

Columbia University
in the City of New York
SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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Chancellor Arthur Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Chancellor Currie:

This school has revised its entire curriculum, raising entrance requirements and stiffening the course in an endeavor to meet the steadily rising demands of newspapers and magazines upon their personnel. We believe that the new plan, which takes effect July 1, will interest and challenge those of your students who have considered journalism as a career.

I enclose a copy of Dean Ackerman's recommendations to President Butler, and an interview in Editor & Publisher explaining this plan. The new program has been approved by the University Council and the Trustees.

This interview has brought the new curriculum before the newspapers of the country, where it has been received with enthusiasm. We desire now to bring it to the attention of a selected list of leading universities and liberal arts colleges, prior to publication of our official bulletin.

You will note that students who have made a satisfactory record toward an A.B. degree through the end of their junior year may become candidates for admission to the two-year course of the School of Journalism in September 1932. We greatly prefer students who already have their A.B. degree; but since only two years of a liberal arts course have been required in the past, we have not felt justified in requiring more than three years for the present. We desire, however, to encourage completion of the full four-year liberal arts course as a preparation for work here. Therefore we plan to admit students who receive their A.B. degree this June as candidates for our degree in one instead of two years. This applies to the academic year 1932-1933 only. If these students have had no previous writing experience while attending college, we recommend that they take our summer course in newspaper practice.

We shall be pleased to send you copies of the School of Journalism bulletin when it is ready in a few weeks. If meanwhile any of your seniors or juniors are interested in coming to this school, we shall be glad to hear from them.

Faithfully yours,

Herbert Brucher

Assistant to the Dean