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Honors, Recognition Accorded To Journalism Staff, Students

What's new around the J-School? Here are some items:

- Prof. Frederick T. C. Yu has been awarded a research grant by the Ford Foundation to study the communications elite in Asia. He will be on leave during summer and fall terms gathering data in seven countries—Japan, Korea, the Philippines, South Vietnam, Thailand, Burma and India.

- Prof. Olaf J. Bue has been invited to contribute a column to the RTNDA Bulletin, national publication of the Radio-Television News Directors Assn. He is serving his second year as chairman of the Radio-Television Council of the Association for Education in Journalism. In this connection he recently launched Static, an occasional periodic aimed at generating interchange of opinion among teachers of broadcast journalism in accredited journalism schools. He also served on the staff of the Public Administration School on campus.

- Prof. Erling Jorgensen has been elected to the board of directors of the Western Radio-Television Conference. The WRTC meets annually to consider the ideals of broadcasting, particularly in areas of cultural, informational and educational programming. He also is the MSU representative on a state committee studying the possible applications of educational television in Montana.

- Prof. Edward B. Dugan was on the staff of the Public Administration School in February. Bowling average: 170.

- Dean Nathan B. Blumberg has been appointed to the Research Committee of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity.

Journalism students are doing well, thank you. Items:

- Two of the nine Mortar Board members are J-Majors—Judith Blakely of Tulsa, Okla., and Ruth James of Circle.

- One of 12 in Silent Sentinel—Rod Fisher of Whitefish.

- Two of 11 students selected as delegates to the Model United Nations meeting in San Francisco in April—Judith King of Helena and Miss Blakely.

- One of four Charter Day speakers—Miss Blakely again.

- New Kaimin editor—Rolf Olson of Clinton, Conn.; new business manager, Zena Beth McGlashan of Butte. News editor is Penny Wagner of Billings; sports editor is Gaylord Guenin of Billings; associate editors are Barbara Williams of Laurel, Arlene Myllymaki of Stanford and Owen Ditchfield of Redlands, Calif.

- P.S.—First University coed to make a parachute jump—Toni Richardson, J-major from Flagstaff, Ariz., landing in the Miller Creek area.

Second Straight Year for MSU

Kaimin Wins Top Reporting Award From SDX

The Montana Kaimin has been awarded first place for the second consecutive year in the national Sigma Delta Chi reporting competition.

The Kaimin also won third place in editorial writing. Second place for news reporting went to the University of Southern California Trojan, and third place was awarded to the Daily Kansan of the University of Kansas.

First place in editorial writing was given to the Daily Trojan and second place to the Kentucky Kernel of the University of Kentucky.

The annual competition is open to student newspapers at the 70 colleges and universities with a Sigma Delta Chi chapter. The quality of writing and editing is the only consideration in the contest.

Writers of the news stories which won the honor are John Bennitt of Altadena, Calif., Judy McVey of Butte, Ted Hulbert of Cut Bank and Vera Swanson of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Hulbert wrote the honored editorials.

Results of the competition, judged by outstanding professionals, were announced Nov. 12 at the national convention of SDX in Indianapolis, Ind. Jim Kolstad, journalism senior from Bozeman and MSU chapter delegate, accepted the prizes for the Kaimin.

The two framed certificates have been placed in the Kaimin editorial room next to the award won last year and the first-place award for sports writing won in 1948.

‘Bunky’ Powers Gets Pyle Prize

Dorothy Rochon (Bunky) Powers, 1943 J-School graduate and now a columnist and feature writer for the Spokesman-Review in Spokane, has become the first woman to win the coveted Ernie Pyle Memorial Award.

The annual award, given by the Scripps-Howard newspapers in memory of the famed World War II correspondent, consists of a bronze plaque and a check for $1,000.

Mrs. Powers said the money would be used to provide journalism scholarships at MSU for students at Anaconda High School, from which she also was graduated.

The citation accompanying the award said that “Mrs. Powers has the heart, the soul and the insight of a woman Ernie Pyle. Her reporting and writing have had a tremendous impact on her community.”

SDX Honors 1958

Visiting Professor

Houston Waring, editor of the Littleton (Colo.) Independent and visiting professor of journalism at MSU in 1958, has been named a Fellow of Sigma Delta Chi.

The award, one of the highest honors in American journalism, was made by the national professional journalistic fraternity at its golden anniversary convention in Indianapolis. Waring was one of three persons elected.

Only once before has a western journalist received the citation. Palmer Hoyt, editor and publisher of the Denver Post, was voted a Sigma Delta Chi Fellow in 1949.

Waring taught three courses in the MSU School of Journalism during the 1958 fall term.

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The Twenties...
Fred Martin '25, publisher of the Park County News at Livingston, is one of 27 Montanans named to represent the state at the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth March 27 to April 2 in Washington.

Marcia Patterson '26, an agent in the Division of Industrial Welfare in San Jose, Calif., enforces laws governing wages, hours and working conditions for women and minors in four counties. She was scheduled for a tour of Hawaii before Christmas. She also reports that Bay area MSU grads are planning to charter a plane for the 1960 Homecoming.

William W. Garver '27 is chairman of two departments—journalism and psychology—at the Bismarck (N.D.) Junior College. He has established the school's first press club.

Lyle Kenneth Williams '27 reports fewer gray hairs since cutting back his publishing activities from four newspapers to two ("Better Quality, Less Quantity"), the Three Forks Herald and Inter-Mountain Press in Manhattan. In addition to a pack trip last summer with daughter Christina, 12, he has kept busy by serving as police judge, justice of the peace and president of the Three Forks Chamber of Commerce.

Zelma Hay Schroeder (Mrs. George L.) '28, is president this year of the Soroptimist Club of Great Falls, along with the full-time demands of her advertising agency.

The Thirties...
Mary A. Wilson (Mrs. Fremont W.) '31, executive secretary of the Western Montana Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Missoula, also keeps busy with her two daughters, Monte, a high school junior, and Creta, a sixth grader.

Frederick J. Steiner '32, editor of three maritime publications in San Francisco, reports a grand trip with his wife to the Hawaiian Islands, where they visited Bill Cogwell (Andy's brother) of the Hawaii tourist bureau.

Bill L. Rohlfis '32, assistant general agent for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Altadena, Calif., has this to say: "For many years, after getting married in 1935, I was a happy, well-adjusted husband. But the past years have been hell; you see, I married a 'Baggie from Bozeman' and she has been crowing the past few years, especially during the football season. Oh, well, guess we should appreciate the many years when we had it so easy."

Doria J. Shults '33, publisher of the Adams County Record at Hettinger, N.D., has a list of activities so long that it would be better to refer Communique readers to Who's Who in the Midwest and to Who's Who in Commerce and Industry.

Celia Caffin Risen (Mrs. Isadore L.) '35, teacher of English, social studies and newswriting and adviser of the school paper in Cincinnati, Ohio, was one of five educators taking part in a three-week human relations program at Bethel, Me. Barbara Jean, 17, is a high school senior and Penny Elizabeth is in junior high.

John W. Shenk '36 is a general agent for the Paul Revere Life Insurance Co. in New Orleans.

Harold G. (Hal) Stearns '36 and Jean Kountz Stearns '37 observe that time flies: Their eldest of seven, Hal Jr., is a sophomore at Notre Dame. Hal still publishes the Harlowton and Ryegate papers.

Virginia Hamblet Scott (Mrs. Glenn L.) '37 is on the news staff of the Catholic Northwest Progress in Seattle.

Owen Grinde '38, Montana Power Co. in Butte, collected $100 for 57 well-chosen words contributed to the Reader's Digest "Humor in Uniform" department, December issue. That's $1.75 a word.

Pat Brennan Taylor (Mrs. Fred H.) '38 is now in Casper, Wyo., the first transfer she and her husband have had in nine years, unusual in the oil business.

John I. Williamson '39, colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, reports the birth on 1 July 1959 of a sixth child, second daughter, Mary Kay. Having completed 20 years service, he plans to retire as soon as he can line up a second career. Any offers?

The Forties...
Arthur L. Petersen '40 is owner and manager of an insurance agency in Denver, Colo. Daughter Sandra Kay is now 11.

Verna Green Smith (Mrs. Alfred N.) '40, director of publicity for the St. Louis County school district and an English teacher, lives in Overland, Mo. She is working on a master of arts degree at Washington University and was awarded a scholarship to teach at Mark Twain Summer Institute for exceptional high school students.

Vernon Spencer '42, chief of medical administration at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Brooklyn, has been research assistant for Harriet T. Kane's four most recent books. He also has sold several free-lance articles on hospital and medical administration.

Mary Ann Luebben Bradley (Mrs. Paul B.) '46 is now in Arvada, Colo., with her youngsters, Dick and Ann, and husband who was transferred to the general office of Mountain States Tel & Tel in Denver.

Joyce Phillips Rayfield (Mrs. John W.) '46 is in Mobile City, N. Y., where her husband is on a two-year assignment supervising turbine installation at Niagara Falls. Two daughters, 6 and 9.

John H. Risken '46, Helena attorney, reports John Jr. is now 4, Patrick is 2.

Lester G. Sooey '46, business manager of the Park County News in Livingston, and Betty Lou are kept busy by their three youngsters—Kathie, 12; Peggy, 9; Tom, 7.

Warren Reichman '47, editor and publisher of the Virginia City Madisonian, and Wilmalma have three children—Roger, 13; Michael, 11; Tamara, 7.

Paul S. Rhodes '47 has been named managing editor of KRNT and KRNT-TV News in Des Moines, Ia.

Arnold A. Rivin '47, director of advertising and publications for Holister Inc., Chicago, was married last April. Welcome, Mary Honor.

Tannis Brown Rost (Mrs. Clayton O.) '47, housewife in Eureka, Calif., finds time to do publicity work for various community groups in addition to taking care of David, 5, and Martha, 3.

Alcyon Carlson Weybret (Mrs. Fred) '48, whose husband publishes the Lodi (Calif.) News-Sentinel, reports two growing boys—Marty, 8, and Jimmy, 6.

Vic Reinemer '48, executive secretary to Sen. James E. Murray, visited with the J-School staff while in Missoula for the Paradise Dam hearings. He reported that MSU journalism grads have sewed up UPI in the Helenski-Moscow area, with Alfred E. Pedersen Jr.' 49, bureau chief in Helenski and Aline Mosby '43 in Moscow. Then when Vic got to Alaska and was looking over dam sites, he ran into Ross Miller '49, now manager of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.
... More Grads Afield

Loren Palmer '49 is delighted to be back in the Northwest again after serving as manager of technical publications for Sundstrand in Pavoica, Calif. He and Mary moved last July to Coeur d’Alene, Ida., where he is an agent for Perpetual Security Life Insurance Co.

Norman Warsinsky Jr. '49, co-owner of Miller-Pollard Inc., a contemporary interior design firm, is exhibiting a sculpture in a traveling show which will go to all major galleries on the West Coast.

Louise Morrison Owens (Mrs. John M.) '49 has moved from Minneapolis to Eveleth, Minn., where her husband is the new president of the First National Bank. They have two children—Greg, 6, and Lezley 2.

The Fifties . . .

Mary Verploegen '50 now has a daily column in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin in addition to reporting, writing features and doing some copy editing.

Gene Gilmore Jennings (Mrs. Edward T.) '50 reports that she is a housewife and enjoying every minute of it, that Michael Gilmore Jennings is now 1½, and that she is trying to organize a Theta Sigma alumnae chapter at the local college (Texas Western) in El Paso.

Anita Phillips '50 returned to Montana for a visit last summer for the first time since graduation. She is still in L.A. as a magazine editor, writer and public relations counselor.

Elnore Smith Selstad (Mrs. Tom) '50 keeps books for her husband's farm chemical business and keeps house for him and their adopted boys, Scott Perry, 21, and Spencer David, born last Oct. 11.

Richard Shirley '50, publisher of the Hot Springs Sentinel, lists his offspring this way: Steve 8, Bob 6, Kathy 4, Keith 2—30—.

Sterling E. Soderlund '50 is a special writer on the front page staff of the Wall Street Journal. He is living in Brooklyn.

Kenneth G. Payton '51 has been moved to general assignment reporting and photography for the Great Falls Tribune after two years on the police beat. Wife Dolores presented him with a third child, Daniel Christian, Nov. 20.

Stan E. Ronnie '51 is back as an instructor and director of publicity at the Weatherwax High School in Aberdeen, Wash., after a summer trip to Portugal, Spain, Austria and other countries. He sings the praises of "Eurailpass" with which one can travel on an unlimited basis in 13 countries for $125.

William J. Walker '51, in addition to some impressive work as Missoula County sheriff, has been very active in the Silvertip Quarterback Club.

Burton (Buck) Warren '51, promoted a few weeks ago to service engineer at Rocketdyne, a division of North American Aviation, is living in Canoga Park, Calif. He says he thoroughly enjoys the technical writing field, especially in rocketry. He and Evelyn have a daughter, Janelle, 3.

Nathalie McGregor Patterson (Mrs. G. Richard) '52 reports no time for extracurricular activities since she and Dick moved into a new home in Great Falls last summer, followed by the arrival Oct. 13 of Stephen, who joins Rob and Rick.

Henry J. Pratt '52 was promoted to personnel officer for the National Park Service in Grand Teton National Park. Home address: Moose, Wyoming.

Ray Sorum '52 is public information officer for the California Division of Highways in Marysville after two years as a free lance ("Like man such a two years you should have").

Pat Graham '52 reports modestly from Colville, Wash., that the Statesman-Examiner won first place in advertising in its division among members of the Washington Newspaper Publishers Assn. The award was made in conjunction with the Better Newspaper Clinic.

Richard L. Smith '52 is in his third year as director of publications for Brown & Bigelow Marketing Agency in St. Paul, Minn. He spends most of his time traveling as editor of "Brew," a bi-monthly magazine published in the interest of more than 65,000 taverns in the 38-state marketing area of the Hamm Brewing Co. He also edits a bi-weekly tabloid and quarterly magazine for Scott Outboards and handles sales promotion activities for such firms as U.S. Steel, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Hotpoint, Whirlpool and Admiral. When in town he lives in a suburban home west of Minneapolis with wife Diane and daughters Holly, 2, and Kristi, 1.

Richard Wohlgenant '52, for the past two years with the Denver law firm of Holme, Roberts, More and Owen, married Joan Bristow Dec. 27.

Donald Zupan '52 reports no change in his job as sports writer for the Billings Gazette.

Charles H. Robey '53, general advertising salesman for the Spokesman Review and Spokane Daily Chronicle, urges students to consider the future in advertising.

Leona Facinanni Shrum (Mrs. George T.) '53, housewife in Puyallup, Wash., announces the arrival on April 9, 1959, of Diana Carlene, who joins older brothers Mark and Eric.

Virginia Smith '53 is a copy writer for KGLH and KGLH-TV in Billings.

Helen Lenhart Martin (Mrs. Richard) '53 announces the birth of Leslie Aline on Nov. 20 in Salt Lake City.

Reba C. Tourquist '53 writes from Seattle, Wash., that she enjoys reading Comminique.

Beverly Praetz Pietryga (Mrs. Leonard A.) '54 says she finally found "the perfect job after several tries at rather dull fill-ins until it came along." She is continuity director at "the" station in Lansing, Mich.—WILS.

Robert C. Webb '54, publisher of the Idaho Farm Journal at Boise, reports a third child, Randy, 1, who joins Jamie, 7, and Diane, 6.

Joan Harbolt Stremeha (Mrs. Fred) '55 resigned as society editor of the Havre Daily News to devote full time to being a housewife and mother to Gary Michael, born March 1, 1959.

Ralph Allen Rose '55, in the communications division of the State Department, visited Profs. Bue and Yu and other friends in Missoula in December. He recently completed a three-year tour of duty in Southeast Asia — Australia, Japan, Vietnam, Hong Kong, India and Cambodia. He is now spending a few months in Washington, D.C., and expects to return to Asia this spring.

James D. Tutwiler '55, 1st lieutenant in the United States Army, is scheduled to depart for Germany and a three-year tour at the end of May. He is attending the armory school at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Twin girls—Kimberly Ann and Kari Elizabeth—were born April 22, 1959, while he and the former Lou Marilyn Vierhus were stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash.
Mail's Been Heavy From Grads Afield . . .

Charles A. Thompson '55, promoted to firing battery executive officer of a missile battalion in Germany, announces that Ronald Scott reported for duty 17 Jan 60, joining Patricia, Robert and Richard.

Virginia McBride '56, assistant to the editor of the J. Walter Thompson Company News, house magazine for employees of the largest advertising agency in the world, was looking great, Dorothy Johnson says, when they had lunch together in New York during the Christmas holidays.

Scott Leedham '56 has purchased the Dunn Printing Co. of Billings. He formerly worked for the Western Livestock Reporter and the Billings Gazette, and was foreman of the Trott Printing Co. shop.

Bill Thompson '56 announces the arrival of a daughter, Kristin Ann, born Oct. 26. As editor of Shell Publications in Calgary, Alberta, Bill has an extraordinary beat. It extends from the Arctic Ocean around the Mackenzie River and the town of Aklavik, south to Montana's northern border, and from British Columbia's interior east to the Saskatchewan-Manitoba border. Travel usually is by air or train, but sometimes by snowmobile or packhorse.

W. Keith Wuerthner '56 was named state editor of the Montana Standard in Butte in September.

Bahie Nasr, J-School special student in 1956, is back in Cairo and working for UPI. He was married in Syracuse, N. Y., before returning to his country, and the Nasrs have a daughter born Dec. 9. Mr. Nasr has plans for graduate study at Syracuse University next year.

First TV Program Aired From University Studios

The first television program to be aired live from the new University Studios was relayed to KSMO-TV's mountain-top transmitter by microwave Feb. 4.

The experimental broadcast, a variety show, featured student musical talent. Broadcasts are planned for alternate weeks and will include informational and instructional programs as well as cultural and entertainment features.

Dr. Erling Jorgensen, associate professor of journalism and director of the Radio-Television Studios, planned and directed the program.

Fought Goes to Macmillan

Jack Fought, veteran Colorado newsman who was awarded a master's degree in journalism at MSU last June, has taken a position with the Macmillan Company, book publishers.

He will travel in Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming during school months and devote his summers—on pay—to his family, his writing and his picture taking. The fringe benefits include a month in New York each year.

A Tree Grows in Building

The largest Christmas tree on campus—colorfully decorated under the direction of Mrs. Marlys Werle, J-School secretary—brightened the second floor of the Journalism Building during the holiday season. A J-School Christmas party also helped ease pre-finals tension.

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