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UM'S FIRST "DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD"  
WILL BE GIVEN TO PROFESSORS BURKE AND KING

MISSOULA--

J. Martin Burke, associate professor of law, and Walter N. King, professor of English, have been selected by the University of Montana Faculty Development Committee to receive the first UM "Distinguished Teaching Award."

The \$1,000 award will be presented at commencement exercises June 14 at 2 p.m. in the Harry Adams Field House.

Academic Vice President Donald Habbe said Burke and King were chosen from nominees submitted by colleagues and students throughout the campus.

"Professor Burke and Professor King exemplify to the highest degree the qualities this award recognizes," Habbe said. "Their unstinting sharing with students of their time, energy and knowledge, their contagious love for learning, and their uncompromising intellectual standards exert a power that can and does change lives. Their students are fortunate indeed."

Burke, who joined the faculty in 1977, teaches courses in estates and legal writing and directs the law school's moot court program. He coached the UM team that won the National Moot Court Competition in New York City in January.

A Butte native, Burke earned an undergraduate degree at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., in 1970 and a law degree, with high honors, at the UM in 1974. He served as law clerk to U. S. District Judge William J. Jameson for a year before entering private practice in Billings.

Of Burke, UM Law Dean John O. Mudd says, "First among his qualities is his dedication to his profession and his students. There are no office hours in his

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week. In three years he developed an already strong program into the most intensive legal writing program of any law school in the country. His companion efforts in moot court competition were a significant factor in the school's team's winning the national championship this year."

King will add the new honor to previous awards that include the award to the faculty member selected by a poll of the student body as "Teacher of the Year" in 1966; the "Standard Oil Good Teaching Award" in 1970; and Silent Sentinel (senior honorary) certificates of appreciation in 1979 and 1980.

King, a member of the English faculty since 1955, was born in Corvallis and is a UM graduate. He holds a Ph.D. in English from Yale University.

A specialist in Renaissance English literature, he has published articles on Shakespeare in scholarly journals, has edited the volume "Twentieth Century Interpretation of Twelfth Night," and has a book on "Hamlet" in press. He has also published reviews of books on George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde and modern drama.

One of King's colleagues in the English department, Richard Hugo, recalls sitting in on a lecture King gave on King Lear:

"His performance was dazzling. The students were more than attentive. They were transfixed, and the room was charged with the electricity of learning. More important, King's enormous investment of energy in his teaching is the kind that can only be born out of love for the material and equal love for the possibilities of the human mind. Those minds in that room were growing in profound and human ways. When Walter King teaches, education is at its best."

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