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Class of 1971 Hears Ratchford

Graduates attending the June 1 commencement exercises held in Memorial Stadium heard Interim President C. Brice Ratchford call on future academic programs to strive for answers to "some of the pressing concerns of the time," such as environmental quality, social justice, transportation, housing, war and peace.

But, he warned, the approach must be that of the scholar and scientist. "The University becoming a political advocate for any course of action will be no more appropriate in 1981 or 1991 or 2001 than it is now."

Referring to the University's current fiscal crisis, Ratchford said, "I would sincerely hope that through a combination--and I stress the word combination--of more effective internal management and public appropriations that we can keep the cost to the individual for his education as low as possible.

"Public higher education," Ratchford emphasized, "came into being because of a belief that an educated person was an asset to society and that only ability and motivation--not financial situation--should be barriers to participating."

Team to Study Urban Patterns

Urban settlement patterns that developed in a city in Mexico long before America was discovered will be studied by a Columbia campus faculty-student team this summer.

Dr. Richard A. Diehl and Dr. Robert Benfer, assistant professors of anthropology,

are collaborators in the field trip that will take place at Tula, Mexico, a Toltec city that existed from about 800 to 1200 A.D.

The study, which will continue into 1973, is financed by a grant of \$60,300 from the National Science Foundation.

The team is excavating ancient houses rather than public buildings, with an objective of learning whether such things as streets existed, if the houses were built in some sort of pattern or neighborhood concept. Of basic interest will be attempts to learn more about the daily lives of Tulans.

Debate Squad Establishes New Reputation

Debate circles throughout the country know about the Columbia campus forensic squad. Under the direction of Coach Michael T. Hayes, the 20-member squad won some 59 percent of their rounds of debate this year, chalking up 248 rounds won and 174 lost. The team with the season's best record, Joe Cambiano, a junior from Kansas City, and Kelly Dude, a junior from Columbia, won some 72 percent of rounds debated in 12 tournaments.

"This record," says Hayes, "has established our reputation on a national, instead of a regional, basis." The squad, consisting of four women and 16 men, attended 26 tournaments in 11 states. Some of the tournaments attended include Emory University, Ohio State, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and several Missouri tournaments.

The speech trips are financed

from a minimal budget to cover meals, accommodations and travel expenses. Squad members attend from one to 13 tournaments each year.

The time involved in preparing for the debate trips, however, is not minimal. Topics are announced yearly every July, when students begin their research and plan strategies, and the tournament season itself runs from approximately October to April. The debate topic for the 1970-71 season was "Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a program of compulsory wage-price control."

Because of the time involved in being a squad member, Hayes says debate is a major activity for most students. Eight credit hours may be given to an undergraduate who is on the debate squad and six Curators Awards are given to returning and incoming debaters. But Hayes feels another reward of the debator is the chance to come in contact with intellectually and socially bright students across the nation. "We have a wide range of academic majors on the squad," he says, "ranging from history, political science and speech majors to the intellectually curious."

Dormitories Get New Coat of Paint

Dormitory life is taking on a brighter outlook for students. A new program now allows students to paint their rooms to satisfy their personal tastes.

The Columbia campus supplies students with the paint and all the necessary tools. Dormitory residents put down a \$10 deposit which is refunded when all utensils are returned in good condition and if the painting job is neat.

Students may choose from seven colors and may use two in each room. Painting must be done on weekends to avoid confusion and interference with other dorm residents during weekdays.

Honorary Degrees Go To Three

The University of Missouri-Columbia conferred three honorary degrees at its 129th commencement exercises June 1.

The Board of Curators approved the awarding of honorary degrees to R. Marlin Perkins, former student who has a national reputation as a zoo curator; Virgil Thomson, noted composer and critic; and Dr. Lorenzo J. Green, author and school consultant who is actively involved in community services.

Perkins attended the Columbia campus from 1924-26 and has been curator of Buffalo, Chicago and St. Louis zoological gardens. He won acclaim for bringing knowledge of animal life to the public by way of the award winning television program "Zoo Parade" and more recently through "Animal Kingdom."

Thomson, graduate of Harvard University, is recognized as one of the nation's most distinguished composers and critics. He firmly established his reputation as the greatest music critic the nation has produced as music critic of the New York Herald Tribune from 1940 to 1954.

Greene, is a graduate of Howard and Columbia

universities. He was consultant for introducing courses in Negro history in public schools of Columbia and Springfield, Mo., Alton, Ill., and Pittsburgh, Pa. Since 1957 he has been a member of the Missouri state advisory committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Atherton Wins Jefferson Prize

Thomas Jefferson supported universal education but wanted excellence in education, Dr. Lewis Atherton, professor of history, said in the Jefferson Day address at the Columbia campus.

Jefferson's birthday has been observed annually on the campus near the site of the original obelisk which marked the third president's grave. It was presented to the University as the first state university established in the Louisiana Purchase consummated during Jefferson's administration.

Atherton was presented the Robert Earl McConnell Foundation award, the interest from a \$10,000 endowment, as the member of the university community who best represents Jefferson's principles and ideals. Atherton, in turn presented the money to the doctoral dissertation fund to aid graduate students in their research, a fund established by friends in his name several years ago.

Atherton has been on the faculty since 1936 and is regarded as an authority on American western history.

His ability has been recognized by a Guggenheim fellowship, a Rockefeller Foundation grant, University Research Council and Social Science Research Council grants and his selection as the first recipient in 1960 of a Distinguished Faculty Award by the University Alumni Association.

Archaeologists Dig At Old Mormon Town

Twelve college students will assemble June 14 at the historic old Mormon town of Nauvoo, Ill., to begin five weeks of University directed field and laboratory instruction in American archaeology.

In charge of the investigations will be Professor Robert T. Bray of the division of American archaeology, Columbia campus department of anthropology.

The archaeological investigations at Nauvoo are funded by a continuing grant received by Bray from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and are part of an integrated program of research by archaeologists, historians, architects and museum and interpretive specialists. The findings are expected to contribute to a long-range program of restoration and interpretation at the historic old town which is held in reverence by many Mormons.

The archaeological program may be of considerable significance because of the contribution it is expected to make to the meager store of detailed knowledge of early 19th Century artifacts found at Midwestern historic sites.

J-School Gets Mag

Reprinted from the Columbia Missourian

A quarterly magazine--"Missouri Today"--to be produced by the University School of Journalism is in the planning stages, Dean Roy M. Fisher said.

According to Dr. Paul L. Fisher Jr., professor of journalism, the pilot issue probably will appear in late October or early November.

Overall plans for the magazine's publication are indefinite until reception of the first issue can be evaluated. An estimated 2000 copies will be sent to people who might later want to buy the magazine in bulk, Dr. Fisher said.

Promotion of Missouri as "a great place to be away from the smog, tension and dissent in the country" is the primary goal of the magazine, Dr. Fisher said. It would show Missouri as "a place where you can still get a haircut for 35 cents, where there are still clear rivers and magnificent stands of timber and people still have time to talk to each other," he added.

Dr. Fisher said he hopes the magazine producers can find

outside means of support, someone who would "find the magazine valuable to their purposes." He said examples are the Missouri Chamber of Commerce or small retirement villages in Southern Missouri.

Hopefully the magazine will be people-oriented, he said "Places are the background for people," he said. The staff would "welcome ideas of the charming or bucolic areas of Missouri and of people that would have a certain universal appeal."

Some journalism students staying over for the summer are working on the pilot issue. There are now no definite plans for the magazine staff, but Dr. Fisher says he hopes the School can incorporate the magazine into magazine sequence courses. He said students will write and illustrate articles while others will edit and lay them out.

Dr. Fisher added he envisions color as an integral part of the magazine. Hopefully there will be a four-color cover with a second color throughout the publication. The staff would make every effort to get as much four-color in as possible, depending on money available, he added.

He also said he hopes the magazine would find the support needed to make money. The present budget for the pilot issue covers expenditures for production and reimbursement of students for their travel and photographic expenses.

Editor's note - the first issue of the magazine is being made possible through a gift to the University from Downe Publishing Inc. of New York. Edward R. Downe Jr., BJ '52, is president of the parent company, and John Mack Carter, BJ '48, AM '49, is the publishing firm's president.

Calendar Changes

The University of Missouri-Columbia will operate on a radically new calendar for the next school year--a school year that offers breaks of nearly one month between the first and second semesters, the second semester and summer session, and the summer session and the 1972 fall opening.

The change will call for an early start, with classwork

beginning August 30 after four days of orientation. But before adjournment for Christmas on December 23, students will have completed studies and examinations to complete a full semester of school work.

The winter term will start classes on January 17 and continue through commencement May 16. The summer session extends from June 12 through August 4.

In addition to the nearly month-long Christmas vacation, students will have holidays from November 24-29 for Thanksgiving, March 11-20 for a spring break and July 4 for Independence Day. A departure, too, is a stop day December 15, the day before final examinations open for the fall term. The stop day is not repeated for the second semester, as classwork ends on May 6 and a weekend intervenes before the start of finals on May 8.

"Summer Welcome '71" is a special series of 15 two-day sessions which offer enrolling students an opportunity to complete registration and orientation prior to the regular fall semester.

Aide Proposes Books For Rent

George J. Arnold, a University senior in political science, works as a legislative aide in Jefferson City at least one day a week.

He is participating in a new program where the University and three Missouri colleges are sending students to work as aides to legislators of their choice for three hours credit. The students must provide their own transportation and pay their own way while in the Capitol.

Arnold has taken full advantage of his position. He has written a bill that, if passed, would save students at the University and other state-supported institutions of higher learning a great deal of money.

The bill concerns a book rental system.

Arnold's bill would require all state-supported junior colleges and universities to go on a book rental system. The student would have the option of renting or buying his books. The bill is still in committee.

Under Arnold's plan, book

stores not owned by the universities, would have to cooperate with the schools and would still be able to show a profit.

Arnold is enthusiastic about the program which allowed him the opportunity to write this bill.

"The program is the best source that the University has ever offered a political science major because I have learned 10 times as much being there doing it than I ever have studying it," he said.

Arnold said he would like to see the legislative aides program expanded.

"The problem with the program, as I see it now, is that a student can't get that much out of it only one day a week."

Fulbright Lecturer

Leon T. Dickinson, professor of English, has accepted an appointment as lecturer in American literature under the Fulbright program.

He has been assigned to the University in Montpellier, France where he and Mrs. Dickinson will live during the 1971-72 academic year.

Geologist to Head Institute In Spain

Thomas J. Freeman Jr., associate professor of geology, has been named by the American Geological Institute (AGI) to head a six week field trip to Spain. The trip, which begins July 10, is the tenth in an annual series of international field trips sponsored by AGI and supported by grants from the National Science Foundation.

Twenty geology faculty members from various U.S. colleges and universities were selected to participate in the six-week institute.

Approximately 100 persons applied for the study trip.

Freeman was selected to direct the trip because of his particular interest in the geology of Spain. He spent the past year on sabbatical in Spain, completing research projects on Spanish geology and lecturing at the University of Madrid.

Institute members will inspect various geological areas in their travels from the Cantabrian Mountains in northwestern Spain, through the Pyrenees and south via the

Province of Barcelona. They will also visit the Balaeric Islands in the Mediterranean.

The primary objective of the institute is to provide American faculty members--and through them their students--with an opportunity to learn and study the geology of a classic area outside the United States.

Junior Wins Scholarship

A junior political science major from Independence has been named the first recipient of the James E. Schaperkotter Memorial Scholarship.

Michael Kenneth Whitehead, has been chosen by a selection committee of three persons designated by those funding the scholarship.

Whitehead is enrolled in the political science honors program and has been a member of the University's intercollegiate debate team for three years. He is 1970-71 president of Phi Eta Sigma, national academic honor society, and has been a senator in the Missouri Students Association.

The scholarship is in honor of the late James E. Schaperkotter, who was an Phi Beta Kappa honor graduate of the Columbia campus in political science in 1966, and an honor graduate of Duke University Law School in 1969. He died in November, 1970, after an illness of several months. Members of his family, relatives and friends have contributed the money for the endowment.

Computers Help Teach Writing

A few years ago the cry was "Why can't Johnny read?" And apparently the situation remains a problem.

So much so that two Columbia campus professors decided to do something about it. The emphasis, however, is on writing rather than reading.

Dr. Willoughby Johnson, professor of English, and Dr. Merlyn Herrick, assistant to the dean of the School of Medicine and associate professor of education and of community health and medical practice, drew up a program to help.

Along with two graduate

teaching assistants, they devised a series of 15 self-instructional programs in remedial English.

The program is "just an experiment" according to Johnson. "The students use the facilities entirely on a free will basis."

He adds that English teachers usually single out those who need help most and suggest the remedial program to them.

The programs themselves are designed to be used with 30 Didactors--small, self-contained, desk-top, special-purpose computers--designed for computer-assisted self-instruction.

The programs emphasize capitalization, emphasis in writing, gerunds, participles and infinitives, parallelism in writing, pronouns, punctuation, sentences, verb-subject agreement, subordination in writing and writing good paragraphs.

Keith Hardiman, graduate teaching assistant along with Henry Ottinger, says the purpose of the program is to give the teacher more time to go into more sophisticated areas of English.

"What we had hoped it would do," he says, "was to relieve the teacher of teaching the basics." Most students have the basics for good written English, he adds, but those who don't slow the whole class down.

Faculty Artists Display Creations

A variety of techniques and styles were displayed during the annual faculty art show in the Fine Arts gallery. Faculty members of the art department were represented through works including ceramics, ceramic sculpture, jewelry, paintings and assemblages.

Occupying a dominant position in the gallery was a sculpture, requiring some six months to complete. The sculpture was a styrofoam project covered with polyester and glass.

Resembling a sideshow or carnival exhibit, an object in a display case represented a creature captured by a fictitious world traveler. . . Another example of faculty art showed two creations of silicon, bronze, acrylic, plastic and light while a free design sculpture called "Dual 90" incorporated light.

The faculty art remained in the gallery throughout April.

Mullett Active

Although Dr. Charles Mullett became professor emeritus this June, he hopes to remain active in campus affairs.

A noted English historian, Mullett has been on the faculty for 46 years. He has taught government, American history, and economics in addition to courses in his field.

He will continue to teach one course each term. This fall he will teach a colloquium in the Honors College for juniors and seniors in which he hopes to deal with "language as an archive of history." Mullett also will remain on the Faculty Council on University Policy and be a delegate to the Board of Curators' meetings until 1972.

Acting Dean For B&PA

Robert W. Paterson, professor of economics and faculty research professor at the University, has been appointed acting dean of the School of Business and Public Administration, replacing Pinkney Walker, who resigned from the deanship March 19.

Walker, who first came to the University in 1940 and assumed the deanship in 1964, is on leave of absence from the faculty to serve on the five-man Federal Power Commission. Nomination to the commission was made by President Richard Nixon and confirmed by the Senate. Walker fills the unexpired term of Carl E. Bagge, who resigned to become president of the National Coal Association. Walker's term expires June 22, 1972.

The Board of Curators approved the appointment of Paterson as acting dean last March. Paterson, a member of the Columbia campus faculty since 1959, is well-known for his annual economic forecasts of United States business conditions and his contributions to the formation of the School's Research Center.

In recent years, Paterson

has served as a tax study, economic and management consultant to private and governmental agencies, serving three state governments, agencies of the federal government and five major national business concerns.

Paterson is the author of several articles, monographs and books. His most recent article, entitled "Forecasting Highway Demand," is included in a book just published by the U. S. Government Printing Office. He is currently engaged in a study of "Congressional Response to U. S. Business Cycles."

"Dr. Paterson has served the School with distinction since he joined the faculty in 1959," said Walker in a letter to alumni and friends, "he is a distinguished scholar and an experienced administrator and the School is fortunate, indeed, to have a man of his stature and caliber assume the duties and the responsibilities of the dean's office."

Team Places Second

The Tiger Women's Golf Team has claimed second in the first Missouri State Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. The 27-hole tournament was played April 30-May 1 over the Stephens College course in Columbia.

The Lady Tigers, who are usually over-shadowed by the varsity men's team, finished behind only the home team, Stephens College. About 40 girls from Missouri schools competed.

Greeks Help Many Charities

Greek organizations on the Columbia campus are making an attempt to broaden their educational experiences through volunteer movements, according to a recent article in the "Columbia Missourian."

"Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity coordinated a drive that collected more than \$1000 from fraternities and sororities for the United Fund.

"Sigma Pi, Phi Kappa Theta, and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities and Pi Beta Phi sorority were among Greek houses that gave up at least part of the traditional

Homecoming festivities for some charity.

"Altogether, 33 of the 41 fraternities and sororities on the University campus planned a total of 61 separate service projects to the community last semester."

Other volunteer services cited were projects for underprivileged or mentally retarded children, and projects of collecting money for the United Fund, UNICEF, the Salvation Army, the Heart Fund, or the Cancer Fund.

"Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity sponsors the 'Bounce for Beats' drive for the Heart Fund. Members of the fraternity, local and occasionally national celebrities, and passers-by bounce a basketball on Broadway to encourage people to contribute to the Fund.

"Other projects take more unusual turns. Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority participates in Project Arrow, a drive to help Indians in the Southwest.

"Phi Delta Theta fraternity sponsors a carnival to help underprivileged Columbia people.

"Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sponsors a local Girl Scout troop. Other fraternities and sororities help the blood drive, sponsor Christmas and Halloween parties, go caroling in old folks' homes, donate money to orphanages, collect food and 'adopt' children."

In addition to the projects cited in the *Missourian*, Interfraternity Council President John Wilson, a senior from Shawnee Mission, Kan., prompted the idea to have Greek houses provide room and board, in addition to an active social life, for foreign students attending the University.

For the 1970-71 school year, Wilson's fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, has housed an astronomy student from Sweden.

The Board of Curators, provides scholarships for foreign students. But, the fraternity or sorority budget must absorb the cost of one extra member.

As David Markee, assistant director of student life at the University, said, "The Greek system is facing the same problems as the University. It must move, improve, get in tune. Greeks are searching for more flexibility in their members. Eventually there

won't be any stereotyped frat jocks left."

13 Become Emeritus

Thirteen long-time Columbia campus faculty members received titles of professors emeritus during the commencement program June 1. They were: Charles F. Mullett, professor of history, 46 years; Russell S. Bauder, professor of management and economics, professor of geology, 41 years; Chesney Hill, professor of political science, 40 years; Frederick E. Shane, professor of art, 39 years; Lois E. Knowles, professor of education, 37 years; Jack Mathews, professor of physical education, 36 years; Henry Bent, professor of chemistry, 35 years; Russell F. Giffin, professor of French and Italian, Dennis T. Mayer, professor of agricultural chemistry, 34 years; Leonard Blumenthal, professor of mathematics, 31 years; and Ruth Cooper Cook, professor of home economics, 15 years.

Speech Teacher Honored Twice

Paul E. Nelson, assistant professor of speech, has been doubly honored during the 1970-71 academic year for his teaching efforts.

Nelson is one of seven midwestern teachers recently given Outstanding Young Teacher Awards by the Central States Speech Association. In addition, he is featured in the 1970-71 *Savitar* student yearbook as an outstanding faculty member.

Nelson and the other six Central States Speech Association award winners were chosen from 63 nominees. The awards are given annually to teachers who are under 35, have less than five years experience and have been nominated by supervisors, department chairmen or colleagues. Final selection is made on the basis of the nominee's teaching ability, his contributions to his school and the evidence of his professionalism.

The Central States Speech Association is a professional organization of high school and college speech teachers in 13 Midwest states.

Broadcast Media Board Established

A board with broad authority has been named to coordinate broadcast media of the University of Missouri-Columbia, with an initial task of selection of a general manager of broadcast media.

In establishing the Board, Chancellor Schooling said he hoped it will direct a more effective use of KOMU-TV as an educational resource, insure that the new FM station will serve broad educational needs, and coordinate the Instructional Television services with the broadcast media.

Dr. Clifton Cornwell, dean of faculties, will be chairman of the 10-member board.

Serving with him will be Dr. Lee Cary, professor of regional and community affairs; Dr. Larry Clark, associate professor of speech; Dr. Arni Dunathan, assistant professor of education; Roy M. Fisher, dean of journalism; Donald Hoehle, fiscal business officer; Dr. John F. McGowan, dean of extension; Dr. Andrew Minor, associate dean of the Graduate School; Dennis M. Riggs, 1405 Lowe St., Columbia, and Michael C. Wheeler of Greenwich, Conn., journalism students.

Chancellor Schooling said that establishment of KBIA-FM radio will add another dimension to the broadcast media area that will serve the educational mission and become a new and essential part of the campus's public service responsibility.

"It is evident that the three facilities are related in purpose and function and that there is a commonality about their operation that suggests desirability of coordinated management and direction," he said. "All require specialized engineering services. All are educational resources and have a special service mission which includes training of students in radio and television, and in the case of KOMU and KBIA, communication with the same academic community."