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## University Senate Passes Statement on Academic Tenure

At its May 13th meeting the University Senate adopted, for referral to its Committee on Manual of Policies & Procedures, a Statement on Academic Tenure that has been maturing for almost three years. Originating in the Committee of Deans, it was carefully considered and improved by the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom & Responsibilities, 1955-56, under the chairmanship of Dr. E. Sculley Bradley, further improved and strengthened by the successor committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Arthur P. Whitaker, 1956-57, and by the Senate Advisory Committee, recommended to the Senate for adoption at its May 13 meeting, amended from the floor of the Senate during lively debate, and then adopted unanimously as amended.

The document opens with the statement that academic tenure is an important means of assuring freedom of teaching and research, freedom of extramural activities that ought not be proscribed, and a sufficient degree of

economic security to make the profession attractive to persons of ability, these being essential to the success of the faculty in fulfilling its obligation to students and society. It follows with the definition that a faculty member having academic tenure has a continuous appointment which can be terminated only through resignation, retirement, or for just cause or because of a financial exigency after opportunity for a hearing.

Carefully observing the provisions of the Statutes of the Corporation, the Statement then asserts that only fully-affiliated faculty members are eligible for academic tenure, with such exceptions as may be specified in Procedures Concerning Tenure, a complementary document whose preparation is already well-started and will be a principal task of next year's Senate Committee on Academic Freedom & Responsibilities. Fully-affiliated Professors and Associate Professors have academic tenure by virtue of their appointment, with exceptions specified in the Statutes, provided that when the basis for exception is a probationary period following initial appointment from outside the University, the Professor or Associate Professor acquires academic tenure upon completion of the term of his initial appointment unless at least one year prior thereto he is notified in writing that his appointment will not be continued.

Assistant Professors, Associates, and Instructors may earn academic tenure through service of probationary periods that begin in the case of an Assistant Professor upon appointment to that rank, in the case of an Associate or of an Instructor, upon completion of adequate professional preparation, the appointee to be informed by the appointing authority that his term of service will not begin to qualify him for academic tenure until he has achieved the specified preparation. If the probationary period should terminate within the duration of a term appointment, the appointee shall by the fact of this appointment acquire tenure. The probationary period is seven years for a faculty member initially appointed as Assistant Professor, Associate, or Instructor, provided, however, that if at least one year prior to completion of the probationary period the faculty member is notified in writing that his appointment will not be continued or renewed, academic tenure will not

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## Personnel To Retire

The best wishes of *The Almanac* are extended to the following members of the Faculty and Staff who are retiring from University service on June 30, 1957, under the retirement allowance plans:

Mr. Thomas Barron, *Mailman, Medical School*; Mr. Charles Bitting, *Storekeeper, Chemistry Department*; Miss Fannie Eshelman, *Associate, Phipps Institute*; Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon, *Librarian, Main Library*; Dr. E. Duncan Grizzell, *Professor of Education*; Dr. Edward H. Heffner, *Professor of Classical Studies*; Dr. Ernst Jockers, *Professor of German Literature*; Miss Elizabeth Lewis, *Secretary, Economics Department*; Dr. Harold Lufkin, *Instructor in Mathematics*; Mr. George McGrath, *Janitor, Museum*; Mrs. Mabel Nylund, *Accounting Clerk, Comptroller's Office*; Dr. Harry E. Parker, *Professor of Architectural Construction*; Dr. S. Howard Patterson, *Professor of Economics*; Mr. Alfred Pfeiffer, *Chief Engineer, Graduate Hospital*; Dr. Karl W. Scholz, *Professor of Economics*; Miss Anna Thompson, *Cleaner, Buildings and Grounds*; Mrs. Helen I. Williams, *Buyer, Purchasing Department*; and Dr. David Wright Wilson, *Professor of Biochemistry*.

## The Senate Reports

In the April issue of *The Almanac* this department reported the appointment of a joint Senate-Educational

Council Committee to Advise on the Use of Additional Incomes. Closely following its appointment, the Joint Committee met with President Harnwell and his administrative staff to review estimates of additional income for 1957-58 and tentative proposals for its use. The Committee met again on March 29 with Provost Rhoads and his budget advisors to consider what instructions on the use of additional incomes should be given deans and other budget officers to guide them in preparing their budget requests. Members of the joint Committee were invited to communicate in writing to Provost Rhoads their individual opinions on such questions as: Of the portion of additional income allocated to salary increases, what fraction should be allocated to horizontal, and what to merit increases? How should the horizontal increases be set and applied? How is merit to be evaluated and where should the recommending function reside, in the schools or in the individual departments?



JONATHAN E. RHOADS,  
Provost

The joint Committee met on April 2 to consider the above questions and adopted certain resolutions intended to give concerted weight to the individual opinions communicated to Provost Rhoads in response to his invitation:

1. It was the Committee's considered and unanimous opinion that not less than seventy percent (70%) of the tuition-increase income (\$1,105,000) should be allocated to academic salaries.

2. The Committee unanimously recommended that approximately two-thirds of the tuition-increase income allocated as above to academic salaries should be distributed to some 25% to 35% of the faculty selected on the basis of merit, that the remaining one-third be distributed horizontally according to rank to a larger middle group that have served and will continue to serve the University well, and that a small group of some 5% to 10% receive no distribution on the ground that they should be encouraged to find suitable connections elsewhere.

3. The Committee unanimously recommended that the principle of selective distribution recommended for application to individuals be extended to apply to schools and departments also.

4. The Committee, understanding that in matters of broad educational policy the Provost is expected to look through the academic Vice Presidents to the individual schools and departments, unanimously urged that the allocation of tuition-increase income to the individual

schools and departments be regarded as a matter of broad educational policy.

Provost Rhoads reported to the Senate on May 13, 1957, and to the Educational Council on May 17, 1957, as follows:

The Comptroller's estimate of the realizable increase from the tuition increase was \$950,000 as compared with the figure of \$1,105,000 as cited in Resolution No. 1 of the Committee. Allocations to the A-2 budgets for the medical area (omitting the School of Medicine and the School of Veterinary Medicine, which have separate State appropriations), for the Engineering area (omitting The Moore School, which has separate funds), and for the academic areas whose budgets go through the Provost's office, aggregate \$637,000, which is 67 percent of \$950,000. The actual allocation of funds, as between new positions and increases, is not yet settled, but the pressures for some new personnel to meet increased teaching loads in some areas, and to cover new programs in certain other areas, have been strong. The Provost also stated that, in some instances, salary increases had been withheld, not because of the reasons stated in Resolution No. 2 of the joint committee, but because very meritorious individuals were already receiving what seemed to be ample salaries on a comparative basis.

## National Science Foundation Awards

The National Science Foundation has announced awards to six members of the Faculty for the quarter ending March 31, 1957. These awards, amounting to \$148,800, were made to Dr. K. A. Brueckner, Dr. Sherman Frankel, and Elizabeth K. Ralph of the Physics Department; Dr. William B. Kennedy of the School of Medicine; Dr. George F. Springer of the Pepper Laboratory of Clinical Medicine; and Dr. Zelig S. Harris of the Linguistics Department. The Foundation made a total of 235 grants for the quarter, amounting to \$4,316,352.

The Foundation awarded nine predoctoral fellowships and one postdoctoral to students who are currently at the University or will come here to study during 1957-1958. Those named are Ronald Aaron, Physics; Thomas Briggs, Medical Science; John E. Colwell, Chemistry; David J. Cox, Biochemistry; Jonathan A. Gallant, Zoology; Wilbert E. Gladfelter, Medical Science; John D. R. Kramer, Jr. and Paul J. O'Brien, Biochemistry; H. Francis Thornton, Mathematics. Miss Ann Chowning of Anthropology will receive a postdoctoral award for study in New Guinea. In addition to these appointments, twenty-three students from the University were given "honorable mention" for superior credentials.

## Course Offered To Physicians

A five-day course, "Principles of Rehabilitation," will be conducted by the Rehabilitation Center of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in cooperation with the office of Vocational Rehabilitation, United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The course will be presented June 17-21, 1957. Enrollment is restricted to physicians.

## Radiation Hazards Overdrawn

Recent publicity given the subject of radiation, and headlines such as appeared in some newspapers after the fire in the University's Harrison Laboratory of Chemistry, have heavily underscored hazards associated with increasing uses of radiation sources.

In the case of the Harrison Laboratory fire, the hazards were non-existent and in many other instances the hazard aspect has been overdrawn because of a general lack of understanding of the nature of the problem. There most definitely can be a hazard from "man-made radiation" but it must be assessed in terms of the quantity of exposure added to that which we receive from the natural radiation sources present in the earth, buildings, air, food, and water that we come in contact with every day, and from the natural radiation sources that are present within us.

Since 1948 there has been active within the University a Radiation Safety Committee (formerly the Committee on Radioisotopes), appointed by the President, which functions to promote safety in all uses of radiation within the University and certain affiliated institutions. This Committee appraises the potential hazards from the individual and cumulative radiation sources in the University with the aim of establishing all safeguards necessary to prevent harmful effects from these sources. The Committee also functions to minimize experimental interference between the many users of radiation sources.

The Radiation Safety Committee is the policy-making agency in the University Radiation Safety Program. Its membership is broad, consisting of persons from all scientific schools or departments concerned with the use of radiation sources, from the Department of Buildings and Grounds and from the Administration.

The direct administration of the Radiation Safety Program is accomplished by the Radiation Safety Office, staffed by the University Radiation Safety Physicist, John W. Thomas, M.S., a technician-secretary, Mrs. Claire T. Ketter, and a half time in-training assistant Radiation Safety Physicist, Kenneth G. Moses, M.S. This office provides consultative services on safety and instrumentation for all users of radiation sources, provides a spot-monitoring program to all radioisotope facilities, and undertakes special problems in radiation safety such as radioactive waste disposal, identification of unknown contaminants, and supervision of special cleaning processes that may occasionally become necessary as a result of an unavoidable accident.

Under the University Radiation Safety Program, the individual user of the source of radiation is the one with primary responsibility for safety. The user is required to register all machines capable of producing potentially hazardous radiations with the Radiation Safety Office and to apply for a local license for possession and use before undertaking work with radioactive materials. Much of the success of the University's Radiation Safety Program is due to the excellent cooperation of faculty and staff with the Committee and the Radiation Safety Office.

The Radiation Safety Committee and Radiation Safety Office are always available for consultation on radiation problems and invite your inquiries on these matters. Inquiries should be directed to the Radiation Safety Office, Room BE-2, Physical Sciences Building, University Phone Extension 8172.

## I Remember...

### Days Gone By . . . .

by

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When one turns to his memories, he inevitably "dates" himself. As he recalls the events and recollections of other days, he often reveals his own antiquity . . . .

One day, shortly after I came to the campus, I saw one of the workmen leading an old horse into a doorway at the back of College Hall, and to my surprise I learned that Dobbin made his home in that center of learning. So far as I know he never disturbed any one . . . whether he profited in any way by this association we will never know. He and all his kind have disappeared from the scene and many children today have never seen a horse!

Then came the day when dear old Dr. Schelling called me into his office to tell me that he was giving me an appointment as an Instructor in the English Department. When I attempted to express my gratitude, he brought me back to reality with the reminder: "Of course you understand, Mr. Potts, that with this appointment you take the vow of poverty!" I assured him that I realized my limitations . . . .

But my most vivid memories hover about a room on the top floor of Houston Hall that has disappeared in the rebuilding which has so altered the former contours of that landmark. It was the home of the Debate Council, over which I presided as Director for nine years. Those were years of excitement and stirring activity. We presented a program of more than seventy off-campus debates each year and our teams rambled across the eastern part of the United States. The men who were members of the Council became personal friends and many of them have kept in touch with me since graduating. Several of them are clergymen. But the best known of them all is Shelley Gross, a successful TV commentator who more recently has gone into the field of theatrical production. With two other Penn grads he is now offering summer tent-dramas at Valley Forge and in Camden . . . .

One particular event comes back to me. Debates did not win extensive audiences. We usually expected to see about a dozen people in the auditorium of the institutions we visited. But one night, to our amazement, we found a huge crowd that occupied all the seats! Here was a campus where debating was really appreciated!—Or so we thought! But on inquiry I learned the facts. The local director of debate was able to get a ruling that allowed four extra cuts to all the students who came to his debate!

The old Debate Council room is a thing of the past—but it still lives in the memories of many of us who frequented it in the days gone by . . . .



## Fellowships and Grants

President Harnwell has appointed a Committee on Graduate and Post-doctoral Fellowships and Grants, with Vice Provost Roy F. Nichols as chairman. The Committee will undertake to compile and disseminate information for seniors and graduate students as well as for post-doctoral applicants. The immediate plans of the Committee include the preparation of a mimeographed list of such awards as are known to be available for 1957-58 and 1958-59. The Committee hopes to have this list available in July, and the October issue of *The Almanac* will carry a summary of agencies and offerings.

There has been some feeling that the University has not obtained as large a share of awards as might be expected. Some departments have been notably successful in obtaining grants or fellowships and others have found the opportunities limited or applications unproductive. In many cases, especially at the post-doctoral level, the initiative rests largely with applicants or departments, and on others the Committee may be helpful in an advisory capacity. The two secretaries of the Committee, Douglas R. Dickson, Director of Scholarships and Student Aid, Room 200 Logan Hall, Extension 527, and W. W. Weaver, Vice Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 104 Bennett Hall, Extension 444, are available for consultation. A file of current information may be examined in the office of the Graduate School. Contributions to this file and suggestions for expanding the services of the Committee will be welcomed. Announcements will be made in *The Almanac* from time to time.

## Fulbright Awards

The International Educational Exchange Service of the Department of State announces that seven students from the University of Pennsylvania have been awarded Fulbright grants for graduate study in foreign countries. The recipients are: Mrs. Francis A. Wood of Newark, New Jersey, who will study Neurosurgery in France; Hinman Lowell Page Kelly of Chicago, Illinois, who will study City Planning in Denmark; Thomas Joseph Dychman, of Philadelphia, who will study City Planning at the University of Liverpool, in England; Jill Barbara Nadell of Brooklyn, who will study Roman History at the University of Naples, in Italy; Blair Bernard Kling, of Long Beach, California, who will study Indian History at the University of Calcutta in India; Raymond Leo Cummings, of Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, who will study European History at the University of Strasbourg in France; and Chester Scott Kelly of Berea, Kentucky, who will study International Relations at the University of Paris. Some additional appointments are anticipated. The total of these grants to graduate students for 1957-58 will be approximately 950, in nineteen countries.

Members of the Faculty who have received Fulbright awards for post-doctoral research and lecturing include Dr. Frank Bakes of Psychology, who will go to Denmark; Dr. Marvin Wolfgang (who also received a Guggenheim award) of Sociology, who will go to Italy; Dr. Wallace E. Davies of History, who will go to England; Dr. Frank B. Wood of Astronomy, who will go to Australia; and Dr. Garold W. Thumm of Political Science, who expects to go to Austria.

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be acquired upon completion of the period in question. All probationary periods are to be spent at this University in fully-affiliated teaching service, departmental research, or in a combination of the two, except that in certain unusual cases the University may make a written agreement with a new appointee that equivalent experience at another University, to the extent specified, may count toward the probationary period, and provided that in the event of a leave of absence, wholly or partly for academic teaching or research during the probationary period, this experience shall, to the extent agreed upon, count toward the probationary period.

The University, on its part, reserves the right to employ individuals to whom faculty rank is accorded without accepting responsibility for the continuation of their salaries beyond the termination of the contract or grant supporting them, but in such a case the letter of appointment must contain a specific statement to this effect. The financial obligation of the University is limited to the amounts payable from year to year to individuals of the same rank and school; it is a guarantee against any discriminatory decrease of an individual salary.

The statement deals with possible financial exigency and changing circumstances in its concluding paragraph: "Termination of academic tenure because of financial exigency is made only where reassignment is not feasible, where the exigency is demonstrably bona fide, and after full consultation with the Advisory Committee of the University Senate. If a substantial segment of the faculty, such as a department or school, is prevented by changing circumstances from continuing the services which they are qualified to perform, so that their salaries would become an undue load which the rest of the faculty would have to carry indirectly, proceedings to terminate academic tenure under the financial exigency provision might be appropriate in some cases."

Throughout the making of the Statement on Academic Tenure here abstracted, the appropriate Senate Committees have maintained close rapport with the President and Provost, and the Statement, before amendment, was the subject of extended discussion by the Committee on Educational Policy for the purpose of eliciting that Committee's criticisms and general point of view for transmittal to the Senate Chairman.

## Summer Research Grants

The Committee on the Advancement of Research has awarded seven Special Summer Research Grants of \$1,000 each to Dr. Murray Brown and Dr. Jean A. Crockett of Economics, Dr. D. C. Dittmer of Chemistry, Dr. Richard M. Martin of Philosophy, Dr. Robert W. Merriam of Zoology, Dr. Arthur H. Scouten of English, and Dr. Henry Wells of Political Science. These awards are made to members of the Faculty to free them for research during the summer months.

The Committee hopes to make similar awards available for the summer of 1958. It will also have funds available for grants in aid after July 1, 1957. Applications may be made at any time. Application forms for grants in aid may be obtained from the secretary of the Committee, W. W. Weaver, 104 Bennett Hall, Extension 444.

## University Press Progress

How has the University of Pennsylvania Press been faring under the contract arrangements between its Director, Thomas Yoseloff, and the Trustees as described in *The Almanac*, December, 1955?

The recent Report of the Editorial Committee of the University Press to the Educational Council (submitted by its Chairman, Dr. George B. Tatum, Chairman and Associate Professor of the History of Art) provides a happy answer to the question.

Since its reorganization, the Press has published 22 new titles (more than double its original plans) and re-issued 8. During the past year, the Editorial Committee has approved the publication of 21 manuscripts from more than 60 submitted for consideration, 14 of them written by authors who are or have been associated in some way with the University.

Three of the accepted titles represent new series begun by divisions of the University: *Cultural Pluralism and the American Idea* for the Albert M. Greenfield Center for Human Relations; *Teaching in America*, the Annual Proceedings of Schoolmen's Week; and *Orbis*, a new journal published on behalf of the Foreign Policy Research Institute (first issue, last month).

The Press has also this year re-issued four "out-of-print" titles in response to a continuing demand: *Parent and Child* by Dr. James H. S. Bossard; *Ritual in Family Living* by Drs. Bossard and Eleanor Boll; *Productivity Accounting* by Hiram S. Davis; and *Weeds of Lawn and Garden* by Dr. John M. Fogg.

In its Report, the Committee noted that no manuscript was rejected for lack of funds. Quoting from Press Director Yoseloff's Annual Report to the Provost, the Committee adds that "in order to accomplish (its) expanded program, the Press has had to attain a large measure of self-sufficiency, relying for the larger part of its funds on the sales of its publications to libraries and the public . . . Two-thirds of its publishing budget of \$60,000 for the current year has been supplied by income from the sale of its publications and only one-third from subsidy by the University."

In this connection it is heartening to note that the average sale of Press publications has increased remarkably since the reorganization became effective. Prior to reorganization, the average sale was slightly more than 500 copies. Since then, it is anticipated that an average sale of 1500 copies or more of Press publications will be attained. This latter figure is based on the present rate of sale of books already printed. "From available published figures," says Mr. Yoseloff, "this seems to compare very favorably with the averages attained by other leading American university presses."

Incidentally, a much larger average foreign distribution of Press books has been achieved through a highly successful special program of foreign promotions, often accounting for several hundred copies of individual editions. Press books have been displayed in numerous International Book Exhibitions during the past year, in England, Holland, Germany, Russia, Japan, and South America.

While noting the areas in which the Press has shown improvement, the Editorial Committee's Report also indicates those which "need strengthening." It particularly feels that the Press must "begin to attract larger numbers

of distinguished manuscripts from the scholarly world at large, in addition to those from our own Faculty." The Committee is making a search for a resident assistant who can help with the daily administration of the Press and supervise its affairs in the absence of the Director from the city or country. It notes, too, that steps are being taken to improve the public relations of the Press both on and off the campus.

## Counsellors Sought For Freshmen

Faculty members and Administrators who know of graduate students qualified to participate in the Freshman Counselling Program are requested to refer them to the Dormitory Office.

The purpose of the Counselling Program is to assist freshmen in adjusting to the challenges and responsibilities of University life. The Counsellor lives on the same floor with a group of twenty freshmen and is at home to them at stipulated times. His work supplements that of the academic and administrative agencies provided by the University to help students and in no way interferes with that of the Faculty Advisor. A Counsellorship carries with it a modest stipend in addition to room and certain meals in the Freshman Commons, besides other privileges and conveniences.

The success of the program to date with almost half of the 760 resident freshmen is expected to lead to its expansion in the fall to include the entire resident class. Efforts will also be made to encourage commuting freshmen to take advantage of the Counselling Program.

## Museum Features Addams

The University Museum is featuring an unusual exhibit of cartoons by the popular *New Yorker* magazine cartoonist, Charles Addams. Entitled "Addams and Anthropology," the exhibit centers about the art of the witch doctor, the lighter side of prehistoric life, and amusing aspects of anthropology and archaeology. Many original cartoons and photo blow-ups are on display together with appropriate examples of primitive art—tribal masks and shrunken heads. The exhibit (free) will continue through the summer.

## Guggenheim Grants for 1957-58

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation has announced four awards to members of the Faculty for 1957-58. The appointees are Dr. George A. Codding, Jr., of the Political Science Department, Dr. John O. Honnold of the Law School, Dr. Charles E. Wilde, Jr., of the Dental School, and Dr. Marvin E. Wolfgang of Sociology. The Guggenheim Foundation made 345 awards, including eleven from the state of Pennsylvania and nine from New Jersey.

### A Child's Education

"A child's education should begin at least one hundred years before he was born."

—OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, 1858

## Among Other Things

*Roger W. Clipp*, recently elected a Trustee by the alumni in the Philadelphia area, is a graduate of the Wharton School and a former president of the Wharton School Alumni Society and of the University's class of 1925. He holds an Alumni Award of Merit for service to the University. Clipp is Vice-President of the Radio and Television Division of Triangle Publication, Inc. and General Manager of WFIL, WFIL-TV, and WFIL-FM. As an Alumni Trustee, he succeeds *Arthur Littleton*, a Philadelphia attorney who was ineligible for re-election following the expiration of his ten-year term. *Dr. Alfred H. Williams*, Chairman of the Trustees, notes, however, that Littleton's services continue to be available to the University as an Associate Trustee . . .

**POINT OF VIEW:** "He is to be educated not because he is to make shoes, nails, and pins, but because he is a man."—William Ellery Channing. . .

**NAMES:** *Dr. James H. S. Bossard*, William T. Carter Professor of Child Development, has contributed chapters to two new books. His widely praised article, "Eight Reasons Why Marriages Go Wrong," first printed in the *New York Times Magazine* section, is included in the new Scribners anthology, *Quarto of Modern Literature*. And he is one of a distinguished group of sociologists and physicians represented in *Modern Marriage and Family Living* (Oxford), edited by Drs. Morris Fishbein and Ruby Jo Reeves Kennedy. *Dr. Bossard's* chapter is entitled "The Family Council." . . . *Dr. Lester E. Klimm*, Professor of Geography, has just been elected Vice-President of the Association of American Geographers, and will automatically become President of the organization at its next meeting in August, 1958, in Los Angeles. . . . *Dr. Paul Schrecker*, Professor of Philosophy, has been elected an Honorary Member of Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of "distinguished achievements in teaching and research." . . . *Dean Jefferson B. Fordham* of the Law School recently delivered the first series of Edward G. Donley Memorial Lectures at West Virginia University. Subject: "The State Legislative Institution." . . .

**WORTH ANOTHER THOUGHT:** "There is no greater happiness than that of having a desire which can never wear out, a subject which can never disappear, a life which can never cease to be worth living. And this happiness, in so far as any teacher has it, is what his students love in him and hope to have someday themselves. The teacher whom they will remember best is the teacher who most radiantly enjoys his own experience of learning."—*Mark Van Doren* in *Why Teach?* (Holt), edited by *D. Louise Sharp*. . .

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to *Dr. Paul R. Trumpler*, formerly Professor of Mechanical Engineering in charge of machine design at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, who has just been elected Director of the School of Mechanical Engineering. He succeeds *Lee N. Gulick*, who will continue to serve the University as a Professor of Mechanical Engineering and as a senior research engineer in the University's Institute of Cooperative Research. . . and congratulations, too, to *Dr. Harry E. Morton*, Professor of Bacteriology in the School of Medicine, who shares honors in the successful development of

a stainless steel culture tube closure to be used as a replacement for cotton plugs on the millions of test tubes used in bacteriological work. . .

**CLIPPINGS:** *Leon Loschetter*, Associate Professor of Architecture, is in Pakistan doing preliminary studies of educational conditions and possible sites in connection with the establishment of new schools of architecture and city planning in that country. According to *Dean G. Holmes Perkins* of the School of Fine Arts, three more members of the Faculty will go to Pakistan next autumn to follow through on Loschetter's recommendations. The survey is being financed by a \$50,000 Ford Foundation grant. . . This year's senior classbook was dedicated to *Dr. Alfred H. Williams*, Chairman of the Trustees and President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. . . *Dean Karl G. Miller* of the College for Women broke something of a record himself at the recent running of the Penn Relays. His attendance marked his 45th consecutive year as a spectator of the annual event. . . In case you didn't know: the total amount of insurance on University buildings and contents is \$77,516,000, and the policies afford protection against fire, lightning, windstorm, hail, explosion, riot, falling aircraft, and smoke. Source: Volume V of the University of Pennsylvania *Annual Report, 1955-1956*. . . Among the illustrations in *John Maass's* picture "view" of Victorian America, *The Gingerbread Age* (Rinehart), is a drawing of College Hall showing it in the days when its long-departed clock towers adorned the wings. . .

**CATCHING UP WITH THE NEWS:** *Dr. Julius L. Wilson*, Professor of Medicine and Director of The Henry Phipps Institute, delivered a major address on "Programming for Respiratory Diseases" before the recent annual meeting of the California Tuberculosis and Health Association in Los Angeles. . . *Dr. W. Selove*, Associate Professor of Physics, was interviewed last month on the subject of radiation hazards, on ABC's television network program "Open Hearing". . . Among the participants at the University of Chicago's Reading Clinic held during the late spring was *Dr. Ralph C. Preston*, Professor of Education and Director of the University of Pennsylvania's Reading Clinic. *Dr. Preston's* subject: "Research Concerning Neurological Aspects of Alexia." . . One of the "examiners" at the public exposition of "The Aeneid" just held at the Vergilian Academy of the College of Arts & Sciences, Georgetown University, was *Dr. William C. McDermott*, Associate Professor of Classical Studies. . .

**OBSERVATION:** "If, in instructing a child, you are vexed with it for want of adroitness, try, if you have never tried before, to write with your left hand, and then remember that a child is all left hand."—*J. F. Boyse*.

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