

# Byron E. (Barney) Calame

## *Missouri '61*

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Byron E. (Barney) Calame, *Missouri '61*, is a deputy managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal*. His responsibilities include paper-wide quality control and taking charge of *The Journal* in the absence of the managing editor.

Calame joined *The Journal* in September 1965 as a reporter in the New York bureau and covered the real estate and construction beats. He transferred to the Los Angeles bureau in March 1967 and moved to the Washington bureau in June 1969, where he covered labor and law enforcement.

In March 1974, Calame was named Pittsburgh bureau chief. He returned to Los Angeles as bureau chief in September 1978 and in 1985 became an assistant managing editor in charge of West Coast coverage. He returned to New York as a senior editor in 1987, and in May 1992, he became the deputy managing editor.

"When I was named managing editor," said Paul Steiger, "there was only one choice to be deputy managing editor — Barney. He's more sensitive to ethics issues than anyone I've ever known."

The Society of American Business Editors and Writers honored Calame in 2002 with its Distinguished Achievement award. The award cited his tireless efforts on behalf of *The Wall Street Journal* and business journalism in general. He served as president of the 3,200-member national organization of business journalists during 2000-01.

Calame is the recipient of a 1996 Faculty-Alumni award from his alma mater, and was its Thomas Jefferson Distinguished Visiting Lecturer in 1997. He was a panelist on Bill Moyers' PBS series, "Genesis. A Living Conversation," in 1996.

A native of Appleton, Mo., Calame received a bachelors degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and a masters degree in political science from the University of Maryland. As an undergraduate, he served as president of the Zeta Phi chapter. "Being chapter president taught me a lot about leadership," he said in an interview with *The Beta Theta Pi* in 1996. "Trying to help lead a group of your peers with whom you live, work and play is an especially tough challenge. You can't play games or fool anyone because they know you too well."

In addition to his chapter leadership role, Calame served as president of the Student Union Activities Board, regional president of the Association of College Student Unions, president of the Journalism School Senior Class, and Commander of the Naval ROTC Battalion. He was a member of Kappa Tau Alpha (journalism), Omicron Delta Kappa and Mystical Seven honoraries and was named Sigma Delta Xi's Outstanding Male Graduate.

From 1961 to 1965, Calame served in the U.S. Navy as an officer on a minesweeper that was part of the first division assigned to duty in South Vietnam, and later as a public information officer in Washington.

He is married to Kathryn Calame, a professor of biochemistry and molecular biophysics and of microbiology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. They have two grown children.

— Thomas C. Olver, *Central Michigan '98*, editor, *The Beta Theta Pi*