

Association honors faculty and alumni

BY JANINE LATUS

In recognition of outstanding service and accomplishments, the MU Alumni Association honored recipients of the 24th annual Faculty-Alumni Awards Sept. 27 in Columbia.

Dr. Russell D. Shelden, AB '42, BS Med '47, received the Distinguished Service Award. Established in 1956, this award recognizes service by an individual whose sustained efforts and support have added to the excellence of the University. Shelden, a charter member of the Jefferson Club, was a clinical faculty member in MU's School of Medicine from 1958 to 1983. A former chief of anesthesiology at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, he and his wife, Mary, have established a professorship in MU's department of anesthesiology and support the Russell D. Shelden, M.D., Anesthesia Award for an outstanding medical student.

Dr. Edwin Michael Kaiser, professor of chemistry, received the Distinguished Faculty Award, which recognizes a faculty member whose sustained efforts in teaching, research and service have added to the excellence of the University. With MU since 1966, Kaiser was director of the Honors College from 1984 to 1991. Awarded a 1991 William T. Kemper Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching, he currently is on sabbatical, during which he will teach at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, and at the University of Western Cape in Capetown, South Africa.

The following Faculty-Alumni Award winners were selected for accomplishments in their professional lives and service to the University.

Muriel W. Battle, M Ed '76, EdSp '80, EdD '82, is assistant superintendent for secondary education and school communications for the Columbia Public Schools. In 1989, she was featured in *Show Me Missouri Women*, a book about exceptional women in the state.

H. Peter Ekern, AB '55, MD '59, has a private practice in Mexico, Mo., and is team physician for Mexico High School and physician for the Missouri Military Academy. The former MU football player has received the American Medical Association's Physician's Award every year since 1981.

Darwin A. Hindman Jr., AB '55, JD '61, is the senior partner of Hindman, Scott, Goldstein and Harder of Columbia. As founder and chairman of the Katy-Missouri River Trail Coalition, he led the drive for the development of the nation's longest rails-to-trails conversion.

Dr. Richard A. Hocks, professor of English, came to MU in 1965 and has taught in the Honors Humanities Sequence for 21 years. He served on many departmental and college committees, including the Writing Board, which created the Campus Writing Program.

B. Ray Holifield, BS '59, MA '64, is president of Ray Holifield and Associates and Parkway Petroleum Inc. in Dallas. This geologist developed a horizontal oil drilling technique that permits the tapping of major oil fields that were missed or considered insignificant when penetrated by conventional drilling.

Dr. Elmer R. Kiehl, BS Ag '42, MA '50, is professor emeritus of agricultural economics and dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture, now the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. He has traveled all over the world advising governments on food production and marketing and was appointed to national commissions by three U.S. presidents.

David Lyle Knight, AB '59, JD '62, is a senior



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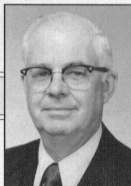
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Dr. Robert Patrick Knight Sr.

partner of Knight, Ford, Wright, Atwill, Parshall and Baker in Columbia. A founder of the Tiger Quarterback Club, he created a trust fund to re-establish the men's and women's tennis teams at MU, which had been dropped due to budget cuts.

Robert Patrick Knight Sr., PhD '68, the 1991-92 McIntyre Professor of Journalism at MU, has been director of the school's extension program and director of the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association for 26 years. He founded a workshop that attracts minority students into journalism.

Dr. Edith Peterson Mitchell, is an associate professor of medicine and a leading authority on cancer research and treatment. At MU, she established and is director of the Sickle Cell Center, the Tumor Marker Research Program and the Diagnostic Radioscintigraphy Program.

John R. Phillips, BS PA '68, JD '71, a partner of Blackwell, Sanders, Matheny, Weary and Lombardi in Kansas City, specializes in labor and employment law. As chairman of MU Leads the Way, he has helped in the University's largest fund-raising drive, which was announced in 1990 with a goal of \$150 million to be raised over three years.

Dr. Douglas D. Randall is a professor of biochemistry and director of MU's Interdisciplinary Plant Group. He has helped bring more than \$2.5 million in research funding to the University.

Oliver A. Schuchard is professor and chairman of MU's art department. His photographs have been exhibited worldwide and are represented in more than 150 private and institutional collections, including the Smithsonian and the National Park Service collections.

Carl Lawrence Schweitzer, BS '52, is vice president, assistant to the president and secretary of National Farms Inc., a meat production company in Kansas City. A very distinguished fellow of the Jefferson Club, he is a founding member of the Herbert J. Davenport Society and served as president of the MU Alumni Association in 1988-89 during the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Larry E. Skaer, BS '70, JD '74, is chief operating officer and general counsel of Skaer Enterprises Inc., a family-owned oil and gas company in Denver. A lifetime member of the MU Alumni Association, he is president of the Denver chapter.

Dennis L. Tuggle, BS '70, MM '72, is assistant principal of the Blue Springs (Mo.) High School and has been director of vocal music and music department chairman since 1979. Under his direction, the school's choir was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in 1990.

Edwin S. Turner, BS Ag '62, is a real estate and insurance broker and secretary-treasurer of Hutchinson and Co. in Chillicothe, Mo. A former president of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri System, he served on the board from 1985 to 1991.

Wynn Arthur Volkert, PhD '68, professor of radiology, biochemistry and nuclear engineering, co-discovered a class of compounds that are used in the diagnosis of neurological disorders and in the treatment of bone cancer.

State Sen. Roger B. Wilson, MEd '86, has been elected four times to represent the 19th District and currently is a Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.



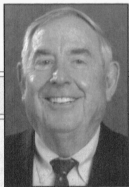
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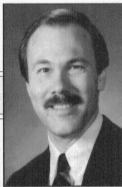
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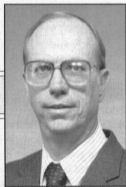
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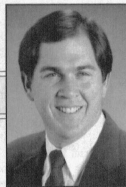
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