



## David Eichhorn III

Directing his department members toward funding and award opportunities, many of us benefited from his diligent guidance. David's successful leadership at the department level, along with his accumulated experience within the university, made him a natural choice as an associate dean when Andrew Hinnckley became dean of Fairmount College. Within the college, David has earned a reputation as the college's research mission and always ready to support our faculty and students as they pursue funding and recognition for their projects.

Yes, my great-grandfather, but David's father was also a Shocker. When David has been at Wichita State for 25 years, his father, Dr. Gunther Eichhorn, began his official Shocker-hood quite a while before David. Professor G. Eichhorn was WSU's 1983 Watkins Visiting Professor. During his tenure he presented three talks at our campus, two of which were in the chemistry department that David would later lead for 10 years. But in 1983, David was still working toward his bachelor's degree at Harvard before receiving his doctorate. David's PhD dissertation title was "Isolated Macrocyclic Complexes of Boron in Bimetallic Ion Exchange Membranes." It is certain that Wichita State was lucky to have this pair of Eichhorns, even if only briefly in Gunther's case. Luckily for us, David has the honor of leading the tradition.

It is not our father's "Achtung, Da! Heil!" but his own "Da! Heil!" that is our father's. David's principal role at Wichita State has been as a mentor and a host. He has hosted four postdoctoral researchers in his lab and reviewed journal articles and presented numerous research presentations at meetings. His research efforts benefited the