

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the first of what will be regular reports from me to the University community. After only a week in College Hall, even though it was a busy and eventful week, it will not surprise you to learn that I am not prepared to announce solutions to all our problems.

Nevertheless, several things happened during the week that give me encouragement. On my first day in office, the leadership of the University responded in a marvelous way to the sudden need to appoint a new chief academic officer. Ben Shen acted with great dignity and consideration when he found it necessary for health reasons to leave the provostship; Lou Girifalco faced up to his new responsibilities with characteristic selflessness and courage; the deans, the University Committee on Consultation, and individuals throughout the University have rallied behind Lou. As a result, I believe we came through with continuity and in good shape. I am delighted that I will have the benefit of Ben Shen's help and advice from his new office in my suite, and I am confident that Lou Girifalco and I can work together very productively on the budget and the several academic matters that need to be resolved before the term is over. Lou and I have already begun our work together; at week's end the vacancies in the Provost's Office were filled with Richard Clelland as acting associate provost and Alan Heeger as acting vice provost for research.

On my third day in office, again because of the help and cooperation of many individual faculty members who took the time to advise me, and because of the unhesitating willingness to serve the University of a group of our busiest faculty members, I was able to complete the Provost Search Committee. By the time this issue of *Almanac* appears, I will have met with Professor Irving Kravis and his Committee to give them their charge for their critically important task.

I have also met with the University Committee on Consultation regarding the other positions of senior officers that must be filled, and have begun searches for Treasurer and for Vice President for Operational Services. I hope to have those searches completed before the spring is out. The search for a Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is going very well and is now entering its final stages. All of this leaves me confident that our University will not suffer from the absence of good leadership.

Among other matters to which I have turned my attention in the first week, I have assumed the responsibility of affirmative action executive officer for the University. Davida Hopkins Ramey will continue as the principal staff person in that area. I have also attended a meeting of the University Budget Committee, met with the Council of Deans twice, conducted my first meeting of the senior officers of the central administration, conferred at length about Commonwealth relations with my counterparts at the other three research universities in Pennsylvania, and gotten to know my office staff.

It has been a busy week. I am planning various additional ways in the future to get to know faculty, students and staff and to learn more about our richly textured University. Even though we have a few of the same sort of problems facing higher education in general, I remain convinced that our future is even greater than our past—and that is saying a great deal. I came here because I expected that it would be fun to be part of this great university. It is. I am delighting in the daily discovery of hidden treasures here in this curiously self-effacing university. Together, we can and will meet and overcome the challenges.

—Sheldon Hackney

1981-82 Academic Calendar

1981 — Fall Term

September 3	Thursday	Move-in for new undergraduate students begins
September 4	Friday	Registration for undergraduate transfer students
September 7	Monday	Freshman Convocation and Opening Exercises
September 8-9	Tuesday-Wednesday	New student registration for schools participating
September 9	Wednesday	Fall term classes begin for undergraduate schools and graduate schools
November 16	Monday	Pre-registration for spring term begins
November 25	Wednesday	Thanksgiving recess begins at close of business
November 30	Monday	Thanksgiving recess ends at 8:00 a.m.
December 11	Friday	Fall term classes end
December 14	Monday	Reading day
December 15-23	Tuesday-Wednesday	Final examinations
December 23	Wednesday	Fall term ends

1982 — Spring Term

January 7-8	Thursday-Friday	Registration for undergraduate transfer students
January 11	Monday	Spring term classes begin and new student registration
January 12	Tuesday	Final day for registration
January 16	Saturday	Founder's Day
March 13	Saturday	Spring recess begins at close of classes
March 22	Monday	Spring recess ends at 8:00 a.m.
March 29	Monday	Pre-registration for fall term and summer sessions
April 23	Friday	Spring term classes end
April 26-28	Monday-Wednesday	Reading days
April 29 - May 7	Thursday-Friday	Final examinations
May 15	Saturday	Alumni Day
May 17	Monday	Commencement

1982 — Summer Sessions

May 18	Tuesday	First session classes begin
June 25	Friday	First session classes end
June 28	Monday	Second session classes begin
August 6	Friday	Second session classes end

CBS Fellowships

The Office of Graduate Studies announces University-wide fellowship competition for the CBS Foundation Fellowships for graduate professional study and/or research for students with potential to become intellectual leaders in the fields generally related to the technical, creative, or managerial functions of the CBS Corporation: Communications & Computer Science, Marketing, Music Composition, Communications Media Management, Corporate Finance & Accounting, Creative Writing, Theater Arts, Public Policy Issues in Communications, Regulatory Law in Communications Fields. Preference is given to terminal dissertation-year or to beginning graduate and professional students. The fellowships provide a stipend not to exceed \$5000 for the academic year and all necessary tuition and fees. An applicant must submit to his/her academic dean or graduate group chairperson a statement of career interest and goals, appropriate transcripts, GRE scores, three letters of recommendation, and a letter of nomination from a faculty sponsor. Deadline for receipt of applications is *March 2, 1981*.

Details of the Penfield Scholarships for dissertation research abroad, and Fontaine Fellowships for full-time Ph.D. study are also available from graduate group chairpersons. Their deadlines are *March 13*.

Grants to Italy

The Center for Italian Studies announces a program of grants for research, study and travel in Italy at Italian universities with the cooperation of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Italy and L'Aquila University.

Grants give limited support to faculty members and graduate students during the academic year of 1981-82. Preliminary applications, consisting of a detailed description of a proposed project, must be received no later than *March 10, 1981*.

Inquiries to: Dr. Werner L. Gundersheimer, director of the Center for Italian Studies, 535 Williams Hall/CU, Ext. 8279.

HERS Summer Institute

Bryn Mawr College and HERS-Mid Atlantic announce the sixth Summer Institute for women in Higher Education Administration.

The University of Pennsylvania may recommend up to four women administrators and faculty to participate in this residential month-long program on academic governance, budgeting, and training in management skills and administrative use of the computer.

Interested candidates may submit application forms, available at the HERS office, 3601 Locust Walk, to President Hackney, 100 College Hall/CO by *March 13, 1981*.

They may also attend a question-and-answer session February 17, at noon (see *On Campus*).

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