Canaris named "Teacher of Year" good teachers cited, seniors honored at University of Montana

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MISSOULA--

Dr. Albert G. Canaris, chairman of the University of Montana Department of Zoology, received the $500 Teacher of the Year Award Saturday during the Annual Prizes and Awards Assembly at UM.

Three other UM faculty members each received a $1,000 Standard Oil Good Teaching Award from the Standard Oil Co. Recipients of the awards for superior teaching at the undergraduate level were Dr. Walter N. King, professor of English; Vincent Wilson, a professor of health, physical education and recreation, and Richard W. Behan, an associate professor of forestry.

The $500 Teacher of the Year Award presented to Dr. Canaris is provided by the UM Alumni Association. The annual winner is selected by Phi Kappa Phi national scholastic honorary on the basis of student response to the faculty member's effectiveness as a teacher and his ability to arouse interest in the subject matter, to stimulate thinking and his willingness to assist students.

A specialist in animal parasitology, Dr. Canaris came to UM in 1967 from West Virginia University, Morgantown. Prior to that date he was engaged in postdoctoral research with the Public Health Service at Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, Mont. He served as acting chairman of zoology before being named chairman in March 1970.

From 1962-65, Dr. Canaris was chief of party for a team representing West Virginia University and the Agency for International Development at Egerton College in East Africa, where he taught classes and conducted research on parasites of wild animals. He also has taught at Oregon State University, Corvallis, and Everett Junior College, Everett, Wash. At Oregon State he was a research associate under a National Science Foundation faculty fellowship while completing his Ph.D. degree. He also holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from Washington State University, Pullman.

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Dr. Canaris was born in 1927 at Aberdeen, Wash., and is a former resident of Hoquiam, Wash. He and Mrs. Canaris, the former Marilyn Downs of Olympia, Wash., have three children.

Twenty-four graduating seniors received awards for outstanding achievement during their college careers.

Recipients of certificates from Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman women's scholarship society, for maintaining B-plus averages throughout their college careers were:


Recipients of outstanding senior awards include Rick G. Kelsey, Missoula, $100 from Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary; Michael J. Burnside, Kalispell, the W. A. Tarr Award from Sigma Gamma Epsilon, national earth sciences honorary; Miss Bayne, the Samuel and Nelly Sinclair Maclay Memorial Award in journalism; John T. Cheney, Missoula, Geology Faculty Award, and Bruce A. Bourne, Great Falls, the Charles W. Waters Memorial Award in botany.

Other awardees Saturday included William T. McAffee, Markesan, Wis., a geography book from the President C. A. Duniway Fund; Walter S. Fellows, Billings, and Dan D. Holmquist, Livingston, the Dr. James Warren Gebhart Awards in science education, and Robert L. Slonaker, Missoula, the W. F. Book Award in psychology.

Air Force ROTC cadets at UM presented a Citizenship Award to Alpha Omicron Pi, a living group, for making the greatest campus, local, national or international citizenship achievement through group or individual projects.

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