

ARCHIBALD KIMBROUGH DAVIS

Archibald Kimbrough Davis is one of North Carolina's most dynamic leaders. Born of Moravian stock in Winston-Salem, he was graduated from this institution in 1932. He then became an employee of Wachovia Bank, rising to the position of Chairman of the Board in 1956. He was President of the American Bankers Association in 1965 and of the United States Chamber of Commerce in 1971. Archie Davis has engaged in an incredible variety of activities, from raising collards to advising Presidents of the United States. He has been Trustee of the University of North Carolina, of Salem College, and of Converse College. He was twice elected State Senator from Forsyth County. He has an intense interest in Civil War history on the one hand and an optimistic, almost prophetic view of the future of North Carolina and of the South on the other. As founder and first President of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association and as President of the Research Triangle Foundation, he has advocated responsible development within this state. Besides the A.B. degree, Mr. Davis also holds from this University an honorary LL.D. This seemed to leave a gap at the Master's level, which he is now working to close, as candidate for the M.A. degree in History. We take pride in the outstanding career and varied achievements of this alumnus.

HOLT MCPHERSON

Holt McPherson, journalist, public servant, civic leader, and good friend of students for decades, has been a newspaperman in this state and elsewhere from the year of his graduation here in 1928. In 1971 he retired as Editor of the High Point Enterprise, but he continues to write. He has been a trustee of two colleges and a hospital, and President, since its inception, of the School of Journalism Foundation. Mr. McPherson represented the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association for twenty-eight years on the National Journalism Accrediting Council. He has been on advisory commissions and boards in the administrations of five Presidents and every Governor of North Carolina since O. Max Gardner. Presently he serves as Chairman of the Committee on Medical Care Services and Licensure. Through Rotary, YMCA, United Fund, the Methodist Church, American Cancer Society, and many other agencies, he has been a community leader. Hundreds of students at High Point College and at this University have received financial aid from him, the gifts often made anonymously so that many of them remain unaware of the source of their financial help. This University is proud to recognize the outstanding public service of this alumnus.

THOMAS BRADLEY STROUP

A native of our state, Thomas Bradley Stroup is one of the nation's most respected scholars; his field is English literature of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. He has three degrees from this University, the A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. After serving on the faculties of colleges and universities in Georgia and Florida, he was in 1948 invited to the University of Kentucky, where for 26 years he was Professor of English. In 1973, the year of his retirement, the University of Kentucky sponsored in his honor a symposium of lectures by distinguished scholars. This was but the latest of many tributes to his achievements as a teacher and scholar: in 1961 he was elected Distinguished Professor of the College of Arts and Sciences, and he was chosen for several other high awards by the alumni and by his colleagues. His numerous books and articles and his scholarly editing have won for Professor Stroup the deserved respect of his colleagues, who have chosen him for many offices in regional and national scholarly associations. The affectionate respect of his students is a response to his personal interest in them, uncompromised by relaxation of high standards. To Thomas Stroup, who has so faithfully and ably honored his University, we are pleased to say: well done.

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KATHARINE WAY

Katharine Way is a nuclear physicist whose tireless efforts have touched and informed the work of virtually every nuclear physicist in the world. "Kay" Way as she is known in the profession, a native of Pennsylvania, received the Ph.D. in physics from this University. Later she joined the faculty of the University of Tennessee, until World War II brought her to Oak Ridge. After the War, Dr. Way assumed the leadership in compiling and critically editing the bewildering and rapidly accumulating mass of information on atomic nuclei. She organized an extensive nuclear data project, on whose authoritative publications the entire nuclear physics community soon came to depend. A distinguished Nobel laureate once observed that her compilations of nuclear data have been essential to the construction of the theoretical models upon which our present understanding of nuclear structure rests. Since 1968, as Adjunct Professor at Duke University, Dr. Way has used the Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratory (TUNL) as a base for her work as editor of the journal, Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables. By creating this vehicle for the publication of atomic, as well as nuclear, data, she has significantly contributed to the current renaissance of atomic physics. This University is pleased to honor Dr. Way, a distinguished scientist with deep roots in North Carolina.

THOMAS GREY WICKER

Thomas Grey Wicker is one of the nation's most influential journalists and an author of note. He earned his A.B. here in Journalism. After eight years on the staff of the Winston-Salem Journal he joined the Washington Bureau of the New York Times. He was travelling with the presidential party when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas in November, 1963. Working with fragmentary and confused information, he produced a lengthy story for the Times which later was described as "incredibly accurate." Named Washington Bureau Chief the following year, he is now Associate Editor and columnist for the Times. Mr. Wicker has found time to write a series of increasingly successful novels. The most recent, Facing the Lions, was an immediate best seller. A forthcoming book will champion the cause of prison reform; this concern grew out of his efforts to help mediate in the Attica prison riots. He has advocated a "new" journalism in which reporters supply helpful information - but not their opinions - in the interest of an objectivity which goes beyond mere reporting of official handouts and announcements. Often controversial, as columnist and sometimes activist, Tom Wicker is always independent, responsible, informed, and interesting. The University is happy to recognize his outstanding achievements today.