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New University Calendar to Take Effect in September, 1961

Extensive revisions in the University calendar recommended by the Administration and Educational Council were approved last month by the Trustees, and will be put into effect at the beginning of the fall term in 1961.

The changes, designed to make possible two six-week or one 12-week summer sessions and thus increase the year-round use of the University's facilities, would, in the words of the Calendar Study Committee, "make possible a relatively easy transition to a full three-term (trimester) calendar in the event future circumstances require year-round operation." Such is not yet the case.

Four important changes characterize the new calendar:

1. Starting date of the fall term will be advanced by three weeks, to September 7.
2. The entire first semester, of 15½ weeks, will be completed before Christmas—on December 22, to be exact.
3. The customary Easter vacation will be eliminated, except for Good Friday, and a one-week Spring Recess substituted, from March 10 to 18.
4. Commencement will be held between May 16 and May 23, definite date still to be determined.

With these changes it will be possible to begin the first six-week session of Summer School on May 21 and conclude it on June 29. The second six-week Summer Session will begin on July 2 and end on August 10, thus still giving students and faculty members who take part in summer work a vacation of three weeks before the resumption of fall session.

The Calendar Study Committee, of which Registrar Ernest Whitworth was chairman, had before it three proposed calendars, and gave its unanimous approval to what was termed "Calendar B." It considered reports of calendar-changes from other institutions, including the University of Pittsburgh, which has gone on a trimester basis, and Pennsylvania State University, which plans to adopt a year-round calendar in the near future.

One of the considerable secondary advantages to be derived from the new calendar here is that it eliminates the so-called "lame duck" period of one-and-a-half to two weeks following the conventional Christmas holidays and preceding the start of the second semester. Another is that

it integrates the examination period as part of the normal classroom schedule in each semester.

The Study Committee termed both of the latter changes sound. Other points made in its report:

The proposed two-term calendar would be comparable in length and educational content to the present calendar. It provides a total of 154 days of instruction as against the present 145 days, the additional days compensating in part for the elimination of examination periods.

The calendar would permit acceleration so that a student could complete a regular four-year course of study, under

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W. H. Annenberg Named Trustee of University

Walter H. Annenberg, editor and publisher of The Philadelphia Inquirer and president of Triangle Publications, Inc., has been elected a term trustee of the University, it was announced last month by Dr. Alfred H. Williams, chairman of the trustees.

In addition, Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense, who has been a term trustee, was elected a life trustee, and Sydney E. Martin, architect, who was a life trustee, was elected an emeritus life trustee.

Mr. Annenberg, long active in the affairs of a number of educational and philanthropic organizations, is a trustee-at-large of the Foundation for Independent Colleges, a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Fund of Philadelphia, the Board of Corporators of the Peddie School, and the Board of Overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is also president of the Annenberg Fund, Inc., and of the M. L. Annenberg Foundation.

Triangle Publications, of which he is head, publishes the Philadelphia Daily News, TV Guide and other publications as well as The Inquirer. It also operates a number of radio and television stations.

Secretary Gates, whose father, the late Thomas S. Gates, Sr., was president of the University, was elected a trustee in 1948. Mr. Martin, a member of the architectural firm of Martin, Stewart and Noble, has been a trustee since 1937. All three men are alumni of the University.

Dr. Hess Becomes Budget Assistant to Provost

Professor Arleigh P. Hess, Jr., Director of the College of General Studies, has been named Assistant to the Provost in Budgetary Affairs. The appointment is viewed by the University administration as a step in implementing the recommendations of the Educational Survey as to the need for additional staff in order to modernize the Provost's office and make it a more efficient instrument in handling the enormous and increasing volume of business which falls within the range of the Provost's activities.

Provost Eiseley stated that the appointment would greatly facilitate the process of budget making and enable his office to keep a better and more balanced estimate of budgetary demands throughout the year. "In this and in other ways," Dr. Eiseley remarked, "Dr. Hess's attachment to our staff should prove of the utmost value to the University generally. I am delighted that he will be able to give us a portion of his valuable time and look forward to his association with this office."

Dr. Hess interrupted his graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania to serve in the Navy as commanding officer of a mine sweeper. He received his Ph.D. from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1949 and was appointed Assistant Professor of Economics. In 1955 he was promoted to Associate Professor. He assumed responsibility for the College of General Studies and the Summer School in July, 1955, on a temporary basis, and returned to this post on a permanent basis in October, 1957. He has been associated with Dean Willis Winn in a study of Corporate Bond Redemption Features since 1956. Dr. Hess for the present will retain his directorship of the College of General Studies, giving part time to the Provost's office. He will assume his new duties July 1.

George Rochberg New Head Of Music Department

Three new faculty members, headed by George Rochberg, well-known American composer, were named to the Music Department of the University last month.

Rochberg will assume his duties as the department's new chairman beginning with the fall term. Joining him on the staff will be William Smith, assistant conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, who as an Associate will have charge of the University Orchestra and University Chorus, and Norman Smith, a recent graduate of Yale, who will serve as Instructor in Musicology and will have the introductory course in Music 5 as his special province.

After getting his M.A. from this University in 1949, Mr. Rochberg studied in Italy on a Fulbright grant, returned to Philadelphia in 1951 to teach at the Curtis Institute of Music, and later became an editor for Theodore Presser, Philadelphia music publishers. He is presently that firm's director of publications. He received the George Gershwin Memorial Prize in 1952 for an orchestral work, "Night Music," and won the Award of the Society for the Publication of American Music in 1956 for his first string quartet.

University Dedicates Medical Research Building

Impressive ceremonies marked the dedication on May 19 of the Alfred Newton Richards Medical Research Building, latest acquisition of the University's School of Medicine.

Dr. Richards, Emeritus Professor of Pharmacology and former Vice President for Medical Affairs, after whom the building is named, took part with President Harnwell and other distinguished educators and medical leaders in dedicating the \$3,100,000 structure on Hamilton Walk.

Principal speakers at the ceremony were Dr. Richard E. Shope, of the Rockefeller Institute, and Dr. John D. Porterfield, Deputy Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Services. Dr. I. S. Ravdin, the University's Vice President for Medical Affairs, and Dr. John McK. Mitchell, Dean of the School of Medicine, also participated.

The new research unit, designed by Louis I. Kahn, Professor of Architecture in the School of Fine Arts, has been hailed by authorities in the field as an outstanding example of modern architecture. One of its unique features is that its laboratories are housed in towers, after the fashion of studios, with all utilities and general services housed in a separate, central tower.

The towers themselves rise prominently above the common roof-level of the building, giving an effect of aspiration which, as President Harnwell has pointed out, symbolize a "reaching for new understanding of the phenomena of human life and health, new powers to conserve them."

Three Get Guggenheim Awards

Three members of the University faculty were awarded fellowships for advanced study and research by the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation last month.

They are Dr. Hennig Cohen, Assistant Professor of English; Dr. Moshe Greenberg, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, and Dr. Julian B. Marsh, Associate Professor of Biochemistry.

Dr. Cohen will use his fellowship to spend part of the next academic year at the University of California, Berkeley, in studies of Mark Twain as a literary correspondent.

Dr. Greenberg will devote the period of his fellowship to studies of the literature of the late Judean monarchy, especially of the books of Ezekiel and Deuteronomy.

Dr. Marsh will make use of his fellowship to study the synthesis of unsaturated fatty acids in blood.

Communications Conference Names Seldes Chairman

Gilbert Seldes, Director of the Annenberg School of Communications, was named chairman of the newly formed Continuing Conference on Communications and the Public Interest at a meeting at the University of North Carolina early in May.

Prompted by the recent crisis in the broadcasting industry, the group intends to review periodically the role and performance of the media of mass communications in terms of the needs of a free society.

Trustees Elect Miss Burns University's Asst. Secretary

Miss Lillian G. Burns has been elected Assistant Secretary of the University of Pennsylvania, it was announced today by Dr. Alfred H. Williams, chairman of the trustees.

Miss Burns, who has been serving as assistant to John C. Hetherston, Secretary of the University, joined its administrative staff in 1951, as assistant to the Dean of



Lillian Burns, University's new Assistant Secretary

Women in charge of residences. She was later Assistant Dean of Women, Assistant to the Business Vice President, and became assistant to the Secretary last December. In addition she has served as secretary of the West Philadelphia Corporation since its inception.

The new Assistant Secretary holds a Bachelor's degree from Hollins College and a Master's degree from Syracuse University. She makes her home at 214 S. McAlpin St.

Dr. Welch Is Named Head Of Religious Thought

The appointment of Dr. Claude R. Welch, associate professor of Religion at the Yale University School of Divinity, as head of the Department of Religious Thought at this University was announced last month by Acting Dean Otto K. Springer.

Dr. Welch was graduated summa cum laude from Upper Iowa University in 1942. He received his doctorate at Yale in 1950, spent four years at Princeton as assistant professor of Religion, and then returned to Yale as associate professor of Religion. He spent two years at the University of Heidelberg on a Fulbright Religious Fellowship beginning in 1956. He has written a number of books, including *The Reality of the Church*.

Medievalists Elect Baugh

Dr. Albert C. Bau Professor of English, was elected president last month of the Fellows of the Medieval Academy, at the annual meeting of the organization at Harvard University.

The number of Fellows at any one time is limited to 50. Vacancies are filled from the general membership of the Academy. Members represent all fields of study in the Middle Ages, including history, art, literature, music, archaeology and language.

Dr. Baugh, whose election was for a three-year term, has been a member of the Academy from its inception, and a Fellow for the past 20 years. He was also the first American to serve as president of the Modern Humanities Research Association of Cambridge, England.

The Medieval Academy, whose main purpose is to illuminate further the period of history between the fall of Rome and the Renaissance, publishes a quarterly, *The Speculum*, containing articles pertinent to the period.

Two other members of the University faculty, Dr. William Roach, Chairman of the Department of Romance Languages, and Dr. Kenneth M. Setton, Director of University Libraries, are members of the Academy.

Dr. Eiseley Author of New Book

Dr. Loren C. Eiseley, Provost of the University, is the author of a new volume, *The Firmament of Time*, to be published by the Atheneum Press of New York on July 11.

The book is a collection of the series of lectures Dr. Eiseley gave on the philosophy of science at the University of Cincinnati last autumn.

He is the author of two other books, already classics in their fields, *Darwin's Century*, and the award-winning *The Immense Journey*.

Dr. Eiseley is in Lincoln, Neb., this week to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from his alma mater, the University of Nebraska, at its Commencement exercises June 3.

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a normal academic load, in six regular terms plus two 12-week and one six-week summer sessions.

Assuming increased enrollment in the summer session, the calendar would result in the increased use of classroom buildings, residence halls and dining facilities.

It is believed that enlarged summer offerings, assuming increased air-conditioning, would attract increasing numbers of our own students and would thereby increase the rate of collective acceleration. This would result in the accommodation of a greater number of students.

The calendar does not lend itself to the mid-year admission of February high school graduates. However, the Philadelphia School Administration unanimously favors elimination of mid-year graduations and has informally expressed the opinion that such a recommendation will soon go to the Board of Education. We are advised that any persons in the "February pipeline" could practically be released for college admissions by early January.

An expanded summer session would eventually require additional faculty and/or increased teaching by the present faculty. Since summer teaching would still be a voluntary activity, no special problems are foreseen. The present administration of faculty leaves could be maintained; in fact, ending the academic year in mid-May would benefit faculty members starting on leaves.

Among Other Things

HONORS OF THE MONTH: *Dr. W. Norman Brown*, Professor of Sanskrit and Chairman of the South Asia Regional Studies Department, has been elected President of the Association for Asian Studies for the year 1960-61 . . . *Dr. Ralph M. Showers*, Professor in the Moore School of Electrical Engineering, is the newly elected Chairman of the Institute of Radio Engineers' National Professional Group on Radio Frequency Interference for next year . . . *Dr. Kenneth M. Setton*, Director of University Libraries and Professor of History, was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at its 180th annual meeting in Boston on May 11 . . . The new acting editor of the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* is *Dr. Ernest Bender*, Research Professor of Modern Indo-Aryan Languages and Literatures, who has been the magazine's associate editor since 1957 . . .

OUR TRAVELERS: *Dr. Albert I. Oliver*, Associate Professor in the School of Education, spoke on "What Research Says About Desirable Educational Practices for Gifted Children" at the annual convention of the Association of Educators of Gifted Children at Los Angeles recently. *Dr. Oliver* is the retiring president of the organization . . . *Dr. Macedward Leach*, of the English Department, was a speaker at the recent joint meeting of the American Folklore Society and allied groups at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. *Dr. Richard F. Schwartz*, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering and co-author of *The Eavesdroppers*, was a guest at the recent monthly meeting of the Mystery Writers of America, in New York City.

Dr. W. Rex Crawford, Director of the Institute of Humanistic Studies for Executives, attended the meeting of the United Chemical Association in Austin, Tex., on April 29 . . . *Dr. Wilfred Malenbaum*, of the Wharton School, took part in a graduate seminar on "Leadership for Economic Growth" at Duke University, Durham, N. C., on April 18 . . . *Dr. Eleanor S. Boll*, Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, attended the Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth last month as a technical consultant . . . *Dr. Marvin E. Wolfgang*, Assistant Professor of Sociology, delivered the Ingraham Lecture on "The Philosophy of Crime and Punishment" at Colby College, Waterville, Me., on April 22.

SOME WILL TRAVEL: *Professor Louis B. Schwartz* of the Law School will spend the latter part of June and early July in Salzburg, Austria as organizer of the American Law and Legal Institutions session of the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies . . . *Dr. Lester E. Klimm*, Professor of Geography in the Wharton School, will be a delegate of the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council at the 10th General Assembly and 19th Congress of the International Geographical Union in Stockholm, Sweden, August 5 to 12 . . . *Dr. Howard E. Mitchell*, Research Associate of the Division of Family Study, with Mrs. Mitchell and their son Howard, will attend the 16th International Congress of Psychology in Bonn, Germany, from July 30 to August 6 . . . *Dr. Ruben E. Reina*, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, will leave about July 1 for a 14-month stay in the village of San Jose, an isolated community on the shores of

Lake Peten, Guatemala, where he will study contemporary folkways on a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. A. G. Reichenberger, Associate Professor in the Department of Romance Languages, will spend the academic year 1960-61 at the University of Munich on a Fulbright lectureship . . . *Dr. Edward L. Brink*, Associate Professor of Marketing, will attend the Second International Operations Research Conference at Aix-en-Provence in September as a delegate of the Council of the Operations Research Society of America . . . *Dr. Henry Wells*, Associate Professor of Political Science, will spend the fall semester in Puerto Rico to complete a study of value determinants in that island's political system on a Faculty Research Fellowship of the Social Science Research Council . . . *Dr. George Fisk*, Associate Professor of Marketing, will spend the summer at the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan . . . *Dr. Roland L. Kramer*, Professor of Commerce, has accepted an appointment as Visiting Professor at the University of Southern California for the summer session . . . *Dr. Howard C. Perkins*, of the Political Science Department, is to teach this summer at the University of Colorado . . .

AND AT HOME: *Dr. William H. Marshall*, Assistant Professor in the Department of English, is the author of a new book, *Byron, Shelley, Hunt and The Liberal*, published early in May by the University Press . . . *Franklin Watkins*, well-known Philadelphia artist, has been commissioned to paint the portrait of *Dr. Jonathan E. Rhoads*, who retired recently as Provost. *Watkins* expects to begin his work early this Fall . . . The third edition of *The Sociology of Child Development*, by the late *Dr. James H. S. Bossard* and *Dr. Eleanor S. Boll*, Research Associate for the Carter Foundation, was published in May by Harper & Brothers . . . *Dr. Robert J. Nelson*, Associate Professor in the Department of Romance Languages, has received a grant in aid from the American Council of Learned Societies for the summer of 1960 to complete work on a book-length critical study of the works of the French dramatist *Corneille* . . . The Language Development Section of the U. S. Office of Education has awarded a two-year contract in the amount of \$141,000 to *Dr. Joshua A. Fishman*, Associate Professor of Human Relations, for a study of the "Non-English Language Resources of American Ethnic Groups." . . . *Dr. Solomon S. Huebner*, Professor of Insurance at the University from 1908 to 1953, is the subject of a biography, *The Teacher Who Changed an Industry*, written by *Mildred F. Stone* and published by *Richard D. Irwin, Inc.*, of Homewood, Ill. . . . *Dr. J. G. Brainerd*, Director of the Moore School of Electrical Engineering, was the principal speaker at the semi-annual luncheon of the Engineering alumni on May 6.

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