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## Tuition Exchange Accepted

Commencing next September, the University of Pennsylvania will participate in Tuition Exchange.

Briefly, Tuition Exchange is an organization composed of over one hundred colleges and universities throughout the country providing for free tuition at any one of the member institutions for a faculty child who would be eligible for admission to an undergraduate school as a tuition-paying student. The principal aims behind the program, which was founded in 1950, are to permit faculty children who could obtain free tuition at the institution where the parent teaches to go elsewhere at no tuition cost, and to give the benefit of free tuition to children who are not eligible to attend the college where the parent is a faculty member for reasons such as non-coeducation.

While Pennsylvania has a broad and sufficiently varied undergraduate program to satisfy nearly any academic need of its teachers' children, there are several definite advantages in this University's having joined in the program.

Many people are of the opinion, for example, that both the teacher and the student will be able to work in a more natural atmosphere if the child is educated at the undergraduate level in a school where the parent is not a teacher.

For some young people, study in a small college will be of more benefit than a large university. For others, a location in a different part of the country will prove beneficial. No one institution can meet all the differences in needs and desires of the children of its faculty.

Spearheaded by recommendations from a number of sources almost simultaneously—study of the program was urged by President Harnwell, the Committee on Scholarships, and various members of the University Senate, among others—the Senate initiated a careful study of the organization as early as September of last year. In January, it circulated a questionnaire to 1177 members of the faculty and staff for the purpose of obtaining an accurate estimate of the number of children who would

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## Clinic Examinations For Faculty

Prompted by the results of a recent survey conducted by the University's Diagnostic Clinic, President Harnwell has requested the Clinic's cooperation in setting up a new "pilot" program of periodic health examinations for University personnel and their families.

The Diagnostic Clinic, a non-profit organization in support of University teaching and research in medicine, has agreed to conduct the examinations during June to September, inclusive, when special consideration can be given to University personnel.

The examinations will be the same highly comprehensive ones which the Clinic conducts on personnel of large industrial organizations and other firms. Fitted to the individual's needs, they will include complete history and physical examination, blood count, urinalysis, blood sugar determination, serologic tests, chest x-ray, electrocardiogram, gynecologic examination in women and proctoscopic examination in men, and, in addition, any other tests considered necessary by the Clinic physician, regardless of their number or cost. The charge for the examination is all-inclusive. Further information may be obtained from the Diagnostic Clinic, 3500 Spruce Street, EVergreen 6-7802.

In line with the policy of the Clinic, individuals must be referred to the Clinic by their own physicians, to whom reports will be sent.

The survey which so impressed President Harnwell was conducted by the Clinic on the results of 500 periodic health examinations. It brought out the startling fact that *one out of three presumably well adults has a significant medical disorder, important in terms of his future health, of which he is unaware.* Only 15 per cent of the group were considered entirely healthy. Similar conclusions have been drawn by other services carrying out examinations of comparable scope. The most commonly discovered conditions were diseases of the heart and blood vessels, chiefly high blood pressure. Other diseases brought to light were hernias, diabetes, ulcers, pre-cancerous con-

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participate in Tuition Exchange if the University authorities decided to join.

After studying the results of this survey, President Harnwell wrote to Robert R. R. Brooks, Dean of Williams College and Executive Director of Tuition Exchange, expressing the desire of the University of Pennsylvania to become a member in the program. It was accepted on April 18.

Under the rules of the organization, each member school is the sole judge of what children are eligible as "exports" to other institutions. It has been decided by this University that eligibility will be based upon the same regulations governing the remission of tuition if the child attends Pennsylvania.

"Imports" from other institutions making application to come here will be processed in the same manner as usual applicants and must meet our normal admission requirements.

As a member of Tuition Exchange, the University was required to estimate a quota for the next five years. Coming to about 65 students, Pennsylvania has also agreed to accept at least 30 per cent of that figure in "imports" during the first year and may export up to 40 per cent of its five-year quota next September. *Children of our own faculty members will be included in our import column.*

It should be understood that eligibility does not guarantee acceptance in a particular member college or university. After meeting the required percentage of its quota, an institution may choose its imports in any manner it desires. It is natural, also, that some institutions will receive a great many applications while others will be able to handle nearly all of their applicants. Princeton University and Mount Holyoke College, for example, have already filled their quotas and will not be able to accept new Tuition Exchange students next September.

Faculty members who now have children in one of the member colleges or universities may also benefit from Pennsylvania's acceptance of membership. A student now studying at another school may be accepted as an import by that institution and the balance of his undergraduate tuition will be paid by the school.

Responsibility for initiating an application for a child to come under this program must come from the members of the faculty and staff themselves. Douglas Root Dickson, Director of Scholarships and Student Aid, will serve as Liaison Officer for the University of Pennsylvania, and he and his staff will assist such applicants in every way possible.

Further information and a complete listing of the member colleges and universities may be obtained at Room 200, Logan Hall. Application forms are also available there.

Anyone desiring to apply for Tuition Exchange must act as quickly as possible in order to be considered for entrance next September.

## Clinic Exams

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ditions of the colon and early cancers that could be cured by prompt treatment.

Frequently the individual is unaware of his symptoms or does not consider them of sufficient importance to lead him to seek medical advice. "Whether this is an expression of the mildness of the symptoms, the fortitude of the sufferer, or his procrastination in attending to matters of health is debatable," states a Clinic report. "In any event, it is apparent that a periodic health examination such as this provides the stimulus, otherwise absent, to give proper attention to one's physical condition."

## Benefit Questionnaire Circulated

In a letter now being mailed to members of the faculty and staff, President Harnwell is seeking the advice of these groups on the manner in which "additional funds available to the University for faculty emoluments may be best applied in the interest of individual faculty members and the broad purposes of the University."

The "additional funds available" will be as a result of the increased tuition and fees effective July 1 (see *The Almanac*, February, 1955). To this it is hoped that the State Legislature will grant an additional appropriation.

(On April 25, Senator John J. McCreesh of Philadelphia, introduced bills in the State Senate requesting appropriations amounting to \$8,051,575 for the University of Pennsylvania. Intended to help operate the University for two years starting June first, the appropriations were broken down as follows: \$4,996,000 for the University; \$2,120,575 for the School of Medicine; \$835,000 for the School of Veterinary Medicine; and \$100,000 for the University Museum.)

Several choices for the expenditure of the funds are advanced in the President's letter and a questionnaire enclosed will provide a convenient method of indicating individual preferences.

The choices offered are: 1) "across the board" increases in base salary; 2) individual merit salary increases; 3) additional University contribution to the retirement fund of Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association; and 4) one or more fringe benefits (income maintenance if permanently and completely disabled, major medical expense, periodic "complete" health examinations).

The questionnaire has been prepared with the help and advice of Dr. Jonathan E. Rhoads, Chairman of the University Senate, and several committees of the Senate which have been investigating the various possibilities to be offered to the faculty, so that it may best reflect the wishes and needs of the greatest numbers of those to be affected by the additional funds.

It is the strong hope of the Administration that the questionnaire be filled in and returned as quickly as possible. Only in this way can the sentiments of the faculty and staff members be best applied to the disposition of the new funds to become available in July.

## Correction

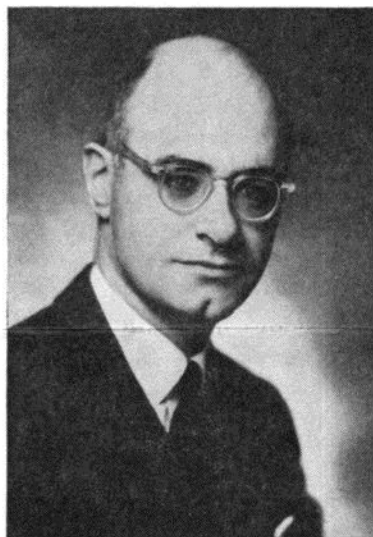
In the March, 1955 issue of *The Almanac* it was announced that applications for Fulbright Awards for the academic year 1956-1957 were due on April 15. Investigation since has shown that this date was applicable only to those applying for awards for use in Australia, Burma, Ceylon, India, New Zealand, the Philippines and Thailand.

Applications for awards to other countries may be made to the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, Committee on International Exchange of Persons, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington 25, D. C., between May 1, 1955 and October 1, 1955. The official announcements will be made sometime in July.

## Setton Named Director Of Libraries

Dr. Kenneth M. Setton, Professor of Medieval History at Columbia University, has been named Director of Libraries at the University of Pennsylvania. He will succeed Dr. Charles W. David, who has been Director of Libraries and Professor of History since 1940, and who will retire on June 30.

Dr. Setton taught at the University from 1950 to 1954 as Henry C. Lea Professor of Medieval History. On returning, he will resume his former faculty chair, and,



as Director of Libraries, will be in charge of the University Library and its more than 20 departmental branches on the campus. The library, established in 1751, is the fourth oldest collegiate library in the United States and one of the largest (1,375,000 volumes).

"A library is the key-stone of a university," Dr. Harnwell commented in announcing Dr. Setton's selection. "Its stewardship is a controlling factor in the progress of teaching and research. We are fortunate in having found a scholar of

Dr. Setton's stature to succeed Dr. David, whose vision, scholarship, and energy during the last 15 years have made our libraries a positive force in the University's development."

Dr. Setton began teaching classics and history at Boston University, and in 1943 joined the faculty of the University of Manitoba, Canada, where he was chairman of the history department. He has won two Guggenheim Fellowships—in 1949 for research in Byzantine history, and in 1950 for studies of Athens in the Middle Ages. Pennsylvania called him in 1950.

The author of numerous books as well as articles in scholarly journals, Dr. Setton is a member of the American Philosophical Society, the Medieval Academy of America, the American Historical Association and the American Association of University Professors.

He was elected Director of Libraries from among a group of librarians and scholars nominated by a faculty committee of the University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. The chairman was Dr. Robert E. Spiller, Professor of English.

## Tobacco Grant Given

A grant of \$13,915 has been given to the University by the Tobacco Industry Research Committee to study the pharmacology of nicotine and related alkaloids.

Dr. Carl C. Gruhzt, Associate in Physiology and Pharmacology, who is noted for his research in the effects of drugs on the circulatory system, will be in charge of the studies.

Dr. Gruhzt will make what is believed to be the first comprehensive, systematic analysis of the stimulation of nerve centers and some nerve end-organs involved in heart and blood-vessel reflexes, nerve-muscle junctions, the inside of adrenal glands and the posterior pituitary, caused by nicotine, since the development of certain new techniques and pharmacological tools.

## Alumna Establishes Fellowship

An alumna of the University has established a scientific research fellowship here with the proceeds of her own life insurance.

She is Mrs. Gertrude B. Austin, of Altadena, California, the former Gertrude Bishop Phillips, retired former dean of women at Grinnel College, Iowa.

Mrs. Austin, now 85, took a \$10,000 policy in 1908. She assigned the benefits to the University, in memory of her former husband, Dr. Orville P. Phillips, a botanist and Pennsylvania alumnus who had lost his life in an accident in 1906.

Now the policy has matured, paying the University more than \$14,000 including dividends. The money has been designated as the Orville Paul Phillips Fellowship Fund.

At Mrs. Austin's direction, income from the fund will be used to enable selected college graduates to perform research in the natural sciences in Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Mrs. Austin, meanwhile, has indicated that the proceeds of another \$10,000 policy, maturing in June, will be added to the fund.

In acknowledging the endowment, Dr. Roy F. Nichols, Vice-Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, wrote Mrs. Austin:

"The thoughtful generosity of former students like yourself is a great source of strength to the University administration and gives us much inspiration as we proceed with our task of building a greater and better University."

## Names In The News

At the annual meeting of the Association of American Physicians in Atlantic City in May, Dr. William Christopher Stadie, John Herr Musser Professor of Research Medicine, will receive the Kober Medal for 1955.

The coveted medal is awarded annually by the Kober Foundation at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., to a member of the Association of American Physicians who has contributed to the progress and achievement of the medical sciences or the medical profession.

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Dr. Thorsten Sellin, Chairman of the Department of Sociology, has been awarded the decoration of a Commander of the Order of the North Star by His Majesty the King of Sweden, for his "assistance in the field of jurisprudence." Dr. Sellin went to Sweden in 1946-47 to study and effect reforms in that country's penal code.

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Dr. Paul E. Boyle, Professor of Oral Pathology, was installed as President of the International Association of Dental Research at the annual meeting held in Chicago, March 17-20. This organization is composed of research workers in the dental field throughout the world.

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Dr. E. Arthur Whitney, Associate in Psychiatry, has been designated as the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Second International Congress on Mental Deficiency to be held in Europe in 1958.

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Dr. Althea K. Hottel, Dean of Women, was named by President Eisenhower as U. S. representative on the Social Commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

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New Books by the Faculty: Dr. Ralph C. Preston's *Teaching World Understanding*, Prentice-Hall, N. Y.; Dr. Merle W. Tate's *Statistics in Education*, The Macmillan Company, N. Y.; Charles D. Fawcett's (with Gay and McGuinness) *Mechanical and Electrical Equipment for Buildings* (Third Edition), John Wiley and Sons, N. Y.

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Dr. Raymond T. Bowman, Professor of Economics, has been appointed Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget in Washington. Dr. Bowman will head the Office of Statistical Standards, which coordinates the reporting activities of all federal agencies.

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Dr. I. S. Ravdin, John Rhea Barton Professor of Surgery and Director of the Harrison Department of Surgical Research, recently received the Golden Slipper Square Club's 1955 Humanitarian Award. With the award he received a check for one thousand dollars "on behalf of a charity to be selected by him." He is the first Philadelphian to have been so honored.

Dr. Ravdin was also the recent recipient of the Strittmatter Award, the highest honor of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, given annually "for the most valuable contribution to the healing art or for any extraordinary service redounding to the credit of the medical profession."

Dr. Conyers Read, Emeritus Professor of English History, has been awarded the \$1,000 Folger Library Prize for 1955. The award was made for his manuscript, *Mr. Secretary Cecil and Queen Elizabeth* which Knopf will publish on June 13. It will be the first of two volumes in a study of William Cecil, later Lord Burghley. The Folger Library Prize is sponsored annually by the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D. C.

## Library Lines

The Lippincott Library, 410 Logan Hall, has initiated a special three-day circulation collection. Consisting of duplicate books, the purpose of the service is to furnish additional browsing copies and to provide an extended time for more leisurely perusal of the material.

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Anyone wishing to consult catalogs of other colleges and universities throughout the country will find a large collection of such literature in the Penniman Memorial Library of Education, Bennett Hall.

## Deaths

DR. EDGAR ARTHUR SINGER, JR., *Adam Seybert Emeritus Professor of Philosophy*. Author and philosopher, taught at the University of Pennsylvania for more than fifty years. For many years, classroom lectures on the philosophy of nature and modern thinkers were a campus-wide attraction. Given an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Pennsylvania in 1944. April 3, 1955.

EDWARD J. MCNICHOL, *former University Basketball Coach*. Outstanding undergraduate athlete; first Philadelphian to be selected All-American in basketball for three years. Coached at the University from 1920-1930. April 16, 1955.

DR. ARCHIBALD J. NICHOL, *Associate Professor of Economics*. Before coming to the University, served as a civilian price analyst with the Army occupation forces in Japan. Taught at Duke University and Universities of Maryland and California before the war. Came to the University of Pennsylvania in 1948. April 18, 1955.

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