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Douglass Cater, Washington, D. C., reporter and author, will be the featured speaker at the fifth annual Dean Stone Night of the School of Journalism at Montana State University Sunday, May 14.

Cater is Washington editor of Reporter magazine. His most recent book, "The Fourth Branch of Government," has been cited by Walter Lippmann as "shrewd reflections of an insider about the inside of journalism in Washington."

Dean Nathan B. Blumberg of the School of Journalism said Cater will be this year's professional lecturer at the school in addition to delivering the Dean Stone Night address.

The annual Dean Stone Night honors the memory of the school's founder and first dean, A. L. Stone. It is attended by students, alumni and friends of the school and is open to the public. Reservations may be made at the journalism office, the dean said.

Cater, 37, is a native of Montgomery, Ala. After receiving bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Harvard University, he served as an analyst in the Russian Division of the Office of Strategic Services.

Following his military service he received an appointment in 1951 as special assistant to the secretary of the army. The next year he became a consultant to the Mutual Security Administration and drafted the first Mutual Security Report to Congress.

Cater was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1955 to study interaction of the press and the government in the nation's capital. From 1957 to 1958 he was an Eisenhower Exchange Fellow, traveling for 10 months in Europe, South Asia and the Soviet Union.

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Princeton University named Cater the first lecturer to fill the Ferris Chair of Journalism in 1959.

Cater's work in broadcast media has included appearances on "Face the Nation" as a CBS reporter. He has been guest analyst for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and in 1960 was a consultant to NBC on its "White Paper" television series.

His professional memberships include the National Press Club, Overseas Writers, Harvard Clubs of New York and Washington, and Sigma Delta Chi. He is on the advisory committee of the National Student Association.

In addition to his study of Washington journalism, "The Fourth Branch of Government," which was published in 1959, Cater has written on "The President and the Press" in the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences.

He co-authored with Marquis Childs in 1953 the book "Ethics in a Business Society," which has been translated by the U. S. Information Service into Arabic, Japanese, Turkish and Korean.

Previous speakers at the annual banquet have been Louis Lyons, curator of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University; Kenneth Crawford, head of the Washington Bureau of Newsweek magazine; Chet Huntley, NBC radio-television news commentator, and William F. Johnston, managing editor of the Lewiston (Idaho) Tribune.

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