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GENERAL/ARTS SECTION

Arts & Science Week Begins February 17

Several events are being planned to observe Arts and Science week February 17 through 24 on the Columbia campus.

Highlighting the week will be a luncheon February 23 at the Student Union. Citations of Merit will be awarded by the Alumni Association to outstanding alumni of the College. At that time, members of Phi Beta Kappa and senior students enrolled in departmental honors also will receive recognition.

Each department in the College is encouraged to commemorate the week in some manner. Events planned thus far include a touring group production of "Oedipus Rex," sponsored by Student Activities and representing the classics department, a recital presented by the Esterhazy String Quartet, composed of faculty members, an anthropology exhibit and various departmental displays.

McNeal, Fane Named University Curators

Theodore D. McNeal, of St. Louis, a former state senator, and alumnus Irwin Fane, Kansas City attorney, have been appointed to the University's Board of

Curators by Governor Warren E. Hearnes.

McNeal, 65, was a member of the Missouri Senate from 1960 until the last term. He did not file for re-election last year. Highly respected throughout state government, McNeal becomes the first Negro to serve on the Board of Curators.

Fane, 66, is a long-time civic leader in Kansas City. He graduated from the Columbia campus School of Law in 1928 and currently serves as president of the Law School Foundation, a group that provides financial support for the School. He is the senior member of the law firm of Spencer, Fane, Britt and Browne.

Reappointed to the Board by Hearnes were Pleasant R. Smith, of Mexico, the current Curator president, and Judge W. H. Billings, of Kennett, the immediate past president.

The terms of Fane, Billings, and Smith will expire Jan. 1, 1977. McNeal replaces Oliver Ferguson, Fredericktown newspaper publisher, who resigned for reasons of health. That term runs to January 1, 1973. Fane replaces Doyle Patterson, Kansas City business executive, who asked not to be reappointed. Ferguson had been on the Board since 1955, Patterson since 1959.

'Lack of Mission' Plagues College

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Lack of "appropriate sense of mission" is the major problem facing the College of Arts and Science, Dean Armon F. Yanders told a special meeting of the A&S faculty recently.

Yanders said two factors creating problems in the college were erosion of trust and confidence among students, faculty and the administration, and lack of a clear consensus of the role each of these groups should play in the University's operation.

He suggested that faculty members turn their attention to campus problems rather than to those in society by reaffirming commitments to students, reassessing courses and programs within the personal goals.

"I am distressed by attitudes of defeat rather than defeat itself," Dean Yanders said.

He urged his faculty to make a commitment, based on mutual trust and confidence, to each other, to the College of Arts and Science and to the University.

"State of the College, October, 1970 - Progress, Problems and Promise" was the topic of Yanders'

address. The dean said the books he found most helpful in interpreting and living with campus events of the past month were "Point of View" by President Edward Levee of the University of Chicago and "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll.

Finances Force Cutbacks

Austere financial problems have forced the University of Missouri either to eliminate or cutback in specific areas affecting the educational process, according to Interim President C. Brice Ratchford.

The standstill budgets of the last two years have failed to combat the rising costs caused by additional students and the inflationary bite, he said. For two consecutive years the University has received an appropriation of \$80.7 million from the State to operate four campuses when it has requested \$96 million and \$103 million.

"This is not a case of trimming excess fat," said Ratchford. "We are being forced to cut deeply into some fundamental programs normally expected of any university of this caliber."

The cutbacks are in addition to the reductions already announced at the Columbia campus Medical Center. Closing a patient care unit, reducing salary budgets and personnel, and decreasing expenditures on new equipment and supplies are among steps being taken to help avoid a \$2.2 million budget deficit of the Medical Center.

In a statement amplifying Ratchford's remarks, Dr. Herbert W. Schooling, interim chancellor at the Columbia campus, said that the campus, not counting the Medical Center, has 200 vacancies that represent more than \$1.1 million in savings. The statement continued:

"If the Medical Center is included, we have a campus total of well over 394 unfilled positions. It must be pointed out that these open positions are in addition to 67 full-time equivalent positions which were eliminated when we built the budget for the current fiscal year.

"Vacancies do not tell the whole story. In many cases, full-time faculty members are being replaced by teaching assistants or part-time instructors.

"The squeeze on departmental faculties is felt in the Honors College, one of our chief attractions for Missouri's bright student scholars. The college's faculty consists of professors from various departments, but the departments, faced with more students and fewer teachers, need these faculty members in their own area.

"As a result, the Honors College's popular General Humanities course had

to cut enrollment from 250 students to about 150 because faculty wasn't available to participate in the teaching teams.

"Throughout the campus remaining teachers have had increased teaching and administration loads. Support staffs have been cut and, in some cases, professors must take time to perform their own administrative chores.

"Perhaps more important is the fact that with fewer teachers come fewer courses. Variety of classes is one symbol of an outstanding university, yet, at Columbia, the number of courses, in some areas, is decreasing.

"In the department of Romance languages, for example, Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Spanish poetry, contemporary Spanish-American poetry and vanguardism in Spanish-American literature are just three courses that cannot be offered now to students.

"In other areas, course variety remains about the same, but quality has decreased because of budget shortages. The initial course for geology students utilized four field trips last year. One was cut to keep the department within budgetary limits.

"Class sizes loom ever larger. The College of Education has several sections 50 - 60 per cent larger than last year. In the School of Business and Public Administration, some graduate classes have as many as 50 or 60 students. The optimum is 15 to 20. Similar situations exist in other departments.

"Faculty morale, a quality which is difficult to assess, certainly was not helped by less than meaningful pay raises,

by increased work loads and by cut backs in research programs.

Reductions in supplies and services are affecting many academic and administrative areas. Maps, illustrative and other materials have been forced into short supply. Teaching aids, including use of the Office of Instructional Television mobile television units have been curtailed. ITV also reports it is purchasing only parts and tubes necessary to maintain operation. Later replacement will be at greater cost.

"In the School of Journalism, where typewriters are essential, the replacement program has been interrupted and some machines are now more than 25 years old. The number of typewriters placed on service contracts has been limited.

"In the College of Arts and Science, funds for graders have been cut by as much as 75 per cent. Students will experience more delays in receiving grades for tests and papers....

"The Library is giving up its computer to reduce instructional computing costs. Additionally, fewer staff members will be available to assist researchers, fewer students will be employed to shelve books and the library will be open fewer hours during vacation periods--all in an effort to maintain normal library hours during regular sessions.

"...In all areas, faculty and staff of the University of Missouri - Columbia are striving to reduce costs. Student education is threatened, but every effort is being made to protect it.

"Our feeling is, 'We may make it this year, but without additional funds, we will be seriously affected next year.'"

Job Offers For Graduates Become Fewer

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All January and June 1971 graduates from the Columbia campus can be employed immediately after graduation if they are willing to accept job offers they consider less than the best, according to campus placement officers.

"We expect only one student out of six graduating in January to find the job he wants. The others will have to take second, third, fourth or fifth choices," said Dr. Raymond Lansford, professor of finance, and placement director of the School of Business and Public Administration. "We hope 50 per cent of the June graduates will find the jobs they want," he said.

Lansford considered only B&PA graduates, but other campus placement directors agree with his estimate.

The overall job picture is murky, however, because the College of Arts and Science does not have a placement office. Graduates from this division must use the facilities of the other placement offices, sometimes creating tension.

One placement director said, "The situation is tight for our own students this year. Why should we look out for students in Arts and Science when that

college won't even set up a placement office of its own?"

As in past years, a large percentage of graduates will not seek employment. Many have military commitments. Others will continue toward advanced degrees, and travel or marriage will delay employment for some. But placement officers expect more graduates than ever to decide not to work because they cannot find the exact position they want in a limited geographical area.

"We have a number of teaching positions open but they are not in locations where qualified teachers are willing to live," Dr. Robert Reifschneider, associate professor of education and director of teacher placement services, said.

Fewer recruiters will visit every placement office except B & PA this year, and job offers by all recruiters are expected to be down.

"In previous years we had six jobs for every journalism graduate. We don't this year," Prof. Robert Haverfield, Journalism School placement director, said.

"This is going to kill selectivity."

But despite the slowdown, none of the five placement directors expect recruiters to offer graduates less money than was offered last year for similar positions.

Some job openings will go unfilled because few University graduates are able to meet the requirements. Dr. Jack Morgan, assistant dean of the College of Engineering who doubles as placement director, said there will be more openings for industrial engineers than there are

graduates.

"The number one teacher shortage is in industrial arts and in the vocational area," Reifschneider said "We are not turning people out in these areas."

Graduating students may use all five placement offices. Last year about 25 education majors were recruited by airlines as hostesses through the B & PA placement office.

Few non-journalism graduates receive employment through the journalism office. Haverfield says most recruiters insist the graduate have a journalism degree.

Haverfield's office generally is rated by other placement directors as most highly organized. One program channels undergraduates into summer jobs in media, and the office maintains close contact with alumni.

Both Lansford and Haverfield say the job situation could improve in a very short time, possibly less than a year.

"When this opens up, it will burst like a firecracker," Lansford said.

History Faculty Receives Honors

Several members of the Columbia campus department of history have received noteworthy distinction recently.

Dr. Noble E. Cunningham, Jr., has been awarded a senior fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the 1970-71 academic year for a study of "The process of government during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson."

Dr. Arvarh E. Strickland, professor of

history, has been appointed by Educational Testing Service to the committee of examiners for the college level examination program subject examination in black history. Strickland is also joint author of a secondary school textbook in American history, "Building the United States" published by Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, Inc. His other activities include chairing a session on black cowboys: "The Negro and the American Myth" at a meeting this fall of the Western History Association in Reno, Nev.

Returning from Helsinki, Finland this fall where he spent the 1969-70 academic year was Dr. Russell Zguta. He was a Fulbright Research Fellow working on two projects in Slavic folklore.

Joe Davis Aids Minority Students

Joe Davis has one important job -- a critical one for hundreds of Columbia campus minority students -- reach out and help.

As coordinator of minority student programs, Davis is attempting to improve the quality -- academic, social and personal -- of minority student life on campus.

Davis says, "It entails cooperating with a number of programs and people. It means working with the tutorial program as it is administered by the Financial Aids Office, with the students and staff in the orientation program, with department chairmen and advisors on course

arrangements and program outlines -- all in an attempt to bridge the communications gap which could normally exist."



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Davis emphasizes, "We intend to stress the academic life first. The thing that really prompted me to take the job was the fact that the attrition rate -- or percentage not graduating -- for minority students is extremely high. We must find out some of the causes for this as well as try to provide solutions to correct this situation."

Less than a month old, Davis' position has been set up in the Office of Student Life, a new concept instituted under Dean of Student Affairs Edwin B. Hutchins.

Davis says the idea for his job was conceived during the spring of 1969 by members of the Committee on Ethnic Minorities, a student-faculty group.

Davis says his operation is primarily one of "out-reach." "We have to identify these students. I am constantly going to the dormitories, to the Memorial Union and other places where members of minority groups are usually clustered."

Looking past the academic life, Davis says he is trying to involve minority students

to a greater extent with other aspects of student life -- campus-wide student organizations, intramurals and residence hall student government. "We want them to get interested in these areas so we can get a wholesome exchange of efforts and input. This would serve to bring about greater cohesiveness with other members of the student body -- with whom they might not normally come into contact on a regular conversational basis."

European Program On 4-Campus Basis

Students from the four campuses of the University of Missouri may be studying in Europe next summer under plans being developed by the University's Office of International Studies.

The overseas study program is based on academic excellence, on a maximum cultural interchange between Missouri students and foreign nationals, and on achieving both at the lowest possible cost. The program, as it is presently visualized, will be far below the net cost of any comparable program available to U.S. university students.

The primary program is a planned University of Missouri Summer Institute of International Studies. The Institute is designed to familiarize both graduate and undergraduate students with the functions and activities of international organizations located in Geneva, Switzerland. The program is being established with faculty assistance from the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of

International Studies.

Study programs will include history, political science and economics-oriented studies in international organization, diplomacy and developmental economics. Instruction will be in English.

The Institute will be located at Talloires, France, about 35 miles from Geneva, to take advantage of lower living costs and to take advantage of an offer to use a Ninth Century Priory now operated as an artistic and cultural center by the MacJannet Foundation. The Priory has ample space for seminars, study and conferences.

Much of the instruction will be given by regular University faculty members with supplemental lectures and presentations by Graduate Institute of International Studies faculty members from Geneva.

The basic computed cost -- including airline fare -- is about \$600 for each participant.

A total of three hours academic credit can be earned through four weeks of study. The last two weeks of the Institute will be open for independent travel around Europe.

Third Alumnus Wins High Geology Award

The naming of alumnus Dr. Chalmer J. Roy, dean of humanities and science at Iowa State, as the 1970 recipient of the Neil A. Miner Award of the National Association of Geology Teachers marked the third time a campus graduate had won this coveted honor.

The Neil A. Miner Award is the highest national teaching award of the Association. Roy, AB '29,

AM '30, was presented with the award during the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America last November.

Roy previously was honored by the University as an outstanding Arts and Science graduate and also has returned to the campus for election to Phi Beta Kappa.

The other graduates who have received the Miner Award are Dr. Robert L. Heller, now assistant provost at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, AM '43, PhD '50; and Dr. W. D. Keller, long-time professor of geology at OI' Mizzou who retired last year, AB '25, AM '26, PhD '33. He now is a lecturer in geology, University of South Florida-Tampa.

According to Keller, only Harvard exceeds the Columbia campus in number of alumni who have received the Miner Award. Roy and Keller, both graduates of Harvard also, are included in the four total recipients from that university. But, says Keller, he and Roy both claim to be "bona fide Missourians," and feel that "only two easterners actually have received the award."

Keller also feels delayed credit should be given to the training and examples in good teaching by the late Professors E. B. Branson, W. A. Tarr and M. G. Mehl, of the geology department, who "transmitted to these three students, and others, the desire and willingness to put out the effort to achieve good teaching."

Two Press Books Win More Prizes

Two highly-recognized books published by the University of Missouri Press have again received awards.

"The Uncorrupted Heart," designed by Edward D. King, associate Director of the Missouri Press, has been chosen among the Best Designed Books published throughout the world in 1969.

"Charles James Fox: A Man for the People," by Loren Reid, Columbia campus professor of speech, was awarded the Golden Anniversary Prize Award of the Speech Communications Association. Reid received a \$1000-prize from the association.

Hall Theatre to be Scene of 'Mikado'

Portions reprinted from the Columbia Missourian

The opera production class of the music department has come up with some unusual ideas for its spring show, "The Mikado." Not the least of these is the returning of Columbia's Hall theatre to its use as a legitimate theater.

In their work, the students have found many relics of the early legitimate theater. Some of the old drops are still hanging in the theater and Mrs. Carey said the dressing rooms, with their old wallpaper, are reminiscent of the past glory of the theater. The students have reported that, contrary to popular legend, they have not been in contact with the Hall Theatre ghost.

When the opera plays in April, the opening night will be formal dress, an attempt by the class to bring back some of the legitimate theater excitement which the Hall used to enjoy.