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MISSOULA--

Four University of Montana alumni will be honored with Distinguished Service Awards at the 1970 UM Homecoming Oct. 29-31, UM Alumni Association President Colin Raff of Butte has announced.

Recipients include Jean’ne M. Shreeve, Moscow, Idaho; William H. Forbis, Missoula; Harold L. Baird, Tacoma, Wash., and Dr. Thomas L. Hawkins, Helena.

"The awards are presented each year to alumni in recognition of their distinguished service to the University, the state or nation and for the honor they have brought to the University of Montana," Raff said.

Awardees were selected by a screening committee appointed by the UM Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Awards will be presented to the DSA winners at a noon luncheon on Friday, Oct. 30, in the University Center.

Dr. Shreeve, a 1953 UM chemistry graduate and a member of Delta Delta Delta social sorority, received her master's degree from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and her doctorate in chemistry from the University of Washington, Seattle.

A professor of chemistry at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Dr. Shreeve is an authority in the field of fluorine chemistry, an area which comprises fewer than one per cent of all U.S. chemists. She has been responsible for obtaining more than $250,000 in research grants to help graduate students.
Dr. Shreeve is chairman of the Fluorine Division of the American Chemical Society and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She was awarded the 1967-68 Ramsay Memorial Fellowship, which is presented to the top U.S. scientists by the trustees of the University College, London, England.

Baird is chairman of the board of United Pacific Insurance Co., of which he has been an executive since 1930. A 1923 UM graduate in business administration, he was president of his junior and senior classes at the University, a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity, and of various honorary and athletic organizations.

Baird is a member of the board of overseers of Whitman College, a director of the Puget Sound National Bank and the Tacoma General Hospital.

Forbis, a 1939 graduate of the UM School of Journalism, began his news career as editor of the Montana Kaimin, the student newspaper, which became a daily publication under his supervision. He was active in student government and a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity and Sigma Delta Chi, men's journalism honorary.

Forbis joined Time magazine in 1949 as a roving correspondent in Latin America. In 1955 he was appointed an associate editor for Time and was chief correspondent in South America before coming to the University as a lecturer in 1969.

The fourth DSA winner, Dr. Hawkins, has been president and secretary of the Montana Medical Association, secretary of the Montana Physicians Service for five years and of the State Board of Medical Examiners for eight years, and he was associate medical director of the Western Life Insurance Co. for many years.

Dr. Hawkins served on the board of directors of the Blue Shield health insurance plan in Montana. Other professional honors include membership in the Fellow American College of Surgeons, and in the Fellow American Association for the Surgery of Trauma.

Dr. Hawkins has served on the Helena School Board and on the staff of the Showdair Hospital in Helena for several years without pay.

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