Nine To Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement

Commencement speaker Carla Anderson Hills, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), will be one of nine distinguished persons who will receive honorary degrees at the WU graduation exercises on Friday morning, May 20, in the quadrangle. (Francis Field House in case of inclement weather.) The academic procession will begin at 8 a.m. with commencement exercises at 8:30 a.m.

Hills is one of two well known jurists who will receive the honorary Doctor of Laws degree. The other recipient is Walter Gellhorn, native St. Louisan and scion of a family long associated with service to this University. Gellhorn is University Professor Emeritus at Columbia University.

Other honorary degree recipients are: Morris Carnovsky, a WU alumnus, A.B., 1920, who is one of the "greats" in the American theatre. Actor, director and teacher, he was in residence here last fall to portray Shakespeare's King Lear. He will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree;

James Rutherford Fair, director of the Engineering Technology Area of Monsanto's Corporate Engineering Department in St. Louis. Fair is an affiliate professor of chemical engineering in the WU School of Engineering and Applied Science. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree;

Richard Batt Succeeds Ervin as Dean of Continuing Education

Richard John Batt, associate dean of University College and associate director of the Summer School at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., has been appointed dean of the School of Continuing Education and the Summer School at Washington University, it was announced today by Chancellor William H. Danforth. Batt will join the University on July 1.

An attorney, historian and university administrator, Batt succeeds John B. Ervin, who has been dean of the School since 1968 and who is leaving the University to join the Danforth Foundation as a vice president and special advisor on urban affairs and minority recruitment for the Danforth Graduate Fellowship Program.

In announcing the appointment, Chancellor Danforth said, "Richard Batt is a man of great energy and wide experience. I am confident that under his leadership Continuing Education at Washington University will continue to adapt successfully to the challenge of serving the St. Louis community. Dean Ervin, who guided our School of Continuing Education into new areas of education, will be missed by the University. His boundless goodwill contributed immensely to the benefit of all ages, races, and groups in..."
Peter H. Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, George Englemann Professor of Botany at WU, and adjunct professor of biology at WU, St. Louis University and the University of Missouri, St. Louis, has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, considered to be one of the highest honors that can be accorded to an American scientist or engineer. Raven's election to the National Academy of Sciences is in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

A specialist in plant systematics, the classification of plants, and in the evolutionary relationships between plants and insects, Raven is the author of six books and more than 200 scientific papers.

Raven was one of 60 American scientists and the only St. Louisan to be honored by the Academy with membership this year. Eight other WU faculty members are members of the Academy. They are:

Sam I. Weissman, a member of the Manhattan Project who was a pioneer in electron spin resonance, a special type of spectroscopy in physical chemistry, which has yielded more precise understandings of the structure of molecules and very rapid chemical reactions.

Robert M. Walker, who developed the fission-track dating method, which he has applied in dating moon rocks, earth materials and meteorites. Walker and his colleagues have contributed fundamental knowledge about the early history of the solar system and the way in which the chemical elements were formed.

Dr. Oliver M. Lowry, who developed histo-chemical methods that can be applied to ultra microscopic determination of cell constituents and enzymes.

Dr. Rita Levi-Montalcini, codiscoverer of a protein called nerve growth factor which increases the growth of certain nerve cells up to 12 times their normal size. The factor represents a new type of substances that control development of the embryo's nervous system.

Eugene Feenberg (emeritus), who early in his career helped to elucidate the structure of the atomic nucleus. He also has contributed to methods of calculating reasonable approximations to nature that cannot be done with mathematical precision, and evolved "the method of correlated basis functions," which is applied to a better understanding of the behavior of matter, ranging from liquid helium to neutron stars.

Dr. Carl F. Cori (emeritus), who, with his late wife, Dr. Gerty T. Cori, received the 1947 Nobel Prize in Medicine for their work on the conversion in the body of glycogen into glucose (starch into sugar). His later research centered on the regulation of carbohydrate metabolism in muscle and liver and the effects of hormones such as insulin and epinephrine on this metabolic cycle.

Viktor Hamburger (emeritus), one of the nation's leading authorities in the field of experimental neuroembryology. He was head of the WU Biology Department for 22 years.

Dr. Hallowell Davis (emeritus), a nationally recognized authority on hearing. He was instrumental in expanding research and clinical programs at the Central Institute for the Deaf.

Cupples I Fire Causes Smoke and Water Damage

A fire in Cupples I caused smoke and water damage to Room 19 in the building on Sunday afternoon, while a rock concert was going on in the Quadrangle.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Robert Benson noticed the smoke and opened the door to Cupples and then called the campus police, who notified the Clayton and Richmond Heights fire departments.

By the time, the fire equipment arrived, Lt. Ronald Schuchardt of the campus police and some students, using a fire hose, had already extinguished the fire. The blaze interrupted the concert for about an hour.

Norman Schneider, chief of the campus police, said the cause of the fire was undetermined.

Peter H. Raven

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of University students, faculty and staff last year.

After publication of the interview with Ravenholt, who had been in St. Louis for the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Chancellor William H. Danforth met on April 27 with a group of University students at their request. Chancellor Danforth reviewed with the students the University's understanding of PIEGO and the conduct of the program at the School of Medicine.

On April 28, Chancellor Danforth sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance asking for an official clarification of United States policy as it pertains to the questions raised about PIEGO. That letter is printed here in its entirety.

Dear Mr. Vance: Attached are two articles, one from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch dated April 22, 1977, and one from the Kansas City Times dated April 23, 1977. The article from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch quotes Dr. R. T. Ravenholt, Director of the Federal Government's Office of Population, to the effect that the goal of the United States is to have 100,000,000 women around the world sterilized and that population control is needed to maintain "the normal operation of U.S. commercial interests around the world." I have spoken with Mr. Paul Wagman, the author of the article, who has convinced me of its accuracy.

It is inconceivable to me that U.S. policy is directed toward those goals. If Dr. Ravenholt is correct, I believe the policy should be changed. If he is incorrect, I believe he should have instruction. One need only to imagine how we in the United States would feel if a foreign government took it upon itself to set a goal of limiting the population of the U.S. for its own economic interests.

Washington University is mentioned in the article. We operate a program funded by A.I.D., which is designed by our faculty to train specialists in obstetrics and gynecology from developing countries in the latest advances in that specialty. If Dr. Ravenholt's views are correct, I feel we have been misled. Our program devotes a relatively small percentage of its time to education about methods of birth control. I believe that Washington University and other institutions in the United States should be involved in providing people from foreign countries our medical and technical skills. We believe we are doing so. Our physicians report no interference from A.I.D. officials on the con-
Chemist Walter Stockmayer
To Deliver Kennedy Lecture

A former Rhodes scholar, Walter H. Stockmayer, professor of chemistry at Dartmouth College, will deliver the twentieth annual Joseph W. Kennedy Memorial Lecture at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, in Room 458, Louderman Hall. His talk on “Some Aspects of Chain Molecule Dynamics” is being sponsored by WU’s Department of Chemistry.

Professor Stockmayer, an internationally known authority on the application of statistical mechanics to macromolecular substances, has been the recipient of many honors. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the American Physical Society. Awarded an honorary doctorate degree from the University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, he has been cited for special achievement by the American Chemical Society and the Manufacturing Chemists Association.

As an informal consultant and as associate editor of Macromolecules, he is credited with furthering the efforts of investigators in fields related to his own.

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duct of the program.

Clearly no educational institution can guarantee the use to which any skill will be put; however, I personally believe that federal policy, as enunciated by Dr. Ravenholt, is not only wrong, but makes more difficult federal-academic cooperation. A good educational program in obstetrics and gynecology for physicians from abroad should not be locked into a policy of population control.

I hope that you, or someone within your Department, can give me an official clarification of United States policy.

(signed) William H. Danforth
Chancellor, Washington University

THE WU RUGBY CLUB will take on the St. Louis University rugby team in a benefit game for the St. Louis Children’s Hospital on Friday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Francis Field. Free beer will be provided by Anheuser Busch. Tickets are $1 and are available at the Mallinckrodt Box Office and at the gate on Friday.

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Hugh Morris Gloster
Hugh Morris Gloster, president of Morehouse College. Administrator, educator, author and speaker, he has served as a representative of United States-sponsored educational programs abroad. Gloster is the author of Negro Voices in American Fiction, and co-editor of The Brown Thrush and My Life—My Country—My World. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree;

John Kyle Gustafson
John Kyle Gustafson, geologist and mining company executive. The head of the Homestake Mining Company of San Francisco for many years, he is a graduate of WU, A.B. 1927, and a former trustee. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree;

Martin David Kamen
Martin David Kamen, internationally famous biochemist, is a member of the faculty of the University of Southern California, where he is concurrently professor of chemistry, biochemistry, and biological sciences. His discovery of carbon 14, which has had a revolutionary impact on the development of biochemistry and molecular biology as well as carbon dating, established him in his field. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree;

James McDonnell
Trustees of both WU and what is now the Washington University Medical Center. WU awarded him an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree in 1958. This year he will receive an honorary Doctor of Medicine degree;

Eudora Welty, celebrated American writer, and winner of a Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for her novel The Optimist’s Daughter. A contributor to many leading magazines including The New Yorker and The Southern Review, she is the author of many other books, including The Ponder Heart and Losing Battles. The recipient of many honors, she was awarded the Gold Medal for Fiction from the National Institute of Arts and Letters. Welty will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

Following the commencement exercises, refreshments will be served at various locations on campus for the graduating class, their families and friends.

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the University and the community. His efforts have established a solid foundation upon which Dean Batt can carry forward the important mission of continuing education at Washington University.”

Batt, who received his undergraduate education at St. John’s College in Annapolis, Md., earned a J.D. degree from Tulane University in 1954 and subsequently practiced law in New Orleans for 14 years. He then returned to Tulane to study history and earned the M.A. degree in 1971 and the Ph.D. degree in 1974.

From 1970-72, Batt was a part-time instructor in history at several New Orleans colleges and universities. In 1972, he joined St. Mary’s Dominican College in New Orleans as director of Continuing Education and assistant professor of history.

Batt returned to Tulane University as assistant dean of Continuing Education and assistant professor of history in 1973. He was named associate dean in 1975. While at Tulane, Batt expanded the credit curriculum in continuing education, established an interdisciplinary B.A. degree in criminal justice, and planned degree programs in liberal studies and computer science and certificate programs in business, real estate and para-legal studies. (continued on page 4)
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FRIDAY, MAY 6


3:30 p.m. Neurosciences Symposium Lecture, “Steroid Hormone Receptors, the Genome and Behavior.” Bruce S. McEwen, prof, of neurobiology, Rockefeller U., New York, N.Y. Erlanger Auditorium.

4 p.m. Department of Romance Languages Colloquium, “Galdos: A European Realist,” Joseph Schraibman, WU prof, of romance languages. Hurst Lounge.

5 p.m. George H. Bishop Lecture in Experimental Neurology, “The Opiate Receptor and Opioid Peptides,” Dr. Solomon H. Snyder, prof, of pharmacology and psychiatry, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md. Moore Auditorium, Cancer Research Bldg. 660 So. Euclid.

9 p.m. Inter-fraternity Council “Last Chance Before Finals” Party, with music by “Gibralter.” Mallinckrodt Center Commons Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

4 p.m. Department of Physics Colloquium, “Time, Astronomy and Calendar in Ancient Mexico,” Anthony F. Armbruster, vocalist, and Charles Metz, harpsichordist. The program will include works by Bach, Rossini, and Beethoven. Steinberg Auditorium.

3 p.m. “An Howres Recreation in Music” baroque music concert, with members of the Department of Music Performance Practice Class, directed by Michael Chibbett, visiting artist-in-residence. The program will include works by Biber, Monteverdi, HammerSchmidt and others. Steinberg Auditorium.

MONDAY, MAY 9

8 p.m. Department of Music Chamber Music Concert, featuring St. Louis Symphony members Darwyn Apple and Takaoki Sugitani, violin, and Aleksandra Ciechan, cello; Herbert Van den Burg, viola, and WU prof, of music, William Schatzkamer, piano. The program will include Brahms’ Sonata No. 1 for violin and piano, Op. 78; Mozart’s Quartet for piano and strings, No. 1, K. 478; and Schumann’s Piano Quintet, Op. 44. Graham Chapel. Admission $2; no charge for members of the WU community with an ID.

Walter H. Stockmayer, professor of chemistry at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, will be the speaker at the Joseph W. Kennedy Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Department of Chemistry, Thursday, May 5, at 4 p.m. in 458 Louderman. Stockmayer will speak on “Some Aspects of Chain Molecule Dynamic.”

The institute of Biological Husbandry, Oberwil, Switzerland. Brown Lounge.

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FILMS

7:30 and 9:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, “Emmanuelle.” Brown Hall Theatre, Admission $1.25. (Also Sat., May 7, same times, Brown.)

FRIDAY, MAY 6


EXHIBITIONS

“School of Fine Arts Undergraduate and First Year Graduate Student Exhibit.” Steinberg Gallery. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.; 1-5 p.m. Sun. May 8-20.

“School of Fine Arts First Year Graduate Student Exhibit: Painting.” Shoenberg Gallery, Mallinckrodt Center, 9 a.m.-12 midnight, Mon.-Sat.; 12 noon-12 midnight, Sun. Through May 20.

“First Books,” a chronological selection of literary debuts by important figures in British and American literature, 1782-1960. From the Rare Book Department Collection. Olin Library, level 5. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Through June 30.

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Batt’s research and scholarship have covered both history and continuing education. He is a scholar of the American Revolution and of Maryland’s part in the Revolution. He is 49, and he and his wife have four children.

Ervin, who has been with Washington University since 1965, is a graduate of Kent State University and holds master’s and doctoral degrees from Columbia University Teachers College. He came to St. Louis in 1949 as chairman of the Education Division of Stowe Teachers College. He was dean of Instruction at Harris Teachers College when he joined Washington University.

THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM INC. will sponsor a bring-your-own-food picnic on May 8 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the South-40 Swamp. Members of this international organization, which encourages learning about medieval culture, will wear medieval costumes and perform medieval dances. The picnic is being held to publicize the recently formed WU chapter of the society—Hause Bears’-Haven (Bears Household), which is open to everyone at WU. For information, call 863-6871.