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Since we are running about two years behind schedule with the publication of *Folklore Forum* it would not be right to say that Professor Warren Roberts is retiring this year without clarifying that *this year* means 1994. He is retiring, however, after forty-five years of teaching here at Indiana University and at least that many years of service to the field. Dr. Roberts' illustrious career is part of the history of our discipline and Professor Henry Glassie has presented us with a fine piece of biography for this issue's *Open Forum* in the service of that history.

This is not a eulogy, nor a farewell, nor anything resembling a "good-bye." It is, rather, a tribute to the energy and life with which Dr. Roberts has instilled his ideas in many generations of folklore students thereby creating, with those students and with others, the field known today as Material Culture Studies. He will be leaving behind only the kind of classroom which requires university registration and institutional fees. We will all, undoubtedly, continue to benefit from his work, his guidance, and his generosity.

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