

# Helen Hayes First Lady Here, Too

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Actress Helen Hayes, "First Lady of the American Theater," last night found herself first lady in the hearts of Christian College faculty, students and alumni as they awarded her the school's 1965 Distinguished Women of America Award last night at the Homecoming Banquet in Dulany Hall.

The banquet climaxed two days of activities at Christian's annual Alumnae Homecoming. Mrs. Evelyn Milligan Jones of Joplin, a Missouri historical writer, lecturer and book reviewer, received the 1965 Distinguished Alumnae Award at the banquet.

Miss Hayes, now in her 60th anniversary on the stage, was cited "for her immeasurable contribution to the theater and to the cultural life of the American people; and for her inspiring fulfillment of the roles of wife, mother, American citizen, humanitarian, patron of the arts and education." Her efforts, it continued, "are an inspiration to everyone—but especially to youth, who see in her all that they can strive to be; all that the words, American woman, can mean."

Mrs. Jones, a 1933 graduate of Christian College, was cited for "her outstanding achievement in the humanities and journalism; her important work in perpetuating the historical and cultural heritage of

her state and community, and her enrichment of the life of Christian College in bringing to its students—year after year for nearly two decades—the wealth of her knowledge, the warmth of her character, and the example of her courage."

Miss Hayes, though not a Christian College alumna, also had a reunion on campus, among all the class reunions. Singer Jane Froman, now Mrs. Rowland H. Smith of Columbia and an old friend of Miss Hayes, served as her "official guide" on campus.

During a breakfast yesterday with members of the press, Miss Hayes talked informally on Hollywood versus the theater ("There's nothing like the theater—there you're master of your fate and captain of your soul, with no electricians and engineers and cameramen in between you and your final performance"), on trends in theater and actors, and a number of other subjects.

Miss Hayes said she feels

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