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## Faculty Bibliography for 1955 Covers Wide Range of Publications

*The Bibliography of Faculty Publications* for 1955, seventeenth in a series started in 1939, was mailed during March, and all persons whose names appear as contributors to the *Bibliography* should have received a copy, along with members of the Faculty and staff of the University, the Trustees, and certain other groups.

At its meeting on March 21, The Educational Council approved proposals to extend the coverage of the *Bibliography*, improve the precision of reporting, and expedite publication. As a result, the Secretary of the University has assumed responsibility for distribution of bibliographical forms and instruction sheets. The Committee on the Advancement of Research will continue to provide advisory and editorial assistance but will no longer divert its funds to the costs of printing and distributing the *Bibliography*.

Provost Rhoads, emphasizing the urgent need for complete reporting of publications, has asked departmental chairmen to distribute forms to all members of their departments, supervise the collection of entries, and forward them to the Secretary of the University. The importance of complete reporting is underscored by the decision to mail from ten to twenty copies of the *Bibliography* for 1956 to each of some forty leading universities in the United States and abroad for distribution to departmental chairmen in those schools. The University Library will send out approximately 150 copies to other libraries and institutions. Copies also go to members of the Association of Graduate Schools.

The *Bibliography* is a convenient source of information concerning the scholarly activities of individuals, departments, and schools. A proposal submitted to the Educational Council for setting up a current file of reprints for all members of the Faculty and staff of the University should provide a valuable supplement to annual listings in the *Bibliography*.

## Insurance Conference Planned

The theme of the International Insurance Conference to be held under the auspices of the Wharton School on the campus May 21st and 22nd will be "The Role of the Private Enterprise in Insuring Life and Property Values Throughout the World." The Conference is one of a series of important events being held this year to celebrate the Wharton School's diamond jubilee.

According to Dean C. Arthur Kulp, representatives from more than fifty countries are expected to attend as well as participate in the Conference, which will consist of several general sessions and six seminars. Dr. Kulp said that resumés of conference papers will be printed at the conclusion of the meetings. They are expected to provide an authoritative source of information on current insurance conditions and practices around the globe.

A sponsoring committee of one hundred prominent insurance executives is cooperating with the University in organizing the Conference. It is headed jointly by John A. Diemand, Sr., President of the Insurance Company of North America, and M. Albert Linton, Chairman of the Board of the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company—both of Philadelphia.

The *Bibliography* for 1955 contains nearly 1300 entries, edited by approximately 700 authors. The greater number of contributions will be found in articles published in periodicals, serials, and transactions of learned societies, but among the sixty-four books and monographs are titles ranging from *The Ballad Book*, by Dr. MacEdward Leach of the English Department, to *Colic of Horses* by Dr. Frank Kral of Veterinary Medicine. Notable works are *History of the Crusades*, Volume I, by Dr. Kenneth M. Setton, Director of Libraries and Professor of Medieval History; *Sumerian Proverbs and Their Cultural Significance* (micro-filmed), by Dr. Edmund I. Gordon, Harrison Research Fellow in Oriental Studies; *The American Tradition in Literature* by Dr. E. Sculley Bradley, Vice-provost of the University and Professor of English (with R. C. Beatty and E. H. Long); *Secondary School Activities* by Dr. Frederick C. Gruber of the School of Education; *Die Akne* by Dr. Ernst Jockers of Germanics; *Minimum Price Fixing in the Bituminous Coal Industry* by Dr. Waldo E. Fisher of Industrial Research and the Department of Geography and Industry; *Statistics in Education* by Dr. Merle W. Tate of the School of Education; *Patriotism on Parade* by

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## The Senate Reports

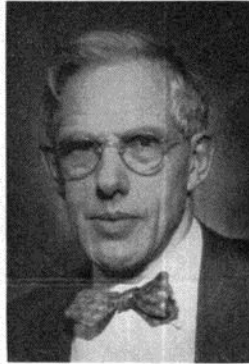
Some four years ago the Administration initiated a project for issuing a manual which would set forth the policies and procedures followed by the University within the framework established by the Charter and Statutes. Some of these policies and procedures were of long standing, some of recent origin. Some were common knowledge; many were unknown even to those who required their guidance.

In this work the Administration has enlisted the assistance of the Senate, both for the intrinsic value of the suggestions which might be made and for the securing of that broad basis of common consent which is so vital to the smooth operation of any program. A Senate Committee on the Manual of Policies and Procedures was accordingly established. From the Administration the Committee has received copy as it has been prepared, and has conferred with it where divergent views arose. Problems falling within the particular scope of other Senate committees have been submitted to them, and they have consulted with the Administration. In areas of particular concern to the Faculty, the Committee has submitted the text to the Senate itself. It seems fair to say that these procedures have resulted in the accommodation of differences to a highly gratifying degree.

Although by no means complete, this project is now well advanced. The first of several volumes will be issued this spring. It will be in loose-leaf format, so that further revisions, in line with the evolving needs of the University, may readily be effected. It is the hope of the Administration that the first draft of the second volume will be ready in the fall. The Committee stands ready to receive such suggestions as the Faculty may have to make in connection with either volume.

The Manual is designed to be a statement of the ways in which things are currently done at the University. The process of codification has afforded an opportunity for re-examination, and of this opportunity the Administration has availed itself. In this the Senate has sought to cooperate. We believe the outcome has been salutary. The policies and procedures of the University will henceforth be better, as well as better known.

—DR. LEONIDAS DODSON, *Chairman*  
Senate Committee on the Manual of  
Policies and Procedures



Leonidas Dodson

relations program. This was the consensus of the University Senate Committee on Public Relations, as expressed at their first meeting with Donald T. Sheehan, Director of Public Relations, March 14th.

Within the framework of this concept of the relationship of a faculty to a university, a participative program of public relations is being developed between the faculty and the University's public relations staff.



Frederick C. Gruber

A major characteristic of the program, as now envisaged, is its two-directional nature. The committee will seek to keep the public relations staff informed of faculty thinking on the University's relationships with the public and advise on steps which might be taken to improve these relationships. It will also afford guidance on how best to mobilize faculty interest and talent in acting as public relations spokesmen for the University.

The committee will work jointly with the Director of Public Relations in the preparation of a publication outlining the many areas of external public relations in which faculty participation can be helpful, such as public speaking appearances before alumni and civic groups as well as learned and professional societies, participation in radio and television programs, and cooperation with newspapers, magazines, and other printed publications.

—DR. FREDERICK C. GRUBER, *Chairman*  
Senate Public Relations Committee

## Special Football Rates Offered

Members of the faculty and staff, as well as members of their immediate family, can obtain season football tickets for the six home games on Franklin Field for the reduced rate of \$12 each.

This price represents a 50 per cent reduction in the regular price for South Stand tickets. For the first time these tickets may be purchased through a payroll deduction over a 12-month period, in line with the plan worked out with the Comptroller by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Application blanks for season tickets, as well as for individual games, will be mailed to all members of the faculty and staff within the next several days. However, there is no special rate on individual game tickets.

## Setton Receives Honors

Dr. Kenneth M. Setton, Director of Libraries and Professor of History, is the recent recipient of two outstanding honors. He has just been elected a Fellow in the Medieval Academy of America. And he has been awarded the John Frederick Lewis Prize from the American Philosophical Society for his paper (delivered at one of the Society's meetings), "The Byzantine Background to the Italian Renaissance."

The public image of a university as a community of teachers and scholars carrying on instruction and investigation in broad areas of knowledge can be projected and an atmosphere favorable to carrying on such work can be created through a sound and continuous public

## Letters to the Editor

Could you supply me with several copies (preferably about 20) of the March issue of *The Almanac* which contains the story of the Karachi project? Judging from the comments that have come my way since my return, people do read *The Almanac*!

I am sure you will understand my motives if I call attention to a very serious gap in *The Almanac* story. You omitted any reference to the people who are doing the work in Karachi, and after all that is where the real work is being done. The Wharton School has nine people in Karachi at the present time. I am particularly anxious that the main credit should go to them, for they deserve it.

As you know, Dr. G. Wright Hoffman is Chief of Party, and Dr. Rufus Wixon is Associate Chief of Party. Dr. Wixon will leave Karachi this month and in the fall will resume his duties as Professor of Accounting and Chairman of the Accounting Department in the Wharton School. Dr. Hoffman will return this summer, and will go back to Karachi then for two more years. Two more men will be sent to Karachi shortly—Mr. John Hall, who has just completed a tour of service as chief Public Administration officer in the U. S. Operations Mission in Uruguay, and Mr. Aldo Santorri, who is presently an Instructor in Accounting at the University of Buffalo and a part-time lawyer.

We are also very proud of the Pakistani staff members at the Institute of Public and Business Administration. There are now eight of these staff members. Two of them—Matin Ahmad Khan and Anwar Syed—have received degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. Another—Mohammed Uzair—is presently taking advanced work in Finance in the Wharton Graduate Division, and still another—I. A. Mukhtar—is working for his Ph.D. degree in Industrial Management and Labor Relations at Columbia University. Several others will come to the University of Pennsylvania or to other American universities for further training in the near future.

As a result of my trip I am very greatly encouraged by the progress which the Institute of Public and Business Administration is making, and by the impression which it is making on the public and commercial life of Pakistan. Dr. Hoffman, Dr. Wixon, and I were received by the President of Pakistan, by a former Prime Minister, and by other highly-placed Pakistanis, and each and every one evinced a real interest in the work of the Institute and a deep appreciation for the contribution which the University of Pennsylvania, through its fine representatives in Karachi, is making in Pakistan. I wish that every member of the faculty and administration of this University could see at first hand what our people in Karachi are doing.

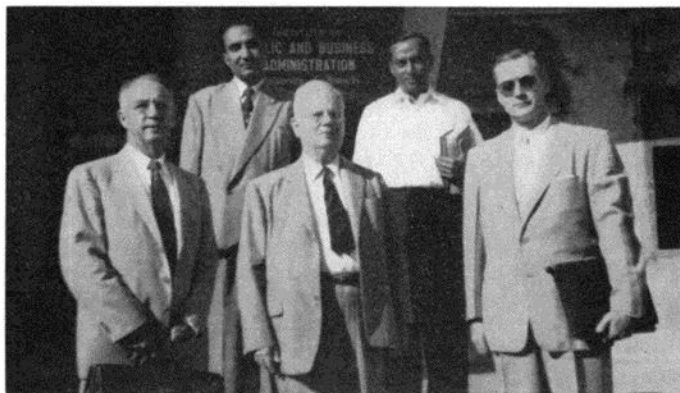
Mr. Haydn Morgan, Assistant Administrative Director of the Office of Project Research and Grants, accompanied me to Karachi, and participated in many conferences with staff members and students of the IPBA, with government officials and business leaders in Karachi, and with officials of the U. S. Embassy and the U. S. Operations Mission in Pakistan. Dr. W. Norman Brown, Head of the South Asia Regional Studies Program and a member of the Advisory Committee on the Karachi Project, was also in Karachi while I was there, and he was able to spend some

time at the Institute. Thus the "sisterhood relationship" between the University of Karachi and the University of Pennsylvania is being furthered by personal contacts of many kinds. Incidentally, I received many concrete evidences of the effects of Dr. Harnwell's visit last Spring. His visit did a great deal to further the broad objectives of the Karachi project.

—NORMAN D. PALMER  
Professor of Political Science  
and Coordinator of the  
Karachi Project

EDITOR'S NOTE: The editor regrets that space considerations resulted in the omission of certain names from the Karachi story that appeared in *The Almanac* last March.

Members of the Wharton School began to staff the Institute in October, 1954. First to arrive was Dr. G. Wright Hoffman, Professor of Insurance and Marketing at the Wharton School and Chief of the University of Pennsylvania Group, who was soon joined by three others—Dr. John P. Lutz, Instructor in Finance in the Wharton School; Mr. Henry F. Goodnow, a member of the staff of the Institute of Local and State Government at this University; and Dr. T. Hillard Cox, former Head of the Department of Industrial Management at Louisiana State University and a former Chief of the Industry-Occupations Division of the U. S. Department of Labor.



From left to right: Dr. G. Wright Hoffman, Professor of Insurance and Marketing; Dr. W. Norman Brown, Chairman of South Asia Studies; and Dr. Norman D. Palmer, Professor of Political Science, pose with members of the staff at the Institute of Public and Business Administration in Karachi.

In March, 1955, Mr. George Melanson, who had served with the University of Michigan Group in the Philippines, joined the staff. In July, Dr. Rufus Wixon, then Chairman of the Accounting Department of the Wharton School, went to Karachi as Associate Chief of Party. Three more staff members were added in the latter part of 1955—Dr. G. Donald Smith, Head Librarian at Washington State College; Dr. A. F. Hinrichs, former Acting U. S. Commissioner of Labor Statistics; and Dr. Virgil Stevens, Assistant Professor of Public Administration at the School of Public Administration at the University of Southern California.

In the summer of 1956, Dr. W. Nelson Peach, Chairman of the Department of Economics at the University



## My Current Reading

For some years now I have made it a practice to examine new books on the art of college teaching with a view to recommending the useful ones to the young teachers of English who were more or less under my direction. One such book has recently been published, and the editor has suggested that I mention it in *The Almanac*. It is *College Teaching: a Psychologist's Point of View*, by Claude E. Buxton, Professor of Psychology at Yale (Harcourt Brace, 1956). Although intended primarily for teachers of psychology, the book is helpful and suggestive for the young teacher of any subject, especially the chapters on "Criticisms and Issues in Higher Education," "The Career of the College Teacher," and those dealing with classroom deportment for teacher and student. For older teachers, too, the book is richly suggestive. I myself have been impressed with the author's analysis and defense of the lecture method and also with his practical suggestions for handling group discussion in larger classes. I am therefore glad to pass the title on to any colleagues who have not yet encountered the book.

—ALLAN G. CHESTER,  
Professor of English

## Fels Fund Fellowships

The Samuel S. Fels Fund has informed Dean Nichols of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences that it will award fellowships for 1957-1958 to Joseph A. Peters, Jr., Political Science; Saul Sack, Education; Robert F. Scott, History; and Charles Valentine, III, Anthropology. These awards, carrying stipends up to \$4,000 a year, are designed for assistance to outstanding students in the humanities and social sciences who have completed all of their work for the Ph.D. except the dissertation. They are the most generous provisions available for predoctoral students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Each of eight eastern universities was permitted to nominate five candidates for these fellowships. Graduate students who will complete all requirements except the dissertation by February 18, 1958, should consult their group chairmen and the Graduate School about prospects for 1958-1959.

of Oklahoma, went to Karachi to replace Dr. Lutz, who returned to his regular duties at the Wharton School; and Dr. Richard H. Wood, Director of the Institute of Labor and Management Relations at Rutgers University, replaced Dr. Cox. Late in 1956 Mr. George Moreland joined the group as a Library Consultant. In December Mr. Melanson came back to the United States on home leave, returning to Karachi early in 1957 for another two-year period.

In a special memorandum to the editor, Dr. Palmer adds that "We shall probably send others to Karachi before the expiration of the contract in June, 1959, and it is possible that we shall have one to three people in Karachi even beyond that date."

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Wallace E. Davies of the History Department; *The Cycle of American Literature* by Dr. Robert E. Spiller, Chairman of the Department of American Civilization; and *Living Bone in Health and Disease* by Dr. Irvin Stein of Orthopedic Surgery (with Drs. R. O. Stein and M. L. Beller). New editions of well-known books include *The Art of India* by Dr. Stella Kramrisch and *Surgery of the Ambulatory Patient* by Dr. L. Kraeer Ferguson. Mention should also be made of patents granted to Professor O. M. Salati of The Moore School of Electrical Engineering and of musical compositions by Dr. Andre C. Vauclain of the Music Department.

The compilation of information concerning research and publications from which the *Bibliography* was originally derived got its start about twenty-five years ago when Dr. H. Sherman Oberly, then a member of the Psychology Department and Secretary of the Committee on the Advancement of Research (formerly called the Faculty Research Committee), undertook a careful annual record of the items reported to him. In 1939 Dr. Allan Chester, Professor of English, who succeeded Dr. Oberly as Secretary of the Committee, presented a detailed report of publications to President Gates, who authorized its printing as the *Bibliography of Publications by Members of the Faculty, July 1, 1938—June 30, 1939*. Since that time it has steadily expanded with the growth of the University and the development of scholarly activities until it has become one of the outstanding reports of its kind issued by any university. An inventory of current research projects was also conducted for 1954, but was not published.

The delay incident to issuing the call for reports of publications for 1956 has necessitated extending the deadline to May 15. Those who did not receive forms and instruction sheets by May 1 should consult their departmental chairmen. Invitations are also broadly extended to all members of the University for suggestions or criticisms that may improve the coverage and value of the *Bibliography*. Any item that is not reported is a loss to the University and the author.

## Environment: It Figures

A traveler just back from Las Vegas reports that children in the area learn to count expertly before they are five years old. When challenged, tots draw a deep breath and demonstrate: "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen, king!"

## A SPECIAL INVITATION

If *The Almanac* is to serve as an effective organ of communication for the faculty and staff, it must reflect the opinions and expressions of these groups.

Let us remind you, therefore, that we welcome such expressions in the form of letters or in signed articles.

## I Remember...



## .... Of Things Past

by

DR. KARL G. MILLER

Dean of the College for Women

Each fall, as I enjoy the delightful Freshman Camp at Green Lane and then participate in the Freshman Week orientation program, I remember my own induction as a member of the student body. It was on the Friday evening before classes were to begin, and freshmen were instructed to report in the Big Quad for the opening ceremonies. There we milled around under the supervision of the Senior Society Hats until our peace of mind was shattered by a roar from a distant part of the campus. The message was readily distinguishable:

"Tackle 'em hard, tackle 'em clean!  
Pennsylvania, Nineteen Fourteen!  
O-o-oh Fresh! O-o-oh Fresh!"

Almost immediately, some young genius in our midst came up with the appropriate reply, which has been heard many times during the ensuing forty-five years:

Give 'em hell, lick 'em clean!  
Pennsylvania, Nineteen Fifteen!  
O-o-o-o-oh Soph!"

Following this exchange of pleasantries, the Senior Hats organized us in column-of-fours and led the procession across Spruce Street to the campus-center between College Hall and Houston Hall. There we discovered the despicable sophomores massed around the back door of College Hall, now long closed and sealed with the Friars Society Bulletin Board. Fastened to the door itself was a large poster displaying disparaging comments and ignominious commands for the benefit of the freshman class. Protecting the poster, solidly massed, stripped to the waist and greased with lard, were the sophomores. Our job—get that poster down in less than five minutes!

The freshman column hit the sophomore phalanx with a thud and literally bounced off. The attack broke up into a series of individual combats, but the lard was too slippery. In final desperation, a group of husky freshmen grabbed a small classmate and literally hurled him over the heads of the sophomore defenders. There were breathless moments when the stripling gradually worked his way toward the poster, pulling himself forward by grasping heads of hair. Finally he reached his goal, the poster disappeared, and the Class of 1915 had begun its illustrious career.

A copy of the poster, about eighteen by forty inches, is now in the archives of the Class of 1915. It is probably the only existing memento of the Poster Fight, which for years served the purpose of the present Freshman Week program. This reminiscence is not intended as a nostalgic plea for a return to "the good old days." There is no slightest doubt in my mind that the present freshman orientation program is infinitely more reasonable and effective, and less barbarous, than the old freshman-sophomore fights. It must be admitted, however, that the old tooth-and-nail Poster Fight, and the Pants Fight and Bowl Fight, played their part in producing generations of loyal Pennsylvania alumni.

## Social Workers Hold Conference

Five faculty members of the School of Social Work will participate in leading an international representation of social workers at the National Conference on Social Welfare, to be held at Convention Hall, May 19th to 24th inclusive.

Addressing themselves to the Conference theme, "Expanding Frontiers in Social Welfare," the participants will help bring together professional experiences and knowledge growing out of new areas of social welfare services.

A workshop on "Supervision in School Social Work" will be conducted by Dr. Ruth E. Smalley, Vice-dean of the School of Social Work. Mr. Richard Lodge, Associate, will preside over a meeting on "Work with Groups in Rapidly Growing Suburban Communities." Dr. Helen U. Phillips, Associate Professor in Social Group Work, will present a paper on the topic, "Does Social Group Work Have Distinctive Characteristics in its Philosophy in Comparison with and Contrast to Other Disciplines?" Dr. Goldie B. Faith, Professor in Social Case Work, will serve on a panel concerned with "The Use of Collateral Data in Case Work," and Miss Margaret E. Bishop, Director of Admissions and Placement of the School of Social Work, will be a member of the Selection Committee for "Casework 1957."

## Wistar Institute Gets Director

Dr. Hilary Koprowski, noted medical scientist, has just been named Director of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology. According to Dr. William H. DuBarry, President of the Institute's Board of Managers and Vice-president for the Corporation, Dr. Koprowski "will direct an accelerated program of research devoted to study of the single cell." He is expected to expand the Institute's studies in geriatrics and cancer. He plans, also, to continue his important work in the field of tumor investigation and in the development of live virus vaccines against poliomyelitis.

Dr. Koprowski, who received his M.D. degree from the University of Warsaw in 1939, is a member of the Expert Committee on Rabies of the World Health Organization; a Vice-president of the New York Academy of Sciences; a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine; a Councillor of the Society of American Bacteriologists; a member of the American Association of Immunologists; and a member of the American Society of Tropical Medicine.

## Among Other Things

*Congratulations:* to Dr. R. Jean Brownlee, Personnel Officer of the College for Women for the past ten years, who has just been named Vice-dean of the College for Women . . . to Miss Adaline Chase, Associate Professor of Nursing Education, who has been appointed by the Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth to serve on the *General Advisory Committee on Training of the Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* . . . to Donald T. Sheehan, Director of Public Relations, who was given a citation naming him an Honorary Editor-in-Chief of *The Daily Pennsylvanian* at the recent "change-of-boards banquet" of the student newspaper . . . and to Dr. John Wertz, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, recipient of a Post-doctoral Fellowship in Statistics from the University of Chicago.

*Overheard at the Lenape Club:* One of our colleagues who was at an English university for a year tells of a Professor T., generally regarded as a fine scholar but an extremely poor lecturer. When an evening class of foreign students finally complained about the difficulty of listening to him, the professor resolved to try to improve his style. Soon thereafter he met one of his students, an attractive Italian girl, and somewhat hesitantly asked, "Could you follow me tonight?" To which she replied, "Why, professor, I'm sorry, but I'm meeting my husband."

*Names:* Dr. Alfred Senn, Chairman of the Slavic Department, represented the University at the *Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages* held in Boston last month. Dr. Senn is also newsworthy for his enthusiastic appreciation of the writings of his late colleague, Dr. Vincent Kreve. In a volume entitled *For Roman Jakobson*, a collection of articles honoring Harvard's distinguished scholar of Slavic languages and literature, Dr. Senn writes: "I consider Kreve the greatest Lithuanian poet and writer of all times." The book was published by Mouton & Co. at the Hague, Holland. . . . Do you have a hobby? Dr. Claude K. Deischer, Associate Professor and Assistant Director of Chemistry, enjoys making beeswax candles in antique tin molds. Also enjoys music and researching into the history of chemistry. . . . Walter B. Murphy, Lecturer in Industry, has been doing a one-man job in assembling the interdisciplinary *Ellen Power Murphy Memorial Library* on the fourth floor of Logan Hall. How active it is may be judged from the fact that 251 of the 450 books currently housed in the collection were borrowed during the month of February. The Library needs to be expanded—and Mr. Murphy needs some help toward that end. His office is W 191, Dietrich Hall. . . .

*Worth Another Thought:* "Although it is easier to say than do, it seems likely that the lectures in a so-called lecture course should try to teach the same ideas as do the reading materials and other components of the course, but to do so in ways which do not repeat, but rather reinforce, supplement, and illuminate."—Claude E. Buxton, Professor of Psychology at Yale University, in *A Guide to College Teaching* (Harcourt, Brace & Co.). . . .

*Clippings:* Additional copies of the *President's Report for 1956* are available at the office of the Director of Public

Relations, 104 Development Building. . . . Who says the gremlins have gone the way of raccoon coats? The editor apologizes for two errors in the April *Almanac*: the dropping of the last word ("painful") from Dr. Baugh's *I Remember* piece, and the omission of the caption under the picture of Dr. I. S. Ravdin flanked by Mrs. Ravdin and Lessing Rosenwald as he receives the *Philadelphia Award*. Never was editorial surgery more mysterious. . . . A last-minute bulletin from the Provost reminds everyone that the Secretary's Office is not only desirous of receiving reports of scholarly publications (see the front page story), but is also anxious to receive information regarding Faculty honors or awards for possible listing in the President's annual report. . . . Vice-provost Sculley Bradley recently moderated a symposium on *Humor in the Written Arts* at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, offering a story in which a man asks why women are such poor humorists and is told: "Because we are exhausted laughing at you men." A case of one good rib deserving another? . . . In case you didn't know: *The Wistar Institute* houses its own press (the Wistar Press), which publishes about a dozen technical journals on anthropology, anatomy, microbiology, and nutrition. . . .

*Catching up with the News:* Dr. Arthur P. Whitaker, Professor and Chairman of History, recently lectured on Latin American problems at the University of Virginia and at Vassar College. . . . Dr. L. J. Ravitz, Associate in Psychiatry, delivered the keynote address at the formal dinner of the *National Rehabilitation Organization* in Columbus, Ohio, early last month. . . . Dr. Alfred H. Williams, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University and President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, was the speaker of the evening at the recent spring meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Association. Subject: *The Growth and Decay of Metropolitan Areas—Particularly Philadelphia*. . . . Dr. Robert E. Spiller, Professor of English, revealed *The Story Behind the "Literary History of the United States"* in a talk before the Lenape literati on April 9th. . . . Among nearly a thousand scientists and engineers participating in the *International Symposium on the Theory of Switching* held recently at Harvard University were Dr. Herbert B. Callen, Professor of Physics, and Dr. Morris Rubinoff, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering. . . . Dr. J. G. Brainerd, Director of The Moore School of Electrical Engineering, has just returned from a speaking tour through the south and southwest to various sections of the Institute of Radio Engineers. . . .

*Definition:* "A good teacher has been defined as one who makes himself progressively unnecessary."  
—Thomas J. Carruthers.

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