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Rhoads, Others Honored At Founders Day Exercises

Former Provost Jonathan E. Rhoads and 12 other members of the University's faculty, staff, alumni and student body were honored with Awards of Merit at Founders Day exercises in Irvine Auditorium on January 16.

The awards were presented by Windsor F. Cousins, president of the General Alumni Society, which sponsored the program. Leonard C. Dill, executive secretary of the Society, read the citations, and a brief address by President Harnwell followed the presentations.

Edward Weeks, editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*, delivered the traditional Founders Day address, and the Naval Air Command Trainee Choir, of Pensacola, Fla., gave a brief concert during the program.

Alumni Awards of Merit, given in recognition of outstanding service to the University during the past year, were presented to Dr. Rhoads, Provost of the University from 1956 to 1959 and now chairman of the Department of Surgery of University Hospital; to Mrs. Helen MacCardle Crease, of North Hills, Pa., an officer of the Association of Alumnae and member of the General Alumni Board, and to Milton T. Daus, of Cleveland, O., lawyer and past president of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Clubs.

Also to Dr. Albert Goho, of Harrisburg, Pa., dentist and past president of the Dental Alumni Society as well as founder of the Century Club for Alumni Giving at the School of Dentistry; Dr. William J. Hamilton, vice president of the Pierce School of Business Administration in Philadelphia and twice president of the Education Alumni Association; Angel Manuel Martin, of San Juan, P. R., lawyer and president of the University of Pennsylvania Club of Puerto Rico; Desmond T. McTighe, of Norristown, Pa., lawyer and general chairman of the Law School Alumni Annual Giving Campaign for two years and local chairman for Montgomery County in the Law School Development Fund Campaign, and Merle S. Schaff, president of the Dando-Schaff Printing and Publishing Co. of Philadelphia and a former president of the College Alumni Society.

Members of the University's senior class who received Student Awards of Merit in recognition of leadership in
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Registrar Announces Changes in Calendar

The Fall term of the 1960-61 academic year will open a week earlier than has been customary in the recent past, as a result of changes in the academic calendar, the University announced recently. The change may affect the plans of faculty members who are now arranging for summer vacation travel.

Ernest Whitworth, Registrar, announced in a memorandum on January 19 that classes in the coming fall will open on Monday, September 19, and that the date of Commencement in 1961 also will be advanced to Monday, June 5.

These two changes, with others involving the final examination period for the Spring term of 1961, are incorporated in a newly revised academic calendar for the undergraduate schools and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Soon to be ready for distribution, this calendar supersedes the one issued on October 1, 1959.

Two closely related factors are responsible for the change: the prospect of sharply increased applications, and the need for an expanded program of studies to meet them.

"In anticipation of an expanding program of studies to be offered during the summer of 1961, the Committee on Calendar study recommended that the University Calendar for 1960-61 be altered so as to move the starting date of the first term to the third Monday in September and thus end the academic year one week earlier," Whitworth's memorandum stated. "This recommendation was approved by the President.

"Attention is called also to the fact that the Commencement exercises will be held on Monday, June 5, 1961, instead of on the customary Wednesday. The necessary adjustment of the final examination period to one of nine days in length is in consonance with the satisfactory experience gained from a similar move made three years ago in relation to examinations at the end of the first semester."

Final examinations in the Spring of 1961 will extend from Monday, May 22, through Wednesday, May 31.

Faculty Members Attend Meeting in Mexico City

The University was represented generously in Mexico City during the holidays by delegates to the 58th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association and the 71st annual meeting of the American Folklore Society. The two groups held their gatherings jointly in the Mexican capital, December 26-30.

Members of the Departments of Anthropology, Archaeology, and English, as well as representatives of the University Museum, took part in the three-day series of discussions. Dr. J. Alden Mason, Emeritus Curator of the Museum's American Section, presented a paper on the work of the New World Archaeological Foundation in Chiapas. Dr. MacEdward Leach of the Department of English attended the sessions in his capacity as secretary-treasurer of the American Folklore Society.

Dr. Samuel Noah Kramer, Curator of the Museum's Tablet Collection, presided at a symposium of "The Mythologies of the Ancient World" and delivered a paper on "The Mythology of Sumer and Akkad." Other delegates of the University who took part in the same discussion were Dr. Rudolph Anthes, Curator of the Museum's Egyptian Section, and Dr. Michael H. Jameson of the Department of Classical Studies.

Dr. Anthes spoke on "The Mythology of Egypt" and Dr. Jameson on "The Mythologies of Ancient Greece."

Two other members of the University faculty who participated in the second part of this discussion, also under Dr. Kramer's chairmanship, were Dr. W. Norman Brown, who spoke on "The Mythology of Ancient China," and Dr. E. Dale Saunders, on "The Mythology of Ancient Japan."

At the closing session, Dr. Paul W. Friedrich, of the Department of Anthropology, took part in an Asian symposium, speaking on "Caste and Politics in Kerala, India," while Dr. Raymond D. Fogelson, of the same department, in a symposium on culture changes, spoke on "Cherokee Joint Work Groups."

Convocation Ceremonies

George B. Kistiakowsky, Special Assistant for Science and Technology to President Eisenhower, was the principal speaker last Saturday at the University's midwinter Convocation in Irvine Auditorium.

The ceremonies, marking Commencement for members of the February graduating class, included the presentation of degrees in course and the conferring of four honorary degrees.

More than 600 members of the graduating class of February, 1960, received degrees in course at the ceremonies, while Dr. Kistiakowsky and three others received honorary degrees at the hands of President Harnwell.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was bestowed upon Justice John C. Bell, Jr., of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; Dr. Millard E. Gladfelter, recently installed as President of Temple University, and former Provost Jonathan E. Rhoads of this University. Dr. Kistiakowsky received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

Fels Institute Establishes Metropolitan Research Unit

The establishment of a Metropolitan Research Unit by the University's Fels Institute of Local and State Government was announced last month. The unit is under the supervision of Dr. James G. Coke, Associate Professor of Political Science and Executive Director of the Study Commission of the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area.

In creating the new unit the Fels Institute has also established a number of \$3000 and \$4000 pre-doctoral fellowships in an effort to give selected students an opportunity to delve more intensively into the problems of metropolitan area development. Four research fellows are now actively engaged in the unit's program.

Present emphasis of the unit is on the analysis of planning, zoning and sub-division control in the five-county metropolitan area. Other aspects of the growth and development of the area will be undertaken upon the completion of the current project in the early months of 1960.

Nuclear Scientist Named To New Donner Chair

Dr. Henry Primakoff, formerly of Washington University at St. Louis, has been named to the newly established Donner Professorship in Science at the University, it was announced late in January. He will assume his duties here in September.

The appointment completed a list of five new chairs in science established at five leading Eastern universities by the Donner Foundation of Philadelphia, according to its president, Robert A. Maes.

Grants totalling \$2,500,000 for chairs in the physical sciences were made by the Foundation to the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Each institution received \$500,000 to establish a chair.

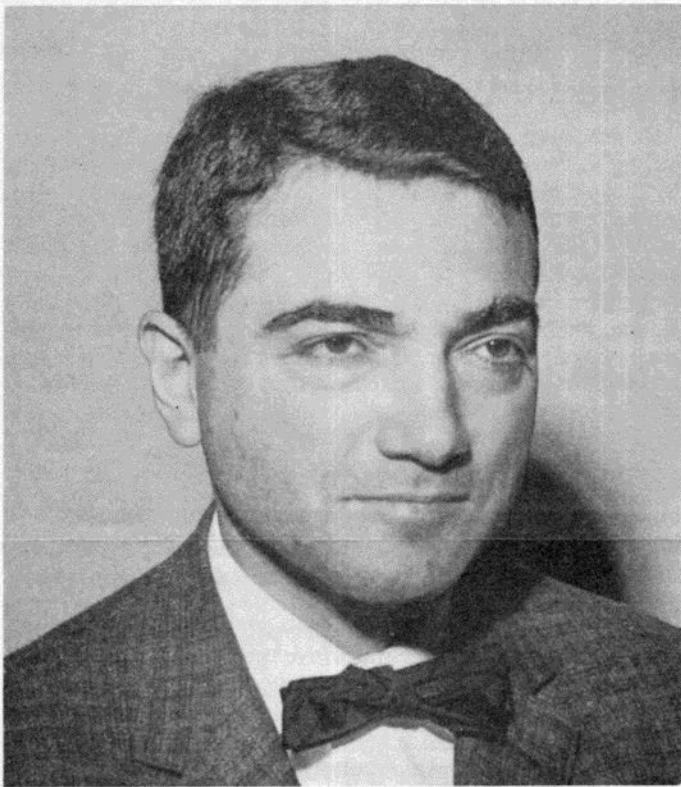
Skinner Named Term Trustee

James M. Skinner, Jr., president of the Philco Corporation, has been elected a term trustee of the University, it was announced recently by Dr. Alfred H. Williams, chairman of the trustees.

In addition, Harry E. Humphreys, Jr., chairman of the board of the United States Rubber Co., has been re-elected a term trustee; Robert G. Dunlop, president of the Sun Oil Company, who was a term trustee, has been elected a life trustee, and Horace Stern, a life trustee, has been elected an emeritus life trustee.

Skinner, a Philadelphian, has been an associate trustee of the University and in that capacity has served as a member of the University's board of business education.

Humphreys, who lives in Scarsdale, N. Y., has been a term trustee since 1950, and Dunlop since 1952. The latter's home is in Bryn Mawr. Stern, a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, was named a life trustee in 1953 after 25 years of service as a term trustee. He lives in this city. All are alumni of the University.



Harold Taubin, whose appointment as Director of the University's new Planning Office was announced last month.

Engineering Schools Merge

The University's Schools of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, long separate units, will be combined to form the Towne School of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, it was announced on January 19.

President Harnwell said in announcing the merger that it was brought about in recognition of the common interest of students at both schools in a number of subjects, including structures, mechanics and fluid flows. In addition, the change will offer greater opportunity for the further development of instructional and research programs in engineering mechanics, aeronautics and other studies related to space.

The graduate program in engineering mechanics, now an inter-departmental program, will center in the new school, where the Master of Science degree in that field will be awarded. Students majoring in mechanical engineering and those majoring in civil engineering will continue to receive the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Science in their respective fields.

The decision to combine the two schools resulted from a study made by a committee of faculty members from each. The study was suggested in the course of the University's recent Educational Survey.

Dr. Harnwell expressed hope the jointure of the two schools will be completed before the opening of the 1960-61 academic year.

Through its name, the Towne School of Civil and Mechanical Engineering will honor the memory of the late Henry Towne, benefactor and trustee of the University, after whom the Towne Building, erected in 1906, is also named. The building houses the Schools of Civil, Chemical, Mechanical and Metallurgical Engineering.

State Provides \$6,995,000 For Two Campus Buildings

The State Legislature has appropriated a total of \$6,995,000 to permit the University to construct a Social Sciences Center and a Veterinary Research and Instruction Center on the West Philadelphia campus. The General State Authority will administer the funds.

Of the appropriation, \$4,775,000 will be used to construct the first unit of a center which will house the University's departments of the social and behavioral sciences and the School of Education.

The \$2,220,000 appropriated for the Veterinary Research and Instruction Center will provide a new three-story building and also will make possible the modernization of the present Veterinary School, which was constructed between 1906 and 1913.

Completion dates for the projects have not been announced. Working through the General State Authority, the University will acquire and clear additional parcels of land before construction can begin.

The Social Sciences Center, first unit of an eventual \$9,000,000 development, will be built on the block bounded by 37th, 38th, Walnut and Locust Sts., and will be erected on the southeast corner of the block.

This Center will integrate the related functions in the fields of teacher training, the social and behavioral sciences, and the social sciences. It will bring together departments now situated in many areas of the University. The School of Education is currently in Eisenlohr Hall, 3812 Walnut St.

The Veterinary Research and Instruction Center will be erected on part of the triangle bounded by Spruce, Delancey and 39th Sts., adjacent to the Veterinary School. Construction of the new building and modernization of existing facilities, where 70 percent of the practicing veterinarians in the Commonwealth have been trained, will permit an increase in the size of the student body. In addition it will enable the University to expand its post-doctoral training programs for graduate veterinarians and to increase its research program.

Plans for development of Veterinary School facilities on the campus mark a further step in the expansion of the School. Teaching and research on the campus is complemented by practical application by students and faculty in the laboratories and clinics of the School's 320-acre Chester County field station at New Bolton Center, where a \$900,000 campaign was begun recently to provide a new clinic building and a dormitory-conference center.

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undergraduate activities were Miss Rosemary Yaecker, of Philadelphia, chief justice of the Women's Student Government Association, president of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity, member of Phi Beta Kappa, and former Miss University; Bernard E. Berlinger, Jr., of Wyncote, Pa., captain of last year's varsity football team, vice president of the senior class, and secretary of Sphinx Senior Society; John T. Jerbasi, of Verona, N. J., president of the senior class, chairman of the Undergraduate Council and captain of the varsity soccer team, and Paul S. Weinberg, of Philadelphia, editor of *The Daily Pennsylvanian*.

Among Other Things

NAMES: *Dr. Angus F. Graham*, Wistar Professor of Microbiology at the University and a member of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, has been elected a Fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences . . . *Louis deV. Day, Jr.*, Director of Public Affairs for the University Museum, returned February 14 from a 10-day visit to Tikal, site of the ruins of a once-great Mayan ceremonial center in the lowlands of Guatemala, to observe progress of excavations by a Museum archaeological team there . . . The Straus Memorial Foundation of New York has announced renewal of a grant of \$7500 to *Dr. Leon J. Saul*, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at University Hospital, and his associates for a program to determine the origins of destructive behavior in human beings. . .

AUTHORS: The University of Illinois Press published last month a volume entitled *Cumulative Voting, an Effective Electoral Device in Illinois Politics*, by *Dr. George S. Blair*, Associate Professor of Political Science and Senior Educational Associate at the Fels Institute of Local and State Government . . . *Dr. William B. Castetter*, Associate Professor of Education, recently co-authored with *Dr. Leon Ovsiew* of Temple University *Budgeting for Better Schools* (Prentice-Hall) . . . An article entitled "Competing for Administrative Brainpower," by *Dr. Thomas J. Davy*, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Assistant Director of Fels Institute, appeared in the Autumn issue of *Public Administration Review*.

SPEAKERS: *Dr. W. H. Gottschalk*, Professor of Mathematics, delivered an address in December before the Mathematics Colloquium of the Research Institute for Advanced Study at Baltimore . . . *Gilbert Seldes*, Director of the Annenberg School of Communications, urged in a recent address before the Radio and Television Executives Society in New York that continuous air time be made available to the public for audience criticism of television programming . . . *Dr. Grant C. Manson*, Associate Professor of the History of Art, and *Dr. Morse Peckham*, Associate Professor of English, were speakers early in January on the "Modern Arts Forum" sponsored by the Bennett Union . . .

HONORS: *Director Seldes*, among our speakers above, received a plaque from the Philadelphia Public Relations Association on January 21 in recognition of his outstanding work in communications . . . *Miss Anna M. Delaney*, retired office manager of the General Alumni Society, received a special Award of Merit for 31 years of devoted service during Founders Day ceremonies on January 16.

NOTES: *Dr. Y. H. Ku*, Professor of the Moore School of Electrical Engineering, has been named a United States delegate to the Moscow Congress of the International Federation of Automatic Control in late June of this year.

Mayor Richardson Dilworth of Philadelphia has appointed *Dr. Roy F. Nichols*, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, a member of the Philadelphia Historical Commission, on which *Dr. Nicholas* will serve as historian . . . *Dr. Dorothy S. Brady*, Resident Professor of Economics, is to conduct one of the Ford Foundation's six regional seminars in economics to be held this summer from June 20 to August 12, on the subject of "Consumer Economics." . . .

Educational Council OKs Periodic Leave Proposal

The Senate-formulated statement of procedures relating to academic leaves with pay for faculty members in the professional ranks who have served effectively for six years was approved by the Educational Council on January 21, on the recommendation of the Council's Educational Policy Committee.

In bringing the matter before the Council, *Dr. Philip E. Jacob*, Chairman of the Educational Policy Committee, stated that "the Committee recognized that there are serious problems, including that of cost, in the timing of the implementation" of the policy on periodic leaves. He further indicated that the Committee wished to "make clear its understanding that adoption of the proposal does not imply the assurance that all faculty members who may be entitled to a periodic leave under the proposal will immediately secure it."

Dr. Jacob's committee recommended to the University Administration that a study be made of the implementation of the proposal, that an effort be made to secure foundation support for the leave policy advocated, and that the possibility of securing income tax deductibility be explored.

Provost *Loren C. Eiseley*, who presided over the meeting, said the principal difficulty in carrying out the recommendations would be a financial one, but that the proposal itself was consonant with the past practice which has been observed in relation to faculty leaves.

Figures gathered by the Senate last year indicated that the cost of the leave program might range from 1.5 to 7.1 percent of the instructional salary budget, depending upon how broadly members of the faculty choose to exercise their privileges.

The Council also adopted a recommendation of its *ad hoc* committee on the organization of the Educational Policy Committee, which concluded that "under existing conditions it finds no major problem in the present method of constituting the Educational Policy Committee, nor in relationships between the Policy Committee and the Council," except that Policy Committee Members should be made *ex officio* Council members during their terms on the Committee.

COMPUTER CONSULTANT DIES

William J. Turanski, Consultant in the Moore School of Electrical Engineering, died on Saturday, January 16, of injuries received in an automobile accident. Mr. Turanski was engaged in computer research.

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