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## Heavy Schedule Faces Senate at March 2 Meeting: Leech

At the request of *The Almanac*, Professor Noyes Leech of the Law School, Senate Chairman, has submitted the following open letter to Senate members in regard to the Senate's next meeting on March 2:

"At its meeting on Wednesday, March 2, the University Senate stands at the mid-point of its work for the present academic year. As a consequence of the adoption of a new rule last May, requiring each committee of the Senate to make a report at the second meeting of each year, the meeting will be devoted in large measure to an 'accounting' by the Senate officers, the Advisory Committee and other standing and ad hoc committees. The meeting will be held at 1 P.M. in W-1, Dietrich Hall.

"Among the matters requiring immediate action at the meeting are two proposals by the Senate Committee on Financial Problems and Procedures. One recommends Senate participation in a Bequest Program which is being set up by the Development Office of the University. The other recommends the appointment of a University committee to formulate a plan regulating increases in the size of the undergraduate student body for the next five years. Senate members may recall that in 1958 they assisted in formulating a statement of the long-range policy of the University regarding the size and composition of the student body. Recent discussions between Senate officers and the Administration with respect to immediate problems of student body increase have pointed up the desirability of a specific plan for insuring in the immediate future a steady increase in the quality of the student body with every increase in numbers.

"The Committee on Membership and Affiliation has reported that it is taking a new look at the question of the participation of Senate members in the work of the Senate. Attendance at meetings of the town meeting type will almost inevitably fall somewhat short of that which could be expected at meetings of a faculty of a single school. However, with the exception of the March 6 meeting last year, at which the disclaimer affidavit provision of the National Defense Education Act was discussed, the record of attendance has not been as good as might have been hoped for. In the words of the report: 'The Senate must be vigorous, active, and informed if we expect our opinions to be solicited or heard.' The com-

mittee reports that average attendance at Senate meetings last year ranged from 5.9 percent in the School of Fine Arts (faculty of 27) to 60 percent of the Allied Medical Professions faculty (6 eligible). The percentages for Wharton (27.5 percent of 119), College (23.2 percent of 171), and Medicine and Graduate Medicine (8.2 percent of 193) tell a more graphic story. It should not be forgotten, however, that activity on the committees is a very real contribution to the work of the Senate. Of the 790 members of the Senate (not including emeritus members) over one hundred serve on its committees or as its representatives to other University bodies.

"Although many of the committee reports which have gone out with the agenda for the March 2 meeting do not call for immediate action, an opportunity will be given at the meeting for committee chairmen to supplement their reports and, more particularly, for Senate members to ask questions and suggest to the Senate officers and the committees the lines of future action. Since this is the first year that all committees have been asked to report simultaneously, this is the first opportunity for Senate members to take a critical look at the full range of Senate activities and to participate in the general directing of its efforts. (Only one committee is not reporting at this time: the Committee on Faculty-Trustee Relations. This is an ad hoc committee whose final report is planned for the May meeting.)

"The Advisory Committee has been especially concerned during the year with matters of university appointments, the future structure and role of the Senate, and the participation of the University in the loan program under the National Defense Education Act. A special report of the Advisory Committee has gone out with the call to the March meeting, discussing in some detail the opposing positions of the Senate and the Administration with respect to the University's participation in the loan program in the light of the disclaimer affidavit provision of the NDEA. This report states that the Advisory Committee does not recommend further action by the body of the Senate at this time but urges consultation between the Senate officers and the Administration on the question of

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## Owen Wins Promotion In Staff Changes

Two administrative staff changes were announced last month by President Harnwell.

William G. Owen, formerly Assistant Secretary of the University, was named Assistant Vice-President in the office of the President.

John C. T. Alexander, formerly Assistant to the Dean of Admissions, became Assistant Secretary of the University.

Owen, who was graduated from the University in 1942, thus became a member of President Harnwell's staff as an administrative aide. Assistant Secretary since January, 1956, he is a director of Sanson and Rowland, Inc., and of Powelton Village Development Associates, Inc.

He is also secretary of the governing board of the Sphinx Senior Society and an elder and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Lower Merion. His home is at 1207 Waverly Road, Gladwyne.

Alexander, a graduate in the Class of 1956, has been with the Admissions office since November, 1958. He served as an officer with the U. S. Marine Corps from 1956 to 1958. His home is at 601 Saxer Avenue, Springfield, Delaware County.

## Chartered Flight to Paris

Seats are still available on the second of two proposed University chartered airplane flights to Europe this summer, it was announced recently.

One aircraft has already been filled, and is scheduled to leave Philadelphia on June 21 for Paris. It will return from the latter city on September 8.

More than 25 members of the University family are already signed up for the second flight, which will take place only if the plane is filled.

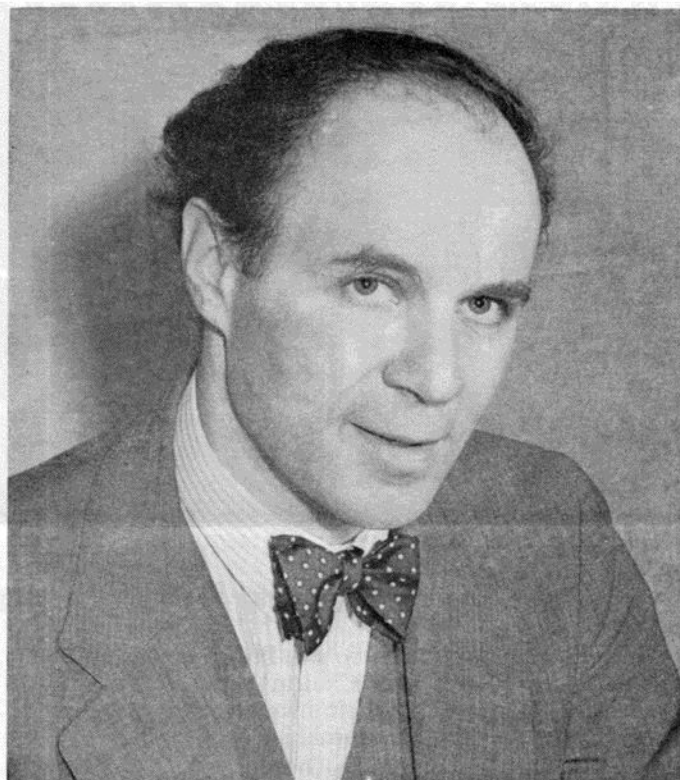
Anyone interested in joining the second flight may reserve a seat on it by writing to Albert Schmitt, Box FL 1960, Logan Hall, and enclosing a deposit of \$50 for reservation. If the flight does not materialize the deposit will be refunded.

## Rumanian Folk Art Shown

Materials going back to the 17th Century are included in the exhibit of "Folk Art from Rumania" now being shown at the University Museum. The exhibit will continue through Sunday, March 13.

The showing of 17th, 18th, and 19th Century folk art selected from Rumanian museums and collections was brought to the United States by the East-West Cultural Exchange Program of the Department of State. It is being circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

In addition to costumes, embroideries, rugs, ceramics, icons, and musical instruments, the exhibit features photographs of picturesque villages and buildings. A reconstructed room from a cottage in Transylvania also is included to demonstrate how the objects on display are used.



*Dr. Lawrence R. Klein, Professor of Economics, who recently received the John Bates Clark Award, given annually for outstanding advancement in economic theory to a young economist by the American Economic Association.*

## Dr. Dulles Is Named March Visiting Scholar

Dr. Foster Rhea Dulles, distinguished Professor of History at Ohio State University, will be the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar on the University of Pennsylvania campus from Wednesday, March 2, to Saturday, March 5.

His first appearance here will be on March 2 at 8 P.M. in the auditorium of the University Museum, when he will deliver a public lecture on "Soviet-American Relations." On March 3, he will meet with members of graduate seminars at 2 P.M. in the Benjamin Franklin Room of Houston Hall. He will meet with undergraduates at a coffee hour in the Bennett Club at 10:30 P.M. on Friday, March 4. Dr. Dulles is also expected to have a number of informal contacts during his visit.

The Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar program was launched in 1956 to further the interchange of noted scholars among the nation's universities and colleges. Of the nine scholars participating this year, two are from the University. They are Dr. Carleton Coon, Curator of Ethnology and Professor of Anthropology, and Dr. Ephraim A. Speiser, Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Languages.

A graduate of Princeton University and the holder of advanced degrees from Columbia, Dr. Dulles has been at Ohio State since 1941. He received the "Good Teaching Award" presented annually there by the Student Council of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1957.



## SENATE

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means to encourage Congressional repeal of the disclaimer affidavit provision.

"Senate members should give special attention to the reports of the Committee on Faculty Procedures and the Committee on Structure and Operations. The former is nearing completion of a thorough study of existing procedures in the various faculties and now presents some preliminary problems which have come to light; this interim report deserves study.

"A preliminary report from the Committee on Structure and Operations reveals that its concern has been directed toward the relationship between the Senate and the Educational Council; proposals to transform the Advisory Committee into an Executive Council of the Senate are also under consideration. The Advisory Committee has followed this matter closely throughout the year. A question of philosophy concerning the Senate's role has been clearly presented and has not yet been resolved. That question is whether the Senate should stand to one side of the University committee structure and operate solely as a friendly critic of University operations, or should so organize itself that it can be brought more directly into the administrative and decision-making processes in the University. In fact, the Senate presently stands somewhere between these poles, through its election of certain members of the Educational Council and Educational Policy Committee, its nomination of members for certain University committees (Admissions, Athletics, Budget, Scholarships and Student Aid, and Student Affairs), its participation in University appointments by nominating officers to ad hoc consultative committees, and its close consultation with the Administration on such matters as sabbatical leave and academic tenure. However, the resolution of this question of philosophy seems to be important if the direction of the Senate's future development is to be planned intelligently.

"Because of the way in which the Senate is presently tied into the University committee structure, the election of Senate members to the Educational Council and the Educational Policy Committee is particularly significant. These members constitute an essential channel of communication between the Senate and these bodies. At the March 2 meeting, nominations will be requested for six Senate members on the Council (for one-year terms) and two Senate members on the Policy Committee (for three-year terms). In accordance with the Senate rules, the Nominating Committee does not report until the time of the meeting. A certain amount of forethought is therefore required of Senate members who wish to participate in nominating members for these very important bodies. Next year, the Senate members of the Educational Policy Committee, in addition to those now to be elected, will be Arthur Whitaker (College), (1960-61 Senate chairman); Saul Gorn (Engineering); Knut Krieger (College); C. Preston Andrade (Fine Arts); and William Stephens (College).

"April 6 has been reserved tentatively for a Senate meeting to consider the final report of the Committee on Structure and Operations. The final meeting for the year will be held on May 17.

"NOYES LEECH, Chairman."

## Five Young Scientists Receive Scholarships

Five young scientists from this State and New York have been awarded substantial scholarships for post-graduate study in the basic medical sciences at the University under the recently established Pennsylvania Plan, it was announced in February.

Dr. I. S. Ravdin, Vice President for Medical Affairs of the University and chairman of the Pennsylvania Plan, said in announcing the awards that this is the third group of scientists so aided since January, 1958. They will start work under the program on July 1.

Recipients of the \$7500-a-year scholarships, each given for three years, are John P. Rapp, D.V.M., of 109 Cedarbrook Road, Ardmore, Pa.; Robert L. Volle, Ph.D., of 5160 Crestwood Drive, Clifton Heights, Pa.; Robert M. Abrams, of Blossvale, N. Y., who will receive his M.S. degree in physiology and his degree in dentistry from the University this June; Richard O. Davies, of New York City, who will receive his degree in veterinary medicine this June at Cornell University, and Herbert F. Schryver, D.V.M., of Lynbrook, N. Y., who received his degree at Cornell and is now an instructor in veterinary pathology here.

Object of the Pennsylvania Plan is to help relieve the shortage of basic science teachers and researchers in the nation's medical, dental and veterinary schools.

Pennsylvania Plan scholarships provide \$6000 for living expenses and \$1500 for laboratory equipment and supplies. Funds come from subscriptions of industrialists, businessmen and other interested individuals.

## Geography Dept. Chairmen Hark Back to First Days

Present and former chairmen of the Wharton School's Department of Geography and Industry, comprising the entire roster of its heads since the department was founded, were honored at a Faculty Club dinner meeting on February 12.

Designed to acquaint present members of the department's faculty with its traditions, the get-together was devoted largely to reminiscence about the development of the department under its respective chairmen.

On hand for the affair were the department's first chairman, Dr. J. Russell Smith, who served from 1912 to 1919, and his successors in order: Dr. Joseph H. Willits, now Director of the Educational Survey; Dr. Alfred H. Williams, now chairman of the University Trustees; Dr. C. Canby Balderston, now vice-governor of the Federal Reserve Board in Washington; Dr. Robert P. Brecht, Professor of Industry, and the present co-chairmen, Dr. George W. Taylor, recently chairman of the President's fact-finding committee on the steel strike, and Dr. Adrian M. McDonough.

### DR. SANDMEL TO SPEAK

Dr. Samuel Sandmel, Provost of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, will be the principal speaker Tuesday, March 1, at a dinner for graduate students to be held in the Smith-Harrison-Penniman Rooms of Houston Hall. Dinner will be served at 5:45 P.M.

## Among Other Things

We're going to press in a hurry this month to try and keep ahead of the March 2 meeting of the Senate, so this column isn't quite our usual *omnium-gatherum*. Excuse it, please! Personal notes submitted after mid-February will appear in the April issue. Better late than never. . . .

**NAMES:** *Dr. Charles L. Babcock*, Assistant Professor of Classical Studies, assumed the duties of Assistant to the Dean of the College at the beginning of the spring term. He succeeds *Dr. William H. Marshall*, Assistant Professor of English, who originally had planned to leave the Dean's office at the end of the academic year 1958-59, but agreed to serve for an additional semester. . . . *Acting Dean Otto Springer* attended a conference in New York on February 19-20 with officials of the Modern Language Association of America, looking toward his preparation of a "Guide for Students Majoring in German." . . .

*Professor Caleb Foote* of the Law School took part on February 19 in an International Conference on Criminal Law Administration at the Northwestern University School of Law. Professor Foote has been appointed *Walter E. Meyers* Visiting Research Professor at Harvard Law School for the academic year 1960-61.

**SPEAKING OF SPEAKING:** *Dr. J. Kenneth Doherty*, Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Director of the Penn Relays, delivered a paper recently on "The Role of Medicine in Modern Sports Training" at the American Medical Association's First National Conference on the Medical Aspects of Sport . . . *Dr. Doherty* is also the author of two articles in the February, 1960, issue of *Bulletin du Comité International Olympique*, on "Modern Amateurism and the Olympic Code" and "Amateurism and Sports Training Camps."

*John H. McMichael*, Assistant Professor of Accounting in the Wharton School, left on February 1 for Costa Rica, where he will remain through August to teach cost-accounting methods as part of the International Cooperation Program for underdeveloped countries. His wife and two children accompanied him.

**HONORS:** *Dr. David M. Robb*, Professor of the History of Art, was elected president of the College Art Association of America at its annual meeting January 29 in New York. . . . *Karl Linn*, Assistant Professor in the School of Fine Arts, recently received the National Award for the Design of Interior Planting from the American Association of Nurserymen for his interior planting arrangement at the new Four Seasons Restaurant in New York. . . .

*Dean Jefferson B. Fordham* of the Law School will deliver the keynote address at the annual meeting of the American Society of Planning Officials on May 23 at Miami Beach, Fla.

*Dr. James Gordon* of the English Department has been appointed Advanced Placement Admissions Officer for the University. . . . *Miss Lillian G. Burns* has been appointed Assistant to the Secretary of the University. A former Assistant Dean of Women, she left the post of Assistant to the Business Vice-President to take her new post. She is also secretary of the West Philadelphia Corporation. . . . *Dr. Joshua Fishman*, Associate Professor of Human Relations, has been invited to read a paper at the 16th International Congress for Psychology at Bonn, Germany, in August.

## New Chemistry Building To Be Dedicated March 9

Dedication ceremonies for the University's new Chemistry Building on 33rd Street north of Spruce will be held Wednesday, March 9, at 4:30 P.M.

President Harnwell, Dr. Charles C. Price, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, and Dr. W. Alfred LaLande, Jr., an Associate Trustee of the University and vice-president of Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation, will take part in the ceremonies at the north entrance of the building.

Immediately following the formal dedication, the building will be open to inspection by all interested visitors. Faculty members and graduate students will provide guidance, information, and explanation.

The four-story structure, connected to the John Harrison Laboratories, was placed in use at the opening of the semester last autumn. Designed by Harbeson, Hough, Livingston and Larson, Philadelphia architects, it contains additional teaching and research laboratories with advanced equipment, seminar rooms, faculty offices and a supply area.

The building provides quarters for instruction in general chemistry and quantitative analysis and for graduate research in radio chemistry, inorganic and organic chemistry. A balanced heating system minimizes variations in temperature throughout the building, while balance rooms and certain research rooms are air-conditioned.

Construction began in the spring of 1957, after an anonymous gift of \$1,000,000 provided a substantial part of the necessary funds.

## Faculty Members to Address Alumnae Conference March 26

Several members of the University's faculty and staff will take an active part on March 26 in the second annual "Adam's Rib" conference sponsored by the Alumnae Club of Philadelphia at the University Museum.

Acting Dean R. Jean Brownlee of the College for Women will preside as conference chairman. She will introduce as speakers Dr. Mary Elizabeth Coleman, Associate Professor of Education, who will speak on "Women in Comparative Societies," and Dr. Helen C. Bailey, Associate Superintendent of Philadelphia Public Schools, as conference keynoter. Both Dean Brownlee and Dr. Bailey are alumnae of the University.

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