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Building of First Unit of Library Made Possible by State Funds



Kenneth M. Setton

Construction of the new library-classroom building, for which the General State Authority of the Commonwealth recently allocated \$4,000,000 to the University, is being given top priority in the Administration's redevelopment action on the campus.

According to Business Vice-President John L. Moore, "We may be able to erect this building earlier than now anticipated if we expedite such matters as the transfer of the necessary land to the Authority and accelerate our architectural and essential utility planning. Since the wheels of government turn slowly, we must be the prime movers in this undertaking. And we are moving so well, in fact, that I think we might establish November, 1958, as a target date for the start of construction."

The Authority has recommended that the University donate the ground for the building (which will be owned

by the State for 30 years) so that the entire \$4,000,000 appropriation may be used for construction. Furthermore, the Authority has other funds with which to pay such non-construction expenses as architectural fees. Nor does the Authority object to the University's supplementing the allocation with University funds, provided, of course, that title to the building is held by the Authority.

The exact plot of ground from which the library will rise within the Woodland Avenue triangle bordered by 36th and Walnut Streets has not yet been determined by the architects (Harbeson, Hough, Livingston, and Larson), but the general nature of the building—viewed as "the first unit" of a splendid library complex—is already being enthusiastically described by Dr. Kenneth M. Setton, Director of Libraries.

"Those faculty members whose teaching and research depends chiefly on the use of books will find their lot much improved when we move into the new building," he says. "With space for a million books—and the old library still at hand for storage, we'll be able to reassemble the entire book stock of the Main Library in ways far less crowded and better arranged than ever before. Things will be cleaner as well as more comfortable since the new building will be entirely air-conditioned."

The new library's first unit will contain more seminar collections than are now housed in the present building, and space will be available to hold small classes and seminars among the books relating to the subject being taught. Special faculty "studies" will probably be available in the new building, "with a good many more in the second unit," added Dr. Setton.

Reading room space will be generously arranged for faculty and student use, and the periodical room will be so designed that journals will be invitingly displayed to the reader. A photographic laboratory will provide service to all readers who need microfilm, photostats, and the

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Emeritus Professors Honored

President Harnwell recently presented certificates of appreciation to the most recently elected emeritus professors of the University.

The recipients, honored at a luncheon tendered to them in Houston Hall by Dr. Harnwell and Provost Jonathan E. Rhoads, were as follows:

Dr. Waldo E. Fisher, industry; Dr. E. Duncan Grizzell, education; Dr. Edward H. Heffner, classical studies; Dr. Ernst Jockers, German literature; Dr. Thomas M. McMillan, clinical medicine; Harry E. Parker, architectural construction; Dr. S. Howard Patterson, economics; Dr. Stanley P. Reimann, oncology; Dr. Karl H. W. Scholz, economics; Dr. William D. Stroud, cardiology; Dr. Isaac S. Tassman, clinical ophthalmology; Dr. William F. Whelan, clinical otolaryngology; and Dr. D. Wright Wilson, biochemistry.

Museum Plans Film Program

Among the events scheduled by the University Museum for its Sunday afternoons 1958 film program are the following:



Malvina Taiz

January 19: *Ancient Egypt*, a color film dealing with the antiquities and history of Egypt;

February 9: *Grant and Lee at Appomatox*, described in the Museum's bulletin as "a study of events during the Civil War, including Lincoln's Gettysburg Address";

February 23: *The Path of Columbus* and other films;

March 9: *Boris Godunov*, a color film of Moussorgsky's opera;

March 16: *The Assassination of Julius Caesar* and other films;

April 20: *Thomas Jefferson and Monticello* and *In Virginia Gardens*, a tour via color film through Monticello and famous colonial gardens in Virginia; and

April 27: *Haunts of the Pirates* and other films, a color travelogue through famous islands of the Caribbean.

Two special events:

February 2: *Dido and Aeneas* by Henry Purcell, to be performed under the direction of Dr. Joseph Barone in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth; and

March 2: *Dance Forms* and their development as demonstrated under the direction of Malvina Taiz.

All of these programs will be held in the University Museum auditorium, admission free.

Alumni Giving Analysis

The University's Alumni Annual Giving (1956-57) final report offers an interesting analysis of contributions, as follows:

| Contribution | Number of Donors | Per Cent of Total Donors | Per Cent of Dollar Total |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| less than \$5 | 929 | 6.7 | .4 |
| \$5 - \$9 | 3685 | 25.6 | 3.3 |
| \$10 - \$24 | 5275 | 36.8 | 11.0 |
| \$25 - \$49 | 2440 | 17.0 | 11.2 |
| \$50 - \$99 | 1014 | 7.1 | 10.7 |
| \$100-\$249 | 691 | 4.8 | 13.7 |
| \$250-\$499 | 51 | .4 | 2.6 |
| \$500-\$999 | 35 | .3 | 3.6 |
| \$1000 & over | 216 | 1.3 | 43.5 |
| TOTAL | 14,336 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

The 216 donors in the \$1000 and over category are members of the Benjamin Franklin Associates.

Both in respect to the number of donors and the amount in dollars (\$563,640), 1956-57 scored the highest figures in the history of Alumni Annual Giving.

The Senate Reports

First Senate Meeting

Postponement of the first Senate meeting of the 1957-58 academic year beyond the normal meeting time has resulted from a decision of the Advisory Committee of the Senate against convoking sessions of the Senate when there is only relatively unimportant and routine business requiring action. The Advisory Committee has concluded that when the Senate is called into session there should be some matter of major importance to the Faculty to serve as the central focus of the meeting. Such a matter will be dealt with at the first meeting when it is held. This will be the policy of the University with respect to sabbatical leaves for faculty members.

Faculty Representatives on the Board of Trustees

Two luncheon conferences of Senate officers and representatives and members of the Administration, including the President and Provost, have been devoted to exploring the implications of faculty representation on the Board of Trustees. Discussion centered about the possible advantages to the University of this kind of institutional arrangement as against alternative ways of increasing communication between the Faculty and the Trustees. There was also consideration of certain consequences of faculty representation which might prove inimical to the interests of the Faculty and the University as a whole. A report of these exploratory discussions will be made to the Senate with a request for instructions as to further steps the Senate's officers should take, if any.

Senate Committees for 1957-58

The following committees have been activated:

Academic Freedom and Responsibilities

Noyes E. Leech—Chairman (Law)

Athletic Policies and Practices

Lester E. Klimm—Chairman (Wharton)

Committee on Structure and Operations of the Senate

James McNulty—Chairman (Wharton)

Communication with the Faculty

Hennig Cohen—Chairman (College)

Faculty Club

Ralph C. Preston—Chairman (Education)

Financial Problems and Procedures

Joseph R. Rose—Chairman (Wharton)

Manual of Policies and Procedures

Thomas R. Kane—Chairman (Engineering)

Philanthropies

Elizabeth F. Flower—Chairman (College)

Physical Plans and Development

William L. Wheaton—Chairman (Fine Arts)

Public Relations

Frederick C. Gruber—Chairman (Education)

University Appointments

John A. Goff—Chairman (Engineering)

Welfare

John R. Abersold—Chairman (Wharton)

I Remember...

Houston Hall — Then and Now



By GENE D. GISBURNE,
Vice-President for Student Affairs

When the present generation of students was being born into the depression period of the thirties—I remember that Houston Hall was not teeming with undergraduates and other members of the University family. Built in 1895 through the generosity of the Houston family, this first college student union was, some twenty years ago, without either west or east wing; and the building was somehow a stronghold for the male student with considerably less popularity perhaps because of the benedict atmosphere.

The essential student purposes of Houston Hall have continued over the years to serve the needs and interests mainly of undergraduates. The basement floor of the building in former years housed, on the west, a small store whose trademark was "From Freshman Cap to Cap and Gown" although many of the essentials between the two were unavailable. On the east was a rathskeller type of grill with murals of campus scenes and usually filled with students calling then as now for sandwiches, snacks, or milkshakes. The barber shop came a little later as did the dining facilities.

The central section of the main floor remains relatively unchanged in structure; however, what then was lounge and reading room space has become the present grill, with ping-pong and television facilities provided in the Bowl Room. The Bell has been the dominant feature of the lobby for many years, and there was a time when each Hey Day saw those chosen for undergraduate male leadership, hands on bell, pledge again their loyalty and allegiance to student body and University; and it was a meaningful and impressive ceremony, lost, I suspect, in the succeeding generations of students to forces of sophistication which turned its back on the sentiment.

A visit to the second floor in those days of the thirties found a series of meeting rooms less attractive than those now provided; and of course, the auditorium. The east side of this hall housed successively a billiard room and ping-pong table. Zelo and Philo were safely ensconced on the third floor, and their activities were many and important to the campus. Squeezed down the hallway a bit were the Chess Club quarters and the dark room facilities of the Photographic Society.

All this of Houston Hall is recalled nostalgically but with no desire to turn back the clock. Honest confession reveals satisfaction with the present use of the facilities made possible by the two "new" wings erected in 1939. What

would we do without the main dining room and the Ivy Room—the present grill and the blaring juke box—WXPN, a haven for many undergraduates—the relatively soundproof Band Rehearsal room—the improved meeting rooms—and the spacious West Lounge? Though most of all, I would miss in the Houston Hall of today the ever present atmosphere of purposefulness evident in its many and varied activities. The facilities bring together a genuine cross section of the University—staff, students, and faculty. Future University planning will include, indeed, expansion of an idea now more than sixty years in being on this campus.

Science Institute Announced

The University of Pennsylvania is one of seventeen colleges and universities recently awarded grants from the National Science Foundation to support academic-year institutes designed to help secondary science and mathematics teachers improve their knowledge of their subject matter.

The grant to the University is \$265,000.

Fifty high school science and mathematics teachers will be enrolled in the institute, which will be conducted during the academic year beginning September, 1958.

Dean William E. Arnold of the University's School of Education, will be director of the institute, and Dr. James F. Hazel, Professor of Chemistry, will be associate director.

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like, and improved microfilm reading-room facilities are on the drawing board.

"For the first time in forty years," said Dr. Setton, "there will be space enough for the library staff to perform for both faculty and students the thousand corvées which we have come to expect of American library science."

President Gaylord Harnwell pointed out that the completed library building will eventually hold about 2,000,000 volumes (exclusive of storage areas in the old building), including the books from many specialized libraries now scattered throughout the campus. Since a library is "in a real sense the laboratory for studies in the humanities and most of the social sciences," he said, "it is very appropriate that this kind of facility should be strengthened at a time when the physical and biological sciences are receiving support for research laboratories."

The new library will be far better able to discharge its responsibilities to the community as well as to non-campus scholars. Figures from Dr. Setton's office show that annually some 5,000 readers not connected with the University make use of its books and services.

The University's collections of books—tenth largest and fourth oldest in the country—are valued at more than \$25,000,000. "They are the most valuable single asset on the campus," Dr. Setton said, "and for forty-six years our predecessors and we have been strenuously engaged in trying to make them more efficiently and attractively available to every qualified user of the Library. The solution, although now certain, will not be provided at once, but we in the library are now living in an atmosphere of sustained elation, realizing that financial hurdles have just been cleared, and that with the assistance of the General State Authority we are at long last really going to build the first unit of a great building."

Among Other Things

Names: Dr. Lee O. Garber, Professor of Education, was program chairman for the recent annual meeting of the National Organization on Legal Problems in Education held in Houston Hall. Welcoming remarks to the conference, whose members came from all parts of the country, were delivered by Dr. William E. Arnold, Dean of the School of Education. . . . Add authors: Dr. Thomas C. Cochran, Professor of History, is the author of a new book just released by the Harvard University Press, *The American Business System: A Historical Perspective, 1900-1955*. . . . Also recently published: *Terapeutica de los Conductos Radiculares* (Progrental Press, Buenos Aires), a Spanish translation of the 4th edition of *Root Canal Therapy*, by Dr. Louis I. Grossman, Professor of Oral Medicine. . . . Dr. Grossman has the distinction of having had a Portuguese translation of this book appear earlier this year, and of having had another book (*Odon-tologia Practica*) published in Spain in the spring of 1957. . . . Dr. Kenneth E. Appel, Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry, has just been re-elected President of the Joint Commission on Mental Illness and Health. . . .

Quotes: "All citizens, including the business community, must do more to help colleges and universities solve their financial problems. Such educational support can be considered an investment for business, because business must have the end results of education, which are new knowledge, educated manpower, and a favorable climate in which to operate."—Ralph J. Cordiner, President of the General Electric Co., in his recent speech to the Wharton School Alumni Society. . . .

Catching Up With the News: President Gaylord P. Harnwell received the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law at the October convocation climaxing the centennial celebration of the Philadelphia Divinity School, a seminary of the Episcopal Church. . . . Guy Marriner, Lecturer in Music, recently received the honorary degree of Doctor of Music at the Combs College of Music, Philadelphia. . . . Dr. MacEdward Leach, Professor of English, is represented in *Studies in Folklore* (Indiana University Press), an anthology paying tribute to Stith Thompson, distinguished professor emeritus of Indiana and internationally recognized authority on folklore. Dr. Leach's article is entitled "Celtic Tales from Cape Breton." . . . Dr. John McK. Mitchell, Dean of the School of Medicine, was recently appointed Presiding Dean of the University's two medical schools. Dr. Mitchell will coordinate the programs of the School of Medicine, where he continues to serve as administrative head, and the Graduate School of Medicine, to the Deanship of which Dr. George B. Koelle has just been elected. To Dr. Koelle, also, a salute from his colleagues. . . . Welcome to Dr. Theodore H. Ingalls, who assumes the post of Professor of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology in July of next year. Dr. Ingalls is now Associate Professor of Epidemiology at the Harvard University School of Public Health. . . . Dr. Michael H. Jameson, Associate Professor of Classical Studies, is currently serving as Visiting Lecturer in Classics at Bryn Mawr College. Subject: the poetry of Hesiod. . . .

Anecdote Annex: Illustrative of how demonstrations and examples oft go awry is the following story sent to us by Edwin R. Petzing of The Institute for Cooperative Research: A very conscientious teacher felt that it was a part of her duty to impress upon her young charges the evils of alcohol. To do this she arranged a demonstration for her class. Her equipment was a glass of water, a glass of alcohol, and a live earthworm. She held the glass of water containing the earthworm aloft and said: "This is a glass of water with a worm in it, and as you can see by its movements the worm is alive. Now I will take the worm out of the water and drop it into the glass of alcohol. You see the worm has dropped to the bottom of the glass and seems to be lifeless. It has been stunned by the alcohol, and if I left it there it would die. Now I will take the worm out of the alcohol and drop it into the glass of water."— The worm dropped to the bottom of the glass, but in a short time it began to stir and was soon swimming about.— "You see the worm which was stunned by the evil alcohol has been revived by the nice pure water and will be all right. Now children, what lesson does this teach us?" After a pause, a little hand went up and the teacher said, "Yes, Johnny?" Johnny got up and said, "If we drink alcohol, we won't have worms." . . .

Roundup: The November 22 issue of the *Saturday Review* carries publisher J. R. Cominsky's views on his "study now, pay later" plan for helping universities increase tuition "to whatever extent necessary to meet the costs of instruction." . . . According to our Registrar, Ernest Whitworth, the total enrollment at the University numbers 17,183 students, of whom 5,480 are full-time undergraduates. . . . At the recent University luncheon honoring 44 freshman recipients of Mayor's and Board of Education scholarships, President Harnwell noted that since 1882 the University has received 1,945 scholarships from the city valued at \$3,333,000. . . . In case you didn't know: 1957 figures show that the University has so far purchased this year more than 14,500 tons of coal; 1,302,000 gallons of oil; and upwards of 5,600 fluorescent light bulbs. When it comes to window washing time, we have 19,400 units requiring chamois and detergent. . . . Just issued to all department heads: *The University of Pennsylvania Manual of Policies and Procedures* (Volume I: Administrative Organization, Policies, and Procedures), the first such manual at the University. . . .

Definition: "An educated man is one who has the right loves and hatreds."—Lin Yutang.

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