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DEGREES HOMECOMING WEEKEND

MISSOULA --

A number of prominent Montanans will be among 200 University of Montana alumni who will receive the Juris Doctor degree retroactively during UM Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 29-31.

Recipients of the degree include State Atty. Gen. Robert L. Woodahl, Helena; three Federal District Judges -- the Hon. W.J. Jameson, Billings; the Hon. W.D. Murray, Butte; the Hon. R.E. Smith, Missoula; and three Justices of the Montana Supreme Court -- the Hon. Wesley Castles; the Hon. Gene Daley, and the Hon. Frank I. Haswell, all of Helena

Also receiving the J. D. degree will be UM President Robert T. Pantzer, a 1947 UM law school graduate.

The presentation ceremony and banquet for the J.D. recipients will be at 7 p.m., Oct. 30 in the University Center Five Valleys Ballroom on the Missoula campus.

Approximately 300 are expected to attend the banquet, including Gov. Forrest H. Anderson; the Hon. James F. Battin, Billings, a Federal District Judge; and two Justices of the Montana Supreme Court -- the Hon. James T. Harrison and the Hon. John C. Harrison, both of Helena.

Robert E. Sullivan, dean of the UM law school, said approximately 425 Bachelor of Law (LL.B.) degree holders have applied for the J.D. degree. Applicants not attending the ceremony will be mailed their J.D. diplomas.

Each holder of a Bachelor of Law degree now has the option of requesting the J.D. degree as replacement for the LL.B. degree. The J.D. diplomas will be dated June 3, 1970, and will be signed by University and Law School administrators.

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The Juris Doctor degree was authorized for LL.B. recipients by the State Board of Education, ex-officio Regents of the Montana University System, June 3, 1970.

Prior to June 3, the J.D. degree was available only to those students who held college degrees before entering the UM law school.

Sullivan said the LL.B. holders are not required to surrender their present law school diplomas in order to receive the J.D. degree.

Since 1966 the J.D. degree has automatically been given to UM School of Law graduates.

Sullivan will introduce the candidates for the J.D. degree. Gov. Forrest Anderson will confer the degree upon Pantzer, and the UM president will then award the degree to the other recipients.

UM Registrar Wayne C. Woolston will assist Pantzer in the presentation of diplomas. Gardner Cromwell, a UM law professor, and William "Duke" Crowley, a UM associate professor of law, are to be the ceremonial marshals. Master of ceremonies will be the Hon. William J. Jameson, Billings, senior judge of the Federal District Court of Montana.

Banquet tickets are available for \$5 to family and friends of the law school faculty, staff and J.D. recipients. Reservations must be made in advance by contacting the law school no later than noon Oct.23.

A block of tickets for the 1970 Homecoming Football Game Oct.31 between the UM Grizzlies and the Portland State University Vikings has been set aside for those attending the banquet who wish to go to the game. Game tickets may be obtained for \$4 each by contacting Gary Hughes, ticket manager at the UM Field House, by noon on Oct.23.

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