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Former University of Montana president to speak on campus in February--Charter month

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MISSOULA—

Dr. James A. McCain, a former University of Montana president, who has been president of Kansas State University since 1950, will be Charter Day convocation speaker on the Missoula campus Feb. 16 in observance of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the University.

Dr. McCain, UM president from 1945-50, will speak at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 16 in the University Theater. The actual 75th anniversary date of the UM's founding is Feb. 17, 1893, but because Feb. 17 falls on a Saturday, Dr. McCain's address has been scheduled for Friday.

Classes on the UM campus will be dismissed Feb. 16 in honor of Charter Day.

The entire month of February has been designated Charter Month at the University and Dr. McCain's address is one of several scheduled events.

The Program Council of the Associated Students at UM are sponsoring two lectures. Robert Pierpoint, CBS White House news correspondent, will speak on "America Looks to '68" at 8 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Music Recital Hall.

Carey McWilliams, editor of The Nation, will lecture at 4 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Music Recital Hall. She will speak on "The Need for Dissent in American Society." All lectures are open to the public.

Dr. McCain, a native of South Carolina, received his bachelor's degree at Wofford College in 1926 and his master's degree from Duke University in 1929. Dr. McCain's Doctor of Education degree was conferred at Stanford University in 1948. In studying for his doctorate, he carried a major in higher education and a minor in personnel administration.

In 1964, Dr. McCain received an honorary doctorate from UM in Missoula.
From 1942-45, Dr. McCain was on military leave from Colorado State University where he had been dean of vocational education and guidance, and director of the summer session. He was dean of student personnel at the Colorado school from 1939-41, and preceding that he was assistant to the president for five years.

Basketball, swimming and wrestling are included in the athletic activities during Charter Month. One of the highlights of basketball activities will be a game between the UM Grizzlies and the Montana State University Bobcats on Charter Day, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. in the Adams Field House.

Highlight of musical activities during the month of February will be "Showtime 1968," with performances by the UM singing Jubileers, who recently completed a two-month tour of U.S. bases in the Orient. Their performances will be at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 2-3 in the Music Recital Hall.

A UM Charter Month brochure has been prepared by personnel in Information Services on the Missoula campus. The brochure, which was designed and written by Cheryl Hutchinson, publications editor, and an assistant, Kory Hellmer, will be available for distribution later this month.

Chairman of the UM 75th Anniversary Committee is Thomas J. Collins, director of public services. The committee is coordinating Charter Month activities for February.

Other Charter Committee members include Robert T. Pantzer, UM president; Dr. Ludvig G. Browman, zoology professor; Dr. Firman H. Brown Jr., UM drama chairman; Dr. Walter Brown, English professor; Dr. K. Ross Toole, Hammond professor of western history; Hugh Edwards, executive director of the UM Alumni Association; Oakley E. Coffee, director of the UM Foundation; and Miss Hutchinson.

Representing the UM Associated Students on the committee is William F. Schaffer, Deer Lodge.

Norris E. Johnson, executive vice president of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, is committee representative from that organization.