

ELBERT CLIFTON DANIEL, JR.

Elbert Clifton Daniel, Jr., is Associate Editor of The New York Times. Born and reared in Zebulon, North Carolina, he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of North Carolina in 1933. Here he edited the Carolina Magazine and served as student body vice-president. He began his journalistic career by helping to found the Dunn Daily Bulletin. After several years as a reporter with the Raleigh News and Observer, he joined the Associated Press, serving during turbulent years in New York, Washington, Bern, and London. Early in 1944 he became a correspondent for The New York Times, and covered the Allied invasion of Europe. As chief correspondent for the Times he reported the Middle East after the war, then served once again in London, afterwards in West Germany and in Moscow. His dispatches from Russia brought him an award from the Overseas Press Club for the best reporting abroad in 1955. Back in New York he rose quickly to the post of Managing Editor of the Times, in 1965. While serving in these positions, among the most responsible in journalism, his voice has strongly supported responsible journalism. The Press, he has emphasized on this campus as elsewhere, must be uncompromisingly free; but it must also be responsible to the people and it must be sensitive of the rights of persons whose doings are reported. To this dedicated North Carolinian who stands for all that is best in American journalism, the University is pleased to award the degree, Doctor of Letters.