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The editor of the New York Times editorial page, John B. Oakes, will speak at the seventh annual Dean Stone Night at Montana State University on Sunday, May 5. Sponsored by the School of Journalism, the event honors the memory of A.L. Stone, the school's founder and first dean. Besides the featured address by an outstanding journalist the program includes achievement awards to students.

Oakes has been a New York Times staff member since 1946 and editor of the newspaper's editorial page since 1961. Earlier he served as editor of the Times' Sunday Review of the Week and as a member of the paper's editorial board.

A 1934 graduate of Princeton University, Oakes was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University from 1934 to 1936 and studied at the University of Dijon in France. He was awarded an honorary degree by the University of Hartford in 1960.

He joined the Trenton (N.J.) State Gazette and Times as a reporter in 1936. The following year he became a reporter on Congress and special writer on foreign affairs for the Washington Post. From the Post he went to the Times.


His special interests include natural resources conservation, and he served from 1955 to 1962 on the U.S. Department of the Interior's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments.

In 1959 he traveled and studied in Europe, Soviet Russia and Africa as a recipient of a special Carnegie Corporation grant.

His most recent honor was selection in 1960 to receive the first Columbia-Catherwood Award for "enlightened international journalism," presented annually to one American and one French journalist.

Oakes entered the army in 1941 as a private and emerged as a major in 1946. He is now a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.
The Dean Stone Night banquet in the University Lodge is open to the public. Reservations at $3.00 a plate may be made at the MSU School of Journalism, Dean Nathan B. Blumberg announced.