

WILLIAM MCWHORTER COCHRANE

William McWhorter Cochrane, Staff Director of the powerful United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, is an extraordinary public servant whose competent hard work merits the praise of the American people. Born in Newton, North Carolina, he earned A.B. and law degrees at this University and later took a Master of Laws at Yale University. After service in the United States Navy he joined the fledgling Institute of Government as Assistant Director and Research Associate Professor of Public Law and Government. He helped to establish several important programs and worked in the areas of public housing, hospital care for the indigent, slum clearance, and police and public health functions of state and local government.

In 1954 Mr. Cochrane joined the staff of Senator W. Kerr Scott and in 1958 became Administrative Assistant to Senator B. Everett Jordan. In 1972 he ^{was made} ~~became~~ Director of the Rules Committee and also of the Joint Committee on the Library (of Congress). His dedication and organizational ability were fully tested, for the Rules Committee was soon involved in such matters as the crises that led to the resignation of a President and the successive appointment of two Vice Presidents. In connection with the important Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 Mr. Cochrane coordinated the work of staff members from ten different Senate committees and did much to simplify the legislation.

Though he necessarily lives and works in Washington, Mr. Cochrane has maintained his legal residence in Chapel Hill and retains his University ties and loyalties. This University, with this Award, now recognizes the effective and sensitive, if behind the scenes, work of Mr. Cochrane in the interest of good government.

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ANDREW SAMUEL (ANDY) GRIFFITH

Andy Griffith may be the most widely known and recognized alumnus of this Institution. He certainly is the only person ever who, almost singlehandedly, added a whole new town to the Tar Heel State--Mayberry, as everyone knows, that friendly little place near Mt. Airy, where Andy Griffith was born. He earned his Bachelor of Arts here in 1949, working in both music and theatre.

For a time young Andy Griffith taught school, but in the summers he played Sir Walter Raleigh in performances of The Lost Colony, and soon he was headed for a career in entertainment. National recognition first came with a recorded monologue, "What it Was Was Football," and he made his first television appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show. A Broadway play and motion picture, "No Time for Sergeants," The Andy Griffith Show on television, and a variety of productions since have brought him such fame as comes to few actors.

Though he resides in California, Andy Griffith has never quite lost the tar off his heels. To speak only of some recent activity, he has in several ways helped the North Carolina Symphony, the State Theatre Arts Division, the North Carolina Museum of History, the North Carolina Public Health Association, and our School of Public Health. In 1972 he established the Andy Griffith Scholarship Fund here in dramatic art and music. Moreover, for millions of people all over America, he remains, as Sheriff Andy Taylor, the typical North Carolinian. The Sheriff came across as an earthy and slightly naive but nevertheless very warm and very human being, altogether not a bad image. The University is pleased to honor everybody's favorite alumnus with this Award.

EUGENE PLEASANTS ODUM

Eugene Pleasants Odum, a brilliant ecologist whose influence and acclaim are interⁿational in scope, is Alumni Foundation Distinguished Professor of Zoology, Calloway^{ca} Professor of Ecology, and Director of the Institute of Ecology at the University of Georgia. Born in New Hampshire, he grew up in Chapel Hill, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at this University. He went on to the University of Illinois for his doctorate.

Dr. Odum was doing spade work in his field long before ecology became fashionable, and his contributions have been basic and far reaching. He has developed common-sense theories, stressing the importance of coexistence with nature to the mutual benefit of human society and nature. He is author of several books and numerous articles; his textbook, through several editions, has extended his influence to whole generations of budding ecologists.

Dr. Odum is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has received many other honors, of which some of the more important are the presidency of the Ecological Society of America, the Institute of Life Award (received with his brother in Paris in 1975), the Tyler Ecology Award, and the Distinguished Service Award of the American Institute of Biological Societies, presented earlier this year. This University now recognizes the important achievements of this distinguished scientist in an area critical to the nation and the world with this Award.

HOWARD THOMAS ODUM

Howard Thomas Odum is a gifted ecologist whose innovative ecological group projects and comprehensive approach are helping in the solutions to pressing problems around the world. Born in Durham and reared in Chapel Hill, Dr. Odum received his Bachelor's degree at this University in 1947; he went on to Yale for his Ph.D. He taught at the University of Florida and Duke University, founded and directed the Institute of Marine Sciences in Texas, and directed projects in Puerto Rico before becoming a Professor at this Institution in 1966. He is now Graduate Research Professor of Environmental Engineering and Director of the Center for Wetlands at the University of Florida.

Dr. Odum has the ability to see ecological problems in all their dimensions and he has been especially effective in devising experimental procedures for measuring the impact of civilization on the ecology and in mapping out sane courses to be followed if human society is to survive and flourish. He is the author of scores of articles and several books, perhaps the most important of which is Environment, Power, and Society.

Dr. Odum has received numerous awards, including the George Mercer Award of the Ecological Society, the prize of the Institute of Life (received with his brother in Paris), and earlier this year, the Distinguished Service Award of the American Institute of Biological Sciences. This Institution now takes delight in adding to the honors earned by this distinguished alumnus.

DAVID COSTON SABISTON, JR.

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David Coston Sabiston, Jr., James B. Duke Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Duke University Medical School, is a surgeon, teacher, and author of international renown. Born in Onslow County, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from this Institution in 1943. He went on to the Johns Hopkins University for his medical training. His early brilliance was recognized in his selection as Harvey Cushing Fellow in Surgery, as an investigator for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (after service in the U.S. Army), and later as Fulbright Research Scholar at the University of Oxford and Research Associate at the University of London. He came to Duke University in 1964.

Through teaching, numerous lectureships here and abroad, more than 200 scientific papers, editing of professional journals, and authorship of several books, his influence has been pervasive in the field of cardiothoracic surgery; he has notably enhanced the reputation of his Department and School. Dr. Sabiston has maintained a close relationship with his colleagues in this University. In 1969 he presented the Luther Hodges Lecture here and last year he was Distinguished Lecturer at the Nathan A. Womack Surgical Society meeting.

Dr. Sabiston's high achievements have brought him many honors, among them the presidency of the American Surgical Association and the chairmanship of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons. This alumnus reflects credit on his Alma Mater, which now lauds his outstanding achievements with this Award.