

**EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY**

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STANLEY P. WAGNER, President

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Mr. Ferdie Deering  
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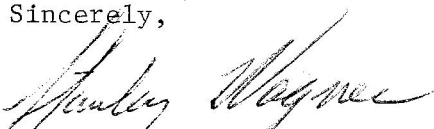
Dear Mr. Deering:

Since 1970 East Central University has selected, through the Alumni Association, one of its past graduates who they consider has distinguished himself or herself in their professional career since their graduation. The honoree is also invited to give the Commencement Address, if he is willing to do so. We only make one such recognition at each commencement, and we try to make it an example to the graduates. We also try to have the distinguished alumnus classmates gather at the President's home for a reception the evening before the Commencement. The first one so recognized was Dr. Edmon Low, who made a great contribution to library work in the United States. A recent one has been George Nigh.

There has been substantial interest in recognizing you for your long and distinguished career in writing. Your great friend, Harvey Faust, has made a very strong recommendation that we delay no longer in inviting you. I am happy to say that the Alumni Association has voted to recognize you at the Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kerr Center. We hope you can come to accept the recognition and also deliver the Commencement Address. If convenient for you, we would like to have the reception on the evening of May 18 in the President's home. We will, of course, pay your transportation and lodging costs. Please let us know if you can accept. If you can, we would appreciate a glossy photo and a vita sheet.

In any case, let me add my congratulations for the Alumni Association's choice for this year's Distinguished Alumnus. I have heard of your work from many different admirers, and I am looking forward to the Commencement. Enclosed is a copy of an earlier program.

Sincerely,

  
Stanley P. Wagner  
President

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