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The Howell Murray Awards

The Howell Murray Awards were established in honor of a distinguished alumnus and trustee to recognize graduating students for outstanding contributions to the University's extra curriculum.

KAREN ELTA ANDERSON is from Janesville, Minnesota, and has concentrated in Behavioral Science. A staff writer as well as Viewpoints Editor for the *Maroon*, she has been a member of many organizations, among them the College Students Assembly, Student School Publication Board, the Social Sciences Advisory Committee, and the Alumni Relations Committee. She has served as a moderator for two panels of the Career Conference, and was a keynote speaker at this year's "Senior Dinner." Further, she has been an active participant in the National Volunteer Leadership Conference. Ms. Anderson serves as a Student Marshall.

KYLE DAVID DIXON is from Windsor, Connecticut, and has concentrated in Public Policy Studies. Mr. Dixon has been a thoughtful, imaginative, and conscientious force in College student activities. His work with the Alumni Student Relations Committee was quite impressive, especially as one of the Masters of Ceremonies for the Senior Dinner. As a member of the President's Student Advisory Committee, he formulated recommendations for the arts programs at the University and virtually single-handedly organized the Festival of the Arts (FOTA) this year. He has also found time to sing with the University Chorus for all four years, helped to recruit black students to the College, and assisted in the publishing of student course evaluations for the Social Sciences Collegiate Division. He is a member of the Maroon Key Society.

MICHAEL JAMES DREWEK is from Racine, Wisconsin, and has concentrated in Biology. For much of his time here, Mr. Drewek has been an energetic contributor to the Student Schools Committee. He began in his freshman year as a host to prospective students. By the end of that year he had gained sufficient respect among his fellow students for the work he had done representing his dorm to win election to On-Campus Chairman, a position he held for two years. Mr. Drewek's

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group housed, informed, and entertained nearly 600 visitors, accommodating every last-minute request and losing no luggage. Mr. Drewek was Chairman of the Biological Sciences Advisory Board and served on the Dean's Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Maroon Key Society.

DAVID L. FEIGE is from Madison, Wisconsin, and has concentrated in Behavioral Science. He will long be remembered for his *Maroon* column "Fashion on the Quads," as well as for the first "Autumnnerk" on campus. His creative and boundless energy found expression in the study breaks he organized for the College Student Association and in his work with Student Government, Blackfriars, and most recently Avant-Garfielde. He is a member of the Maroon Key Society.

KATHLEEN MARGARET FITZPATRICK is from Alsip, Illinois, and has concentrated in Biology. Ms. Fitzpatrick has been elected Most Valuable Player and Captain of both the women's basketball and softball teams. As the President of the Women's Athletic Association, she worked to encourage greater visibility for our athletic programs. In addition to all of this, she coordinated a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. She is a member of the Maroon Key Society, Alumni Student Relations Committee, and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

NEAL JOSEPH LOEVINGER is from Rockville, Maryland, and has concentrated in Slavic Languages and Literatures. As director of the University Folk Festival, Mr. Loevinger coordinated, planned, and directed this nationally acclaimed event. His persistent energy and effort resulted in a very successful three-day affair. He has also managed to find time to fulfill his responsibilities as Program Director for the WHPK radio station and as Co-President of the Folklore Society. Mr. Loevinger has also served with distinction as a member of the Maroon Key Society.

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WILLIAM FOREST ALLEN PENN is from Springfield, Virginia, and has concentrated in Political Science. Mr. Penn has been a dedicated member of Student Government and its Finance Committee. He began his career in the Assembly and worked his way up the ranks of responsibility, eventually becoming the Chairman of the Finance Committee. He has handled the unexpected pressures and responsibilities of his chairmanship with finesse. Mr. Penn has also found time to establish and become President of the Dart Club. In or out of the political arena, Mr. Penn has been a "sharp shooter."

GAIL ANNE MARTIN, from Ardsley, New York, has concentrated in American History. We recognize Ms. Martin for her long and distinguished career in University Theater. Her leadership and good spirit while working tirelessly on the University Theater Finance Committee and the University Theater Board have been one of the major reasons why student theater has undergone a renaissance on our campus. Ms. Martin has done everything from building sets to directing, producing, and acting.

RICH WOJCIK is from Frankfort, Illinois, and has concentrated in English. For much of his time here, Mr. Wojcik has been an influential member of WHPK, the student radio station. As station manager, he was chief executive of the station, responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day management. He has helped in the installation of the studio transmitter line, providing better signals to the radio's many campus and South-Side listeners. The WHPK Program Magazine has attained city-wide recognition for its cutting-edge music reviews and avant-garde style. Off the radio, his *Maroon* column "Vinyl Vortex" taught us all what was "hip and happening" in the music world. Mr. Wojcik has also been active in FOTA and is a member of the Maroon Key Society.

SANGEETA MARUTI BHORADE is from Elmhurst, Illinois, and has concentrated in Behavioral Science. Ms. Bhorade was this year's editor of the yearbook. Active in her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi, she served as relations chairperson and corresponding secretary. Ms. Bhorade has also served as publications chairperson for the Student Schools Committee. She is a recipient of the Morton-Murphy Award.

The Citation for Public Service

The Alumni Citations for Public Service honor those who have fulfilled the obligations of their education through creative citizenship and exemplary leadership in voluntary service which has benefited society and reflected credit upon the University.

HERBERT B. FRIED, J.D., 1932, joined the Charles Levy Circulating Company in 1952 after spending 20 years in the practice of law, punctuated by five years of Army service in World War II. When he retired as President of the Circulating Company (the country's largest independent distributor of publications) in 1977, it was only to begin another and equally distinguished career in public service. Long active in numerous voluntary causes in the Chicago community at large, Herbert Fried turned his energies to the University of Chicago Law School. Drawing on his deep understanding of the University, its students, and the outside world, he developed a placement program responsive to the needs of students, the Law School, and prospective employers. He became a skilled and effective advocate for the School as employers across the country began to increase their understanding of the intellectual factors that make a legal education at Chicago distinctive. Mr. Fried has since gone on to initiate and direct the Chicago Bar Association's *pro bono* recruitment program for three years, during which he increased the number of lawyers serving the poor and indigent from a few hundred to over 1,000. More recently, Mr. Fried has created a Bar Association counselling service for young lawyers concerned about their careers that has become a national model. Finally, in the fall of 1986 he began a voluntary service for still a third segment of the Chicago community, the Vietnamese refugee population, designing a program to help the Vietnamese finance and organize their own small businesses. Herbert Fried's leadership in the area of public service has been extraordinary, unsparing, and dedicated. His impact on the legal profession through the various programs of voluntary service he instituted has been unparalleled and inspirational. In all his work, Mr. Fried has been a model for Chicago graduates and what they might bring to the larger society of which they are a part.

The Professional Achievement Citations

The Professional Achievement Citations recognize those alumni whose attainments in their vocational fields have brought distinction to themselves, credit to the University, and real benefit to their fellow citizens.

GEORGE LELAND BACH, Ph.D., 1940, is the Frank E. Buck Professor Emeritus of Economics and Public Policy at Stanford University. In the late 1940's and early 1950's, he was the founding dean of a new professional graduate school of industrial administration at Carnegie-Mellon University (then called Carnegie Institute of Technology). "Lee" Bach has been widely recognized as a prime moving force of a revolution in business education in the United States, taking it, as one admirer has written, from "reliance on 'hunch' to greater reliance on rational analysis" utilizing the methods of the basic and applied sciences. One of Professor Bach's goals, which has been achieved with national and international impact on graduate management education, was to revise the underlying conceptual approach to the study of business institutions. In effect, Professor Bach has lead the way to reforming the intellectual underpinnings by infusing other disciplines into management—economics, behavioral sciences, mathematics, and quantitative methods. Business education has become more rigorous, more intellectually integrated, and more explicit.

Throughout the last half century, Professor Bach has continued this major "push" toward improved professional education and research. He has worked intimately with a variety of organizations—American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, American Economic Association, Ford Foundation, Carnegie Corporation, Sloan Foundation, Federal Reserve Board, and the Joint Council on Economic Education. His effort has brought honor to him, credit to his alma mater, and an establishment of highest standards throughout his fields of work.

The Professional Achievement Citations (continued)

HERMAN S. BLOCH, S.B., 1933, Ph.D., 1936, is one of the nation's leading chemists, and one of the country's acknowledged experts in catalysis. His research and inventions have resulted in dozens of publications and over 270 U.S. patents, establishing him as one of the nation's most prolific inventors. Mr. Bloch entered the field of petroleum research in the late 1930's and, for more than fifty years, he has been responsible for the industry's adopting a host of specialized catalytic processes to improve the yields and quality of conventional petroleum products and to meet the demand for entirely new materials. In so doing, he has helped as much as any scientist to eliminate corrosive and noxious by-products and to provide products which do not cause long-lasting water pollution. His discoveries are credited by many with helping to change the course of the entire refining industry. His important contributions to science and technology resulted in his election in 1975 to the National Academy of Sciences and numerous distinguished awards from the American Chemical Society. Mr. Bloch has served five terms as Chairman of the Board of Directors of that Society. He chaired the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Committee on Physical Sciences from 1969 to 1971. He has the unreserved respect and admiration of academic research scientists, no small achievement for a chemist in industry, and his colleagues in industry and on campuses across the country still seek him out for the wisdom and perception that enable him to contribute fruitfully in many areas of chemistry. The University of Chicago, with its fine tradition of top scientists as both faculty and alumni, is proud to claim Herman Bloch as one of her own.

The Professional Achievement Citations (continued)

REATHA CLARK KING, S.M., 1960, Ph.D., 1963, has been President, since 1977, of Metropolitan State University in Saint Paul, Minnesota, an extraordinary institution without a campus but with classrooms throughout the Twin Cities. Under Reatha Clark King, the school has become a model for public higher education institutions across the country seeking ways to reach adult students. Ms. King also gives generously of herself to the community, serving on a number of corporate and public service boards which have called upon the special talents she has acquired from her work leading to an M.B.A. degree from Columbia University in 1977. An impressive list of community and regional awards testifies to her effectiveness in mustering the support of Minnesota's corporate sector for worthy community causes. Reatha Clark King has also been a major national figure in higher education over the past decade. She serves on the Board of Directors of the American Council on Education, and is Chairperson of the Board of the American Association of Higher Education. She has lectured in India, Bangladesh, Tanzania, and the Soviet Union as a representative of the American Council on Education and the State Department. In recognition of her achievements, and in the realization that the nation will continue to gain from her energy and wisdom, Carleton College, among other institutions, has awarded her an honorary degree. She has been selected for the Exceptional Black Scientist Award by the CIBA-GEIGY Corporation and for the Educational Excellence Award by the National Association of Black Women in Higher Education. And now the University is proud to pay tribute to Reatha Clark King, an alumna who brings great honor to her alma mater.

The Professional Achievement Citations (continued)

DANIEL E. KOSHLAND, JR., Ph.D., 1949, after two postdoctoral years at Harvard, joined the staff of Brookhaven National Laboratory and later held joint appointments at Brookhaven and the Rockefeller University until he joined the faculty of the University of California, Berkeley, as Professor of Biochemistry in 1965. Since 1985 he has also been editor of *Science*, perhaps the most prestigious general science magazine in the world. Almost every week he contributes a well-written, witty, and substantive editorial to *Science*. But it is as a world leader in biochemistry that Mr. Koshland is best known. His major achievements span the disciplines of classical enzymology, sensory physiology, and molecular biology. He won world acclaim in the 1960's with his "induced fit" of allosteric interactions in enzymes, which is discussed in every biochemistry textbook today. Soon thereafter he discovered the phenomenon of negative cooperativity, which is now accepted as an important regulatory mechanism in proteins. Mr. Koshland has gone on to become a leader in the field of bacterial chemotaxis, or sensory perception in bacteria, and in more recent years has implemented new approaches in molecular genetics that elucidate the nature of the signaling pathway and the sensory transduction mechanisms. Daniel Koshland is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been a Visiting Fellow of All Souls College at Oxford, a Guggenheim Fellow, and a visiting lecturer at numerous universities here and abroad. He has played a major role as administrator, leader in scientific communications, and shaper of scientific ideas. He has been a true spokesman for science and for national science policy. The University that provided Daniel Koshland with his graduate education is proud to acknowledge his distinguished achievements.

The Professional Achievement Citations (continued)

DEBORAH W. MEIER, A.M., 1955, is principal of Central Park East School in New York City. Formed in 1974 in one wing of P.S. 171 in East Harlem, Central Park East started with only 100 pupils and the ideas of the teachers who volunteered to work there under Deborah Meier's leadership. Ms. Meier had a vision of what the school could be: teacher run with parental involvement, and centered on subject matter rather than skills. Today, Central Park East is a network of three elementary schools and a high school. Of the first group of students, only one has not finished high school, and half the graduates have gone on to college. In a field in which theory seldom has anything to do with practice, Ms. Meier has formed a nationally recognized, and truly revolutionary, educational program. A colleague refers to her vision, her leadership, and her commitment—and notes that, although all three qualities have undergone severe and arduous strain over the past decade, Ms. Meier's integrity, perseverance, and tenacity have ultimately allowed her to triumph. She has won not only respect and admiration of distinguished educators across the country, but also, and more important perhaps, the fierce loyalty of the students, parents, and faculty with whom she works. She meets daily with her own 14-student advisory committee for a seminar-like discussion of books, ethics, and contemporary issues, and is counselor for the 14 students and families. She is also a member of the school's Humanities team. Ms. Meier was honored by the Fund for the City of New York with a Public Service Award in 1980 and, in the Spring of 1987, became the first teacher in the nation to receive a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship. At a time when the country needs more than ever for people with vision, leadership, and commitment to come forward to work with its children, this University is particularly proud that one of its graduates is filling that role so well.

The Alumni Service Citation

The Alumni Service Citation is awarded for outstanding service to The University of Chicago.

ROBERT F. PICKEN, A.M., 1933, has served the University with distinction and grace in numerous ways for many years. The archives of the University hold a tattered note, dated August 28th, 1945, thanking a young Army Lieutenant stationed in Europe for his timely gift to that year's Annual Fund. Robert Picken, the lieutenant whose generosity the note acknowledged, has been giving of himself to this University ever since. Indeed, the 43 years since 1945 do not accurately circumscribe his loyalty and service to The University of Chicago, for they began with his graduation in 1933. For years he was active with The University of Chicago Cancer Research Fund; he was a stalwart of the University Laboratory Schools Building Fund; he served for fifteen years on the College Task Force; he and his wife Rita give of themselves to the Oriental Institute and the Women's Board of the University; and his interest in music has led to his regular participation in and support of the Music Department's Gilbert and Sullivan opera productions. His effective and unpublicized volunteer leadership was given to improving the quality of life in the University's neighborhood of Hyde Park through work in a wide variety of the community's institutions and organizations.

Over the past quarter century, Robert Picken has been especially active in significant leadership positions on behalf of the National Alumni Fund, the Major Gifts Committee of the Campaign for the Arts and Sciences, and the President's Fund. During the critical closing years (1985-88) of the Campaign for the Arts and Sciences, Robert Picken has been National Chairman of the President's Fund. This has been a period in which annual support for the Fund has increased substantially. Lt. Robert F. Picken has served and continues to serve The University of Chicago for over half its history. It is with a profound sense of gratitude, and as a deserved second note of thanks, that the University awards Robert F. Picken the Alumni Service Citation.

The Alumni Medal

The Alumni Medal is awarded for extraordinary distinction in one's field of specialization and extraordinary service to society.

ROBERT L. PAYTON, A.M., 1954, has had a distinguished career as a public servant, university president, and foundation executive. What makes his achievement truly exceptional is the enormously creative manner in which he has articulated the role of philanthropy in the proper functioning of a modern technocratic society. He has brought new attention and dignity to the notion of philanthropy and has prodded his fellow citizens to understand its essential role in society. Currently Scholar-in-Residence at the University of Virginia, Robert Payton has served as President of the Exxon Education Foundation, Hofstra University, and C.W. Post College. He was United States Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Cameroon from 1967 to 1969. He was also a senior administrator of Washington University in St. Louis for nine years, serving as Vice-Chancellor from 1961 to 1966. But it is the vision and understanding that he brought to all these positions that have distinguished Bob Payton's career from those of similarly successful colleagues in education and public service. He believes, for example, that the private voluntary, charitable, and philanthropic instinct in our society must be nourished not simply for its direct beneficiaries but for the welfare of society itself, and that indeed the philanthropic tradition is the wellspring of most of the social change in our society. Through his service to higher education, to our country, and to his fellow man, and especially by his repeated and imaginative efforts to make us understand the significance and cultural value of philanthropy as an integral part of the social fabric of a modern technocratic society, Robert Payton has deserved our deepest thanks. He is truly a man for all seasons, a son of his alma mater who embodies her noblest values.

The Alhanni Medal

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