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Kenneth G. Crawford to be 1958 Professional Lecturer and Dean Stone Night speaker

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Kenneth G. Crawford, senior editor and manager of the Washington Bureau of Newsweek magazine, will be the 1958 Professional Lecturer and Dean Stone Night speaker at the Montana State University School of Journalism.

Crawford, 56, described by Dean Nathan B. Blumberg as one of the nation's most versatile and broadly experienced newsmen, has crowded several journalistic careers into the 34 years since he was graduated from Beloit College in his native Wisconsin.

His first job was as a roving reporter and bureau manager for the United Press in the Chicago area. He covered such events as the prohibition enforcement battles, Southern Illinois gang wars and the great Mississippi flood.

After running United Press bureaus in St. Paul, Lansing, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Milwaukee and St. Louis, he was transferred to Washington toward the end of the Coolidge era, became a White House and Senate reporter, and covered the Smith-Hoover campaign of 1928. After an interval as political editor for the Buffalo Times, he returned to Washington as correspondent for the New York Post, the newspaper PM, Philadelphia Record and other newspapers.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II, Crawford went to North Africa as a war correspondent and worked on assignment there, in the Middle East, Italy, England and France through 1945. As a correspondent for Newsweek, he was the first newsman ashore on D-Day with the initial assault wave of the Fourth Infantry Division. He covered the V-1 and V-2 attacks on England, the breakout from Normandy at St. Lo, and Gen. George Patton's sweep to Paris. His work as a front-line correspondent was formally commended by the Army and Navy.

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After his return to the United States, he worked in Newsweek's Washington Bureau and later was transferred to New York to take charge of the magazine's national news coverage. He was then appointed manager of the Washington Bureau and a senior editor of the magazine.

In addition to the B.A. degree from Beloit, he holds a doctor of laws degree from Beloit and a doctor of literature degree from Olivet College. He served as president of the American Newspaper Guild in 1939. He is a member of the National Press Club and Overseas Writers Club in Washington, D.C. and of the Players Club in New York City.

Crawford is the author of two books, "Report on North Africa" and "The Pressure Boys." He has been a prolific contributor to many national magazines, including the Saturday Evening Post, and has been a frequent participant on such radio and television programs as "Meet the Press," "Man of the Week" and "Behind the Headlines."

Dean Stone Night, honoring the memory of the founder and first dean of the MSU School of Journalism, will be held Thursday, May 8.

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