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Editorial Unit
Reaccredited
By J-Council

The news-editorial sequence in the School of Journalism was reaccredited in April by the American Council on Education for Journalism.

Provisional accreditation was granted to the radio-television (general) sequence.

The school did not apply for reaccreditation of the advertising sequence.

The journalism school is one of 65 schools and departments of journalism with accredited sequences and one of four schools with such sequences in the Pacific Northwest.

A four-man accreditation team, which visited the school Nov. 21 and 22, 1974, comprised Thomas Cruise Palmer, executive editor of the Kansas City Star and Times; Robert Jones, director of the School of Journalism at the University of Minnesota; Bruce Linton, professor of journalism at the University of Kansas and director of its radio-TV-film program; and Kenneth Rystrom, managing editor of the Vancouver (Wash.) Columbian and president of the National Conference of Editorial Writers.

The team noted that the "central administration regards the School of Journalism as a strong unit at the University of Montana."

It praised the relationship between the faculty and media professionals, the Journalism Library, faculty morale and conformity of the curriculum to ACEJ standards.

It termed the school's quarters "in general, adequate" and noted that faculty salaries in the associate and assistant professor ranks are "considerably below national averages in the accredited schools."

The team mentioned deficiencies in the radio-television curriculum, especially the need for additional instruction in radio-television news. (A new radio-television news course has been developed and is awaiting Faculty Senate approval.)
WITH J-GRADS—TEENS, 20s, 30s, 40s

Ed Rosendorf, ex-'18, retired sports editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, is a reporter for the Inyo Register in California. Ed, who worked for the Missoulian in 1918, visited the J-School in September.

Clarence K. Streit '19 visited friends and relatives in Missoula in September. Clarence, president and founder of the International Movement for Atlantic Union, was praised in a Missoulian editorial as a man “of enormous dedication, charm and vision.”

Margaret Cougher '21 is retired and residing in Missoula.

Gladys Robinson Costello '22 is retired and residing in Malta.

A. B. Guthrie Jr. '23 addressed an Environmental Reporting Seminar and a journalism class in December. He told the class that Montana was being destroyed by strip-mining, deforestation and other kinds of exploitation. At the seminar, sponsored by the Missoulian and the journalism school, he talked about a compelling need to halt what he termed reckless progress.


Lyle K. Williams '27, former publisher of the Three Forks Herald, writes a column entitled “Historically Speaking” for that newspaper.

Jay K. (Jake) Miller '28 is retired and with wife Linda resides in La Jolla, Calif. He worked for the New York World-Telegram, McCall Corp., and Fortune magazine. He subsequently was publisher of the Castle Rock (Wash.) Cowlitz County Advocate and head of production and assistant to the director of the Stanford University Press. Jake recalls that he helped Dean Stone teach the Mechanics of Printing class.

Blanche Coppins Lanstrum '30 is retired and residing in Billings. She worked as a reporter for the Billings Gazette, Missoulian, Kalispell Daily Inter Lake and the Billings Times.

John K. Rankin '30 is retired and residing in San Mateo, Calif. He worked for the Great American Insurance Co. for 30 years in San Francisco. John has three daughters and five grandchildren.

Mary Aldula Wilson '31 is a public stenographer in Missoula. She writes that she types theses for graduate students and that both daughters are married.

Mary and Fremont have two grandchildren.

Harry Billings '33, former editor of the People's Voice in Helena, was appointed to the tax-appeals board in Sanders County.

Margaret Raitt Gilfeather '33 was a Democratic candidate for the Montana House of Representatives. She has taken graduate courses in social work at Western Reserve and has been a social worker in Cascade County. She also has been a teacher and vocational counselor. Margaret and Patrick are the parents of three grown sons.

Louise Harden Brissenden '34 reports from Tegard, Ore., that she has retired after 25 years as an advertising copy chief in Seattle and Spokane. Her last position was with Rhodes (now Liberty House) in Portland, Ore.

Jerry B. House '35 writes that he retired in 1970 as assistant superintendent of the Sequoia National Park. He has 32½ years of federal service as an aide to former Montana Senators Burton K. Wheeler and Zales N. Ecton, postmaster of the U.S. Senate, and as a National Park Service employee. Jerry and wife Vi live in Medford, Ore.

Georges LeRoux '35 writes that “after years of in and out of the media, I settled into secondary school teaching for the past 15 years and retired a year ago.” He's now a part-time instructor in French at the Rogue Community College at Grants Pass, Ore.

Jack R. Robinson '35 is retired and residing in Phoenix, Ariz.

Armon Glenn '36 was promoted from associate editor to news editor of Barron's Weekly. Armon and wife Lucie live in New City, N.Y.

Robert D. Lademell '37 writes that “I retired a couple of years back on selling the Lake Wales (Fla.) Daily and Sunday Highlander (Florida's first offset daily), but am now back in harness publishing two weeklies—the Tampa Shopper and TODAY & TONITE, a free circulation tabloid newspaper distributed to visitors to Disney World.”


Mrs. Virginia Hamblet Scott '37 resides in Seattle.

Nicholas M. Mariana Sr. '38 is editor of Environmental Impact Statements for the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, Ore.

John Willard '38 continues as regional manager of public relations for Burlington Northern with offices in Billings.


William H. Forbis '39 was a keynote speaker at the Northwest Regional Media Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho, in October.

Gilbert LeKander '39 is retired and residing in Manassas, Va. His wife, Carol Foster LeKander '40, died Nov. 14, 1973. Gil writes that his son, John, 22, is a flying instructor in Manassas.

William D. James '41, editor of the Great Falls Tribune, was elected president of the Montana Associated Press Editors last August.

Ken Kizer '41, senior editor at the University News Service at Purdue, was one of four staff members whose articles earned an Award of Merit from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. The national competition is sponsored by Newsweek.

Ray Fenton '43 and Mary Bukovich Fenton '43 have assumed sole ownership of Public Relations Associates in Great Falls. In Montana the Fentons are the only accredited members of the Public Relations Society of America. Mary was a panelist at the annual program of the Association for the Gifted during the national convention of the Council of Exceptional Children. The session was in April in Los Angeles.

Shirley Scott Gianelli '45 lives in Pebble Beach, Calif., with husband William. She reports: “Bill and I enjoyed being guests at the dinner in New York in June of Governor Rockefeller for Secretary of State Kissinger.”

Ted Delaney '47 was elected president of the U.M Alumni Association for the 1976-77 academic year. Ted is president of Delaney's Bureau of Printing in Missoula.

Patricia McCullough Shipman '47 and husband John own and operate apartments in San Diego. She writes: “A daughter, Mary C. Shipman, is married—now Mrs. James Rowland.”

Walter R. Larson '49, publisher of the Cle Elum Tribune and the Odessa Record in Washington State, visited the J-School in August.

Donald H. Weston '49 received the most votes among 17 candidates for the Missoula City Study Commission in November. He led his nearest challenger by nearly 1,000 votes. Don, former news director at KGVO Radio and Television in Missoula, is in the rental-property business.
WITH MONTANA J-GRADS AFIELD—50s

Bill Farden '50, president of Outdoor Empire Publishers Inc. in Seattle, says he is publishing eight weekly editions of Fishing and Hunting News with a circulation of 108,000. With a staff of 60, the firm also publishes handbooks for outdoor-safety courses conducted in several states.

Ward Sims '50 was working at the AP's General Desk in New York City in late October when the room was shaken by bombs exploding in Rockefeller Center. The AP Log said Sims's "first instruction was for lowered blinds as a precaution against flying glass if there were other blasts." Ward has worked for the AP for 25 years.

Len Derby '51 is director of information and publications at Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell. Len, a member of the Army Reserve and National Guard for 23 years, was graduated in September from the Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Armund Foley '51 is director of external relations for the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Art writes: "My wife, Louise Kirby of Gillette, Wyo., and I live at Hemlock Farms in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania near a city named Hawley. We'd always be glad to see any J-School wanderers who get lost in the vicinity of our forest retreat."

George S. Friedman '51 is news-assignment manager for WLS-TV, an ABC-owned station in Chicago. He is responsible for eight camera crews, eight reporters and three news-assignment editors.

Clinton J. Hansen '51 is vice president and chief counsel for the general mining division of the Anaconda Company. He was elected a trustee of the Tucson Medical Center in 1974. Clinton and wife Arletta live in Tucson.

John Owen '51, sports editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, is the author of "Intermediate Eater," a 173-page book containing his recipes printed in the P-I's column for the Columbia Falls Hungry Horse News and won several Montana Press Association awards.

Nathalie McGregor Pattison '52 teaches political science and history at Lodi High School, Lodi, Calif. Nathalie and husband Richard have a daughter and three sons, the eldest a sophomore at the University of California at Davis.

Ray Sorum '52, director of public affairs for the California Office of Traffic Safety, is the first California state information officer to receive the Governor's Superior Achievement Award for "exceptionally meritorious service" by a state employee. He was cited for his work with the state's traffic-safety program.

Richard G. Wohlgenannt '52 is a partner in the Denver law firm of Holme, Roberts & Owen. He also serves on the firm's executive committee.

Don Zupan '52 has completed his fifth year as sports editor of the Contra Costa Times at Walnut Creek, Calif. Don, a former sports editor of the Missoulian, travels with the Oakland Raiders and the San Francisco 49ers. Don, wife Patricia, Ted, 12, and Rebecca, 14, live in Pittsburg, Calif.

William E. Jones '54 was elected to the board of directors of the Western Montana National Bank in Missoula. Bill, a graduate of the UM School of Law, is a general partner in the Missoula firm of Garlington, Lohn and Robinson.

Beverly H. (Beepers) Prattz Pietyga '54 reports from Michigan: "Just moved 50 miles out of the city into a big Cape Cod house in the woods on Dunham Lake. It's a long drive into Larry's Dearborn office, but he seems to think the fresh air and blue sky are worth it." Mike is 10, Mitty 8 and Matt 4.

Glenn M. Chaffin Jr. '55 is president of the Williamses Association of Life Underwriters. Glenn, who works for the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and wife Alice reside in Corvallis, Ore.

Muriel Anne Griffin Daniels '55 is director of public relations for the Methodist Hospital at Dallas, Tex. She teaches a public relations night course at the University of Texas—Arlington, and last August she received a first-place citation for audio-visuals in the MacEachern Award competition sponsored by the Academy of Hospital Public Relations. Muriel is a member of the board of the North Texas Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

Thomas R. Needham '55 is administrative manager for Xerox Computer Graphics with headquarters in Los Angeles. Tom and Arlene have four teen-age daughters. He sings with the San Fernando Valley male chorus and plans to perform in the International Choral Festival in Wales.

Robert W. Newlin '55 is assistant to the director, Office of Information Services, Atomic Energy Commission. He deals with the major news media and the White House staff and works closely with the chairman of the AEC. Robert and wife Kay Wohlgenannt Newlin live in Damascus, Md.

Charles A. Thompson '55 opened his own law office in Dallas, Tex., Aug. 15, 1974, after working 2½ years for an investment real-estate company. Charles, a lieutenant colonel, was appointed inspector general of the newly formed 49th Armored Division of the Texas National Guard.

Daniel R. Zenk '55 is the information officer for the U.S. Army Fifth Corps in Frankfurt, Germany. Dan, a lieutenant colonel, was assigned to his current post after serving as executive officer of the Third Brigade, First Infantry Division, in Boeblingen, Germany.

Virginia McBride Altman '56 is doing editing and market research for Serata Geomechanics in Berkeley. Elizabeth is 10, Caroline 5.

Jo La Duke Haley '56 and husband William live in Lake City, Fla., with Mary Neil, 12, Meg, 10, Jimbo, 5, and Patti Jo, 3.

Norma Beatty Ashby '57 has completed a three-year appointment as Montana representative on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. She attended a White House meeting of the organization in April, 1974. Norma continues as producer of the Montana Television Network show "Today in Montana" originating in Great Falls.

Emile DeVore Cowdery '57 and husband Richard moved to Portland, Ore., where he is director of construction and maintenance in the Northwest Region for the Federal Highway Administration.
New City Editors

STEVE L. SMITH '65, M.A. '69 (left) was named city editor of the Missoulian and William H. Walter '65 was named city editor of the Butte Montana Standard in early 1975. Smith worked for the Bellingham (Wash.) Herald and taught journalism at the University of Alaska and at UM before joining the Missoulian in 1971. Walter joined the Montana Standard as a sports writer in 1969 after three years of Army service.

Forssen Retires For Second Time

John A. Forssen '38 retired in May for the second time.

Forssen worked for the Missoulian as a reporter and photographer for 25 years, then retired to become the journalism teacher at Missoula Hellgate High and adviser to the Hellgate newspaper and yearbook. He had been at Hellgate for 11 years.

A front-page article in the Hellgate Lance praised Forssen, who said: "Journalism is the most rewarding and enjoyable profession I know. It gives you a chance to serve your community and fellow man, which should be everyone's goal."

Flood Covered

Two graduates of the School of Journalism and a sophomore journalism major contributed most of the stories and photos in an eight-page "Special Flood Edition" of the Shelby Promoter June 20.

They are Mary (Kathy) Froehlich '74, reporter; John Kavanagh '61, editor and publisher; and Shelby Branch, who will return to the J-School autumn quarter.

THE 50s, 60s

Edwin L. (Ted) Neville '57 has moved from the Valley Department to the Sunday Department as assistant Sunday editor and Forum editor at the Fresno (Calif.) Bee, where he has worked since 1970.

Clifford E. Hopkins '58 writes that he is "taking it easy in the California sun." He lives at Rancho LaCosta, Calif.

John A. (Jack) Vogel '58 is manager of the news department at Pacific Power and Light Co., Portland, Ore. He says he encounters J-School graduates throughout Pacific's six state service area.

Carl R. Hilliard '59 is the statehouse correspondent for the AP in Denver. He has been with the AP for 10 years. Son Bronson is 9, Brendan 4.

Robert (Dutch) Mings '59 is on the sports staff of the Newport News (Va.) Daily Press, where he covers the Virginia Squires of the American Basketball Association, college baseball in the area and serves as backup man on professional baseball and NFL football.

Ronald P. Richards '59 became director of the Montana Department of Intergovernmental Relations in September. Ron served for three years as executive officer of the Montana Democratic party, then worked as the executive assistant to Gov. Forrest Anderson and Gov. Thomas L. Judge.

Brinton B. Markle '60 resigned as administrator of the Montana Board of Crime Control and was appointed program manager of the Montana Council on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals.

Judith King Norgaard '61 writes that she is "busy at home doing craft and needlework for sale and pleasure, being publicity chairman for every organization I belong to (so I'm still getting in some writing), and caring for husband Roger (also a UM grad), son Steven, 11, and daughter Wendy, 9." The Norgaards live in Missoula.

Penelope Wagner Wilson '61, M.A. '67 was appointed a visiting fellow by the Battelle Research Institute to compile an oral history of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle and co-author a book about METRO. She subsequently was promoted from manager of community relations for METRO to assistant to the director.

Patricia Shaw Donich '62 is corporate vice president of Temporaries, Inc., and Executive Secretaries, Inc., in Washington, D.C. She writes that she is divorced and that Albee is 3 years old.
Lyle E. Harris '62, M.A. '67 was quoted in the January 20 Time in an article entitled "Economic Coverage: D as in Dismal." Lyle, director of the business-journalism program at the University of Missouri, said business reporting was "a great wasteland. The public doesn't understand the stories, and the reporters don't either."

Gerald R. Holiday '62 is an operations research analyst for Potomac Research, Inc., at McLean, Va. He headed two major study contracts received by the firm last year. Gerald and wife Ann Louise Wolford, a 1966 graduate of the University of Washington School of Communications, live in Woodbridge, Va.

Douglas A. Kienitz '62, AP regional membership executive for Florida and Georgia, is a lieutenant commander in the Naval Air Reserve. He has logged 2,000 hours of flight time as a navigator. Doug and wife Sandra reside in Tucker, Ga.

Frank Walsh '62, M.A. '72 received his Juris Doctor degree from the UM School of Law in June. In September he will join the faculty at Ball State University at Muncie, Ind., as an assistant professor of journalism.

Janet Trask Cox '63, president of the Exclamation Point Advertising Agency in Billings, was named "Montana's Outstanding Young Woman of 1974" in a program sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

James R. McAllister R-TV '63 was promoted to public-affairs representative for the western area of Standard Oil Co. of Indiana with headquarters in Overland Park, Kan. He had been employed by Amoco Oil Co., the marketing subsidiary of Standard, since 1963 and had held posts in Havre, Great Falls, Billings, Seattle and Salt Lake City.

Eric J. Myhre ex-'63 was appointed a trustee of the Montana Historical Society by Gov. Thomas L. Judge. Eric is with Myhre Advertising in Great Falls.

Mary Lou Collins Koessler '64 continues to serve as a special correspondent for newspapers and the AP in El Salvador. In February she filed an exclusive story about an attempted takeover of the government. She went directly to the President, who confirmed the report.

Jim Oset '64 was promoted to chief of the copy desk at the Billings Gazette.

Larry T. Stidmon '64 is editor and publisher of the Kalispell Livestock Weekly News.

James D. Crane '65, city editor of the Missoulian, was named editor of the Ottumwa (Iowa) Courier in January. Jim, who joined the Missoulian in 1965, had worked as a reporter, deskman, farm editor, and Sunday editor. Both the Courier and the Missoulian are owned by Lee Enterprises, Inc.

Jane Totman Lord '65, husband Dick and daughters Audra Irene and Erica Evelyn moved in February from Sula, Mont., to Manistee, Mich. Dick is a timber assistant with pulpwood logging and reforestation in the Huron-Manistee National Forest.

Mary Ellen Myrene '65, newswoman in the New York AP Bureau, was mentioned in the January 6 AP Log for her role in reporting and writing the story about Amy Vanderbilt's death.

John Edwards '66, an account executive with William Kostra Associates in Denver, was the U.S. press representative at the Norwegian Ski Championships and at the World Ski Flying Championships in Austria. He is completing work on an M.A. in journalism at the University of Colorado.

Norma Sandberg Hober '66 and husband Terry were awarded a trip to Acapulco, Mexico, because of the expansion of Terry's Security Mutual Life Insurance Agency in Missoula.

Patricia Kennedy '66 is an instructor in French and journalism at Centralia College in Washington State. She is faculty adviser to the college student newspaper, the Oracle, and was elected secretary of the Pacific Northwest Association of Journalism Educators. Pat lives in Olympia.

John G. Lumb '66 manages a theater in Woodland Hills, Calif.

William A. McGinley R-TV '66 was acting director of the Mass Communications Institute at Mankato State College during the 1974-75 academic year. Bill is telecommunications director at the college and an assistant professor.

Roger Barber '67 joined the UM School of Business Administration faculty in September as an assistant professor of management.

Ronald D. Bradshaw R-TV '67 is owner of RB Film Harmonics in Billings. The firm produces television commercials and industrial, educational and documentary films. Wife Jacqlin, a 1965 UM graduate, is a writer for the firm.

Frederick C. Caruso '67, director of state legislative affairs for the Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association, was named a "Certified Association Executive" by the American Society of Association Executives. The title is given for professionalism in association management and successful completion of a comprehensive examination. Fred and Ellen Broadus Caruso '71 live in Sterling, Va.

Carl A. Gidlund '67, M.A. '66 is public-affairs director of the Nevada Department of Human Resources. He is on loan from HEW to set up and run for two years the public-affairs program for Nevada's largest state agency. Carl and Joan Schmidt of Denver were wed in December, 1973. Joan is the public-information officer for the Toiyabe and Humboldt National Forests.

Mark Miller '67 is a teaching assistant at Michigan State University, where he expects to receive his Ph.D. in September.

Bill Schwanke '67 and Lynn Steter Schwanke '68 moved from Missoula to Florence, Mont. Bill, a sports announcer for KYLT in Missoula, was named Montana Sportscaster of 1974 at the 16th annual National Sportscaster and Sportswriters Awards Program in Salisbury, N.C.
**MONTANA J-GRADS AFIELD—60s, 70s**

Stanley Stohr ’67 is a special assistant for consumer affairs for Exxon in Houston, Tex. Wife Pam is a speech therapist at the Houston Medical Center. Kristen was born April 2, 1974.

Paula Latham Wilmot ’67 and husband Richard announced the birth September 17 of Karalee Mikel, who joins Jennifer Lynn, 3. Paula is the city hall reporter for the Great Falls Tribune.

Janet Maurer Doty ’68 writes that she expects to receive an M.D. at the University of Minnesota after three more quarters.

Rick Foote ’68 and Nancy Marks Foote ’69 live in Butte, where Rick covers the courthouse for the Montana Standard and Nancy works as a tour promoter and director at the Keith Travel Agency.

Gary Niles Kimble ’68 joined the UM faculty in September as an assistant professor of Native American Studies. In November Gary was elected to a second term in the Montana House of Representatives.

Theresa MacMillan Murphy ’68 and husband Michael moved in May from Seattle to Honolulu, where he will serve as minister of the Unity Church. Theresa resigned her post in the public-information office of METRO (Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle).

Boyd Vander Houwen ’68 is Yakima Valley editor for the Tri City Herald in Eastern Washington. He writes: “I’ve been Valley editor since September [1974], watching over two-man staff and doing quite a bit of writing.” Wife Loma is a bi-lingual tutor in local schools, which have a large Chicano enrollment. The Vander Houwens live in Sunnyside.

Ed Chamberlain ex-’69 visited the journalism school in July. He is a reporter for the Omaha World-Herald.

James Eggensperger R-TV ’69 was promoted Aug. 1, 1974, from assistant city editor to city editor of the Pacific Daily News, a Gannett newspaper at Agana, Guam. Jim joined the News staff in 1972 after receiving an M.S. in journalism from Columbia University. He visited the J-School in December.

Pamela Patrick Langley ’69 resigned as a writer for Mountain Bell to accept a journalism-teaching job at Helena Senior High. She advises the school newspaper and yearbook.

Barbara Richey Leland ’69 and husband Ron announced the birth of Mark Christopher July 20, 1974. The Lelands live in Helena.

Kathe McGehee ’69 resigned in December as chief of the Montana Human Rights Bureau. Kathe was the information officer for the Montana Board of Crime Control before her appointment as bureau chief July 22.

Lana Brinkman Russ ’69 moved from copy editor to reporter at the Salem (Ore.) Capital Journal. Lana and husband Gordon have a 1-year-old daughter, Koren.

Ronald J. Schleyer ’69 plans to study for a master’s degree in journalism at UM. He worked for the Lee Newspapers State Bureau and as the environmental impact statement coordinator for the Environmental Quality Council in Helena.

Howard Schwartz ’69 is an instructor in journalism at the Department of Communications, Weber State College, Ogden, Utah. He worked for the Press and Publication Service of the U.S. Information Agency in Washington, D.C., during the summer of 1974.

Nedra Bayne Carpel ’70 resigned from the DISCOURSE public-relations firm in Washington, D.C., to become managing editor of City Partisan, a community newspaper for the Dupont Circle area in Washington.

Jan K. Davis ’70, education writer for the Spokane Chronicle, received the Washington Education Association’s Better Understanding Award. She was nominated for the award by the Mead Education Association for her coverage of a teachers’ strike at Mead.

Kenneth D. Dunham R-TV ’70 and Janelle K. Fallan ’74 were married July 20, 1974. Janelle is director of information for the Great Falls Public School System. Ken, news director at KFBB-TV in Great Falls, won the idea of the Year in Montana Broadcasting Award from the Greater Montana Foundation in 1974.

Lorraine Edmo ’70 was appointed executive director of the Idaho Inter-Tribal Policy Board, Inc., with headquarters in Boise. She is co-editor of Idaho’s first state-wide Indian newspaper, The Native Gem. In addition, she is a member of the Idaho Human Rights Commission and a member of the newly organized Northwest Indian Economic Development Advisory Board.

Robert Hoene R-TV ’70 is president of the Judge Advertising Agency in Helena.

Carmen Monaco ’70 is director of marketing for Mervyns Department Stores. He resides in Alameda, Calif.

Mary Lou O’Neil Connor ’70, former communication specialist with the Youth Development Bureau for the State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in Helena, is public information officer for the State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences.

Kenneth Robertson ’70 resigned as press aide to Gov. Thomas L. Judge in November and returned to the Helena Independent Record where he was named managing editor.

Frank J. A. Greco Jr. ’71 is a law student at Cal Western. He and wife Janie live in San Diego.


Jack R. Lincke ’71 moved his public-relations firm from Pasadena to Los Angeles with offices in the Hilton Office Center. He writes that his book about the Wright Brothers is finished and he nearly has completed a draft of a novel based in Alaska.

Barbara Ehrlich Meichar ’71 and her husband moved from Tacoma, Wash., to Laramie, Wyo. She writes that they plan to move to New York City in August.

Connie Revell ’71 received her master’s degree in communications at Stanford University. She worked as a writer for Stanford and now is writing articles for the Upward Bound and Head Start programs. Connie lives in Mountain View, Calif.

Jane Weaver Baldock R-TV ’72 is working in the traffic department at KNXT-TV, the CBS-owned station in Los Angeles. She describes her work as “incredibly hectic.”

David M. Doney R-TV ’72 is a radio producer and sound engineer for slide shows for Campus Crusade for Christ International. He produces the “Challenge for Today” and “Athletes in Action” radio programs, broadcast on more than 180 stations. David lives in San Bernardino, Calif.

Marcia Eidel ’72 is publications editor in the UM Office of Information Services.

Heidi Gasser ’72 and David Charles Thomas were married Aug. 3, 1974. Heidi is a Missoulian reporter.

Joel P. Kleinman M.A. ’72 is working with a computer program for a cancer-research project at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he received his B.A. He reports “moderate success” with his free-lancing.

John M. Paxson ’72 is head of the Voice of America’s Midwest Bureau with headquarters in Chicago. John had served with the VOA’s news division in Washington, D.C., from 1972 to August, 1974.
MORE ABOUT J-GRADS OF THE 1970s


Robin Brown Tawney '72 and husband Phil plan to move from Helena to Ann Arbor, where Phil will study for a master’s degree in the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan. They announced the arrival of Land Matthew on April 3, 1975.

Diane Tipton R-TV '72 is assistant to the director of public relations at the Bureau of Library Extension in Boston.

Khelly Webb '72 resigned as assistant director of marketing at the Santa Ana campus of Pepperdine University and is attending the University of Pasadena School of Chiropractic. She is vice president of the Women in Management organization in California and a member of the advertising staff of the Yoga Center of California.

Ronowane Anderson '73 was married August 3, 1974, to Mark S. Peppler, a UM graduate and a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in England. Ronowane began work in September as a sub-editor at the Oxford Times. She is now editor of the Bicester Advertiser, one of several weeklies published by the Times.

Barbee Higbee '73 visited the J-School last August. She resides in Tiburon, a suburb of San Francisco.

Dianne Lefrancois '74 joined the public-relations staff of Montana Power as a writer and editor.

Woodeene Koenig Bricker '73, a journalism graduate student at the University of Oregon, visited the J-School in November.

Thomas K. Cordingley '73 is assistant to the general manager at the Great Falls Tribune.

George Guntermann '73 is associate executive secretary of the Oregon Log Truckers Association. George writes that he began as a writer for the association in March, 1974. George, wife Randie and their three children live in Salem, Ore.

Deirdre McNamer '73 resides in Portland, Ore., and continues as a newswoman for the Portland AP Bureau.

Joan Melcher '73 worked on a Forest Service fire-fighting crew during the summer. She continues to write freelance articles.

Donna Syvertson '73 is a reporter for the Missoulian.

Linda A. Winslow '73 is a reporter for the Sanford (Maine) Tribune. She writes: “My duties include coverage of a major oil refinery proposal in the area. I encourage anyone coming to Maine to stop by my home a short distance from the turnpike.” Linda resides in Kennebunk.

Thomas J. Beausoleil '74 is news director of KBLL Radio in Helena.

Beverly Bilyeu '74 completed a temporary assignment as a newswoman for the AP in Helena.

Linn K. Bjelland '74 is a newscaster at KXLF-TV in Butte.

Mary (Kathy) Froehlich '74 left the Strub Publishing Co. in Seattle to become a reporter for the Shelby Promoter in January.

Stephen R. Fullerton '74 is news director of KLYQ Radio in Hamilton.

Kevin Giles '74 is a reporter for the Courier-Mail in Brisbane, Australia. The newspaper is the third largest in Australia. Wife Becky is a teacher in a Brisbane suburb.

Bruce E. Hadella R-TV '74 is a video specialist for the Fire Training Program in Great Falls.

Geoffrey Harp '74 worked on an archeological project last summer on the Belcher Islands in Hudson Bay. In May, Geoffrey and wife Cindy left for Alaska, where he is working as foreman of an archeological-excavation crew along the pipeline route.

Alan Higbee R-TV '74 and Helene Bourdon Higbee M.A. '75 traveled in West Africa, Italy, Switzerland and France last summer, before settling in Spokane. They were married in Missoula in March, 1974. Helene's thesis was on the news media in the Cameron.

Kent Hugill '74 is news editor of the New Richmond News, the largest weekly newspaper in Wisconsin.

Linda Kaufman '74 joined the public-relations staff of Montana Power as a writer and editor.

Dianne Lefrancois '74 traveled in Europe this year and at last report had visited 73 countries.

Leon Lenz '74 is a reporter for KEIN Radio in Great Falls.

Michael E. Moon '74 is an information assistant with the Department of Natural Resources in Helena. He is helping to develop for the Energy Planning Division a public-involvement program for two proposed Colstrip generating units. Mike and wife Chara reside in Helena.

Lynn Jo Morrison '74 is a sales-service representative for KGVO-TV in Missoula.

Seena M. Slaby '74, a graduate of Chino, then became public-information director at Northern Montana College in Havre.

Thomas J. Steljes '74 owns and operates The Big Cheese shop in the Holiday Village shopping center in Missoula.

David E. Steenson '74 became editor of the Sidney Herald in December.

Lorna Thackeray '74 joined the staff of the Hardin Herald in October as news editor.

Shawn R. Thompson '74 is a student in the UM School of Law.

Steven E. Triplett R-TV '74 joined the news department of the mid-Oregon division of Pacific Power and Light Co.

William R. (Dick) Crockford '75 is editor of the Ronan Pioneer.

Robert C. Gibson '75 is a reporter for the Lewiston (Idaho) Tribune.

Clarence C. McConnell '75 is a reporter and columnist for the Glendive Ranger-Review.

Stephen D. Shirley '75 is a reporter for the Missoulian.

Carmen Winslow '75 is a reporter for the Butte Montana Standard.

Carey Matovich Yunke '75 will begin studies for an M.S. at the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, in September.

Story Features 1948 Graduate

Jean Roberts Packard '48 was featured in a Washington Star-News article entitled “Fairfax’s Packard Is Given the Word.”

As chairman of the Fairfax County (Virginia) Board of Supervisors, Jean and other county executives from throughout the nation met with President Gerald Ford in August, 1974. Jean was the only Washington-area representative at the Cabinet Room meeting.

From 1965 to 1972, Jean was a writer and editor for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. Earlier, she was administrative officer of the National School of Forestry and Conservation in Washington, D.C., and editor of three weekly newspapers in southwestern Ohio.

WHOOPS: A Communique story last year incorrectly said that William A. Barbour '48 was the ninth journalism graduate to receive an Alumni Distinguished Service Award from UM. He was the 10th. We failed to include in the list the name of Ronald S. Kain '22 of Washington, D.C.
Richard F. Crandell

Richard F. Crandell ’48, former picture editor of the New York Herald Tribune, died Aug. 30, 1974, at St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains, N.Y. He was 72.

Mr. Crandell left the University in 1925, lacking three credits for a B.A. in journalism. The University awarded him the degree in 1948 during the commencement at which his son Keith received a B.A. He was editor of the Kaimin in 1924-25.

He is survived by his widow, Katherine, two sons and a daughter.

Edgar H. Reeder

Edgar H. Reeder ex-’27, retired Naval Reserve rear admiral and former Butte reporter and businessman, died May 27, 1975, at his Butte home after a long illness. He was 71.

He was editor of the Montana Kaimin in 1926-27 and went to Butte in 1927 as a newspaper reporter. After World War II, he owned a radio and television distributing firm in Butte.

Edward J. Heilman

Edward J. Heilman ’28, former UP manager in Helena and Sacramento Bee copy editor, died Feb. 16, 1975, at age 72 in Sacramento.

Before joining the Bee in 1943, Mr. Heilman was capital correspondent for the Great Falls Tribune. He also had been UP manager in Fresno and Phoenix.

A column by Alfred Allen in the Bee called Mr. Heilman “a newspaperman’s newspaperman, that nonpareil of working newsman—a great rewriterman.”

He is survived by his widow, Andree McDonald Heilman, ex-’29, and a son, Edward G., of Missoula.

Doris M. Dickman

Doris McCullough Dickman ’38, an editor with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, died Oct. 12, 1974, of a cerebral hemorrhage while vacationing in Munich, Germany.

Mrs. Dickman, 56, resided in Beltsville, Md.

She did graduate work at the University of Maryland, then joined the Soil and Conservation Service in 1941. She later became a technical editor for the Marketing Service and in 1964 became a technical editor for the research division of the Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Dickman is survived by her husband, Roland, two sons and a daughter.

Carol Foster LeKander


Mrs. LeKander is survived by her husband, Gil ’39, and a son, John, both of Manassas, Va.

Henry A. Blastic

Henry A. Blastic ’36, an FBI agent from 1942 to his retirement in 1962, died May 8, 1975, in Missoula at age 64. He was a resident of Missoula for 43 years.

In the 1930s, Mr. Blastic was a football and basketball star at UM, and he subsequently played in Missoula baseball leagues.

Survivors include his widow, Mary, one son and two daughters.

Jack Coulter

Jack Coulter ’26, former owner of the Hamilton Ravalli Republican and the Stevensville Northwest Tribune, died in Phoenix Oct. 9, 1974, of a heart ailment.

In February, 1973, Mr. Coulter became the first person in the western United States with an atomic-powered pacemaker. Previously, a regular pacemaker had regulated his heartbeat for 10 years.

Mr. Coulter had worked for two Everett (Wash.) newspapers, the Daily News and the Daily Herald, and in 1928 became managing editor of the Wallace (Idaho) Press-Times.

He bought the Ravalli Republican (now the Ravalli Daily Republican) in 1940, and he sold it and the Stevensville weekly in 1963.

Survivors include his widow, Maud E. Baxter ex-’28, and two daughters.

Clarence J. Powell


Ann Wilson Haynes

Ann Wilson Haynes ’22 died of cancer June 2, 1974, in Berkeley. She was 74.

Mrs. Haynes served from 1938 to 1964 as chief of the Bureau of Health Education in the California Department of Health and as a faculty member in the School of Public Health at the University of California at Berkeley.

After she retired, Mrs. Haynes was for three years a Ford Foundation representative in New Delhi. She worked as an adviser on family planning, training and education.

She held a master’s degree in public health from Yale. In the mid-1920s, she was a staff writer for the Great Falls Tribune.