stellar school it has become.

For the Dean's office there was little enough to work with when I arrived in February 1976. At that time, my public health experience was limited – 9 months as an MPH student and none as a Dean. In fact, I had never served on a faculty.

The previous Deans-- Hume and Seltzer and their secretaries had departed. It was necessarily a creative time such as we had never known But, fortunately, Edyth Schoenrich joined as Associate Dean to bring her wisdom and good humor. A growing faculty began to rebuild. For me, it was the most gratifying period of my life.

But at the focal point of it all was Chris-- planning and organizing, supervising and supporting. All in good humor.

Thus, let me say a special thanks to Chris – and to Bill, and Edyth. The School could not have achieved its standing as Number one In the country without their thoughtful, creative, equitable good spirits