

KENNETH BRYAN RAVER, native of North Carolina and graduate of this university in the class of 1929, Doctor of Philosophy of Harvard, and now Professor of Bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin, had the distinction of publishing, while still an undergraduate, an important contribution to scientific knowledge.

Serving in the Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture from 1929 to 1953, he rose to the rank of Principal Microbiologist in charge of the Northern Regional Research Laboratory, where he made the spectacular discovery of a strain of Penicillium notatum which increased the yield of penicillin many-fold, and thus put into the hands of physicians in readily available quantities, one of the great modern weapons against disease.

Member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, distinguished investigator, teacher, and administrator, he is the world's foremost authority on the common molds of the Penicillium and Aspergillus group, and is a benefactor of countless thousands.

Now, in the University where this great scientist was first inspired, we are proud to recognize his rich contributions to the welfare of humanity by bestowing on him the degree of Doctor of Science.

June 5, 1961, Commencement.