



Dr. Raymond E. Peck, professor of geology

Distinguished faculty award to Dr. Peck

Dr. Raymond E. Peck, professor of geology at the University, received the second annual Distinguished Faculty Award and \$1,000 cash prize given by the University's Alumni Association. Public presentation of the award was made at the June Commencement exercises.

He was chosen for the honor by a special committee of the University faculty on the basis of his outstanding teaching, research, and service. The committee was appointed by University President Elmer Ellis, and its membership remains anonymous.

Dr. Peck, who has been on the teaching staff here for more than 30 years, is internationally recognized for his research and his published works in geology. He is regarded as an inspiring teacher with an unflinching interest in students and in the processes of learning. At the same time, according to his colleagues on the University staff, Dr. Peck is equally concerned with the welfare of those who teach, and with bettering conditions wherever needed to make the teaching program more effective.

He has served diligently as chairman of the University Policy Committee, and has played a significant role in planning and establishing the retirement sys-

tem and the major medical insurance program now available to all University faculty and employees.

Dr. Peck served as chairman of the department of geology from 1950 to 1959, and then served a year as Acting Dean of the Graduate School while Dean Henry E. Bent was on a leave of absence to serve in Washington with the U. S. Government as Director of the Title IV Program of the National Defense Education Act. He has also served many summers as Director of the University's Summer Geology Field Camp at Lander, Wyo.

The University Alumni Association established the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1959, and allocates the \$1,000 each year from its Alumni Achievement Fund, a fund of voluntary contributions used to encourage scholarship, research, and service among both students and faculty. Dr. Lewis Atherton, professor of history, won the award in 1960.

To select the outstanding teacher, President Ellis invites every department and division of the University to nominate candidates from their faculties on the basis of outstanding achievement and service to the University, to the students, and to society.

President Ellis then appoints a committee, excluding all nominees, to screen the records of those nomi-

nated and to weigh all factors in the selection. More than a score of teachers were nominated this year.

Dr. Peck was born in Hamilton, Mo., and received his A.B. degree from Park College in Parkville, Mo. He received his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri, the latter in 1932. After earning his A.M. degree in 1928, Peck served for a year as assistant geologist for the Missouri Highway Commission, and then returned to the University in 1930 to work on his doctorate. He was also appointed an instructor in geology in 1930.

Dr. Peck was promoted to assistant professor in 1936, and to associate professor in 1942. During World War II, he served with the U. S. Air Force Training Command, attaining the rank of major, and was a faculty member of the American Army University at Shrivenham, England. He is now a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

Returning from service in 1946, Dr. Peck was made professor of geology. In 1950-51 he went to France on a Fulbright Fellowship.

He is known internationally for his work in micropaleontology and stratigraphy. Paleontology is that phase of geology dealing with prehistoric forms

of life through study of plant and animal fossils, and stratigraphy is the branch of geology which treats of arrangements and succession of various strata of the earth's rocks and minerals. He is especially well known in the profession for his work on Charophyta, a group of plants equivalent to the order of Charales, and of Ostracoda, a subclass of small, active, mostly fresh-water shell bivalves. He is also an authority on the Mesozoic formations in the Rocky Mountain area.

Dr. Peck is often sought for advice by major oil companies of the western United States, and by the U. S. Geological Survey. He is in constant correspondence with European scholars, and many of them come to his laboratory here for advice and counsel, especially on Charophyta.

He is author of more than a score of scientific articles published in professional journals, and is a member of numerous professional and scientific societies. He is a Fellow of the Geologic Society of America, and has held national offices in some of the professional societies of which he is a member. Dr. Peck was married in 1929 to Vaona Olive Hedrick. They live at 703 West Rollins Rd., in Columbia.

Entsminger to direct University development fund



G. H. Entsminger

President Elmer Ellis announced on June 21 that G. H. (Bus) Entsminger, who has been Director of Alumni Activities at the University since 1951, will assume direction of the University Development Fund on July 1. Entsminger will continue to direct alumni activities, President Ellis said. Entsminger's title has been changed from Director of Alumni Activities to that of Director of Development and Alumni Relations. The appointment has been approved by the University Board of Curators.

As Director of Development, Entsminger will succeed Dr. Frederick A. Middlebush, president emeritus of the University, who retired last December after reaching the age of 70. Dr. Middlebush had served as Director of Development since retiring from the presidency of the University in 1954.

The duties of Director of Development include contacts with individuals or organizations who wish to contribute to the endowment funds of the University, or who wish to establish new endowments to aid the University's educational and research programs. Some of these endowments are designated for student scholarships, fellowships, or grants-in-aid; some are to endow distinguished fellowships in specific areas; some to provide for new buildings or laboratories and equipment; and some to finance research.

President Ellis said Entsminger's new duties will in no manner change his direction of alumni relations or the Alumni Achievement Fund. This is a fund established six years ago by the Alumni Association to accept and administer regular annual giving by alumni and friends of the University to promote the educational welfare of students and faculty and the progressive improvement of the University's service to the people of Missouri.

Organized alumni activities and the fund program are closely allied, so that the responsibilities of their direction may be fused naturally into one administrative operation. The growth of annual giving and special gifts on the part of alumni points to the need of an enlarged program looking toward ever increasing participation of University alumni and friends. With the addition of personnel, it is anticipated that further impetus will be given to three functions centered in the Alumni Office—development, alumni relations, and alumni publications.