

Faculty Hall Now Under Construction at 36th and Walnut Streets

By this time next year the Faculty will be dining and holding committee and conference meetings in their new quarters, Faculty Hall, now in the process of construction at the southwest corner of 36th and Walnut Streets.

The contract date for the completion of the building is December 31, 1958, though "completion" in this instance refers only to the basement and first two floors of the structure. The third floor, which will ultimately contain six small dining rooms for committee purposes and two tea rooms, one of which will be suitable for holding small receptions, will not be finished for the time being. Nor will the elevator giving access to the third floor be installed.

"Unfortunately," said Dr. Ralph Preston, Chairman of the Faculty Club Committee, "the bids were high. The total project, including construction, landscaping, kitchen

The Faculty Likes Football

According to C. Robert Paul, Jr., Director of Sports Information, the University Faculty definitely likes football at Franklin Field. "This is not guesswork or wishful thinking," says Mr. Paul. "Our source is in the accounts, for the only group increase in season ticket sales for the 1957 football campaign was registered by the Faculty members themselves."

Mr. Paul offers some gratifying facts about the scholarly attainments of the 1956 squad (1957 analyses are not yet available) relative to the grade levels of the other groups in the Ivy League. Pennsylvania, he notes, had "more football players in the upper two quintiles of the class than any other member institution. And the same was true of the academic attainments of freshmen football players during the 1956 season."

Incidentally, last fall's varsity squad showed a notable increase in the number of engineering students playing football at the University. The breakdown by schools was as follows: 20 from the Wharton School, 18 from the College, 14 from the Towne and Moore Schools, and one from Fine Arts. For the freshman squad: 19 from Engineering, 17 from Wharton, and 14 from College.



Ralph Preston

equipment, and furnishings, will amount to \$985,000." The funds on hand will not permit the current purchase of furniture, but Dr. Preston is hopeful that donors will be found before the contract date is reached "to make completion really complete, including the third floor, the elevator, and the furnishings."

The contractor for Faculty Hall is Joseph R. Farrell and Company, Inc.; the architects, Hatfield, Martin and White. The building will be of contemporary design, with an exter-

ior of marble and brick, and a garden entrance from 36th Street.

The basement will contain the kitchens and bake shop, dressing rooms, and a game room approximately 25 by 33 feet.

The first floor will house the lounge, bar, reading room, and coat rooms.

The second floor dining room will, according to Dr. Preston, "seat 300 at one time, serve 400 at lunch between 12 and 2, and serve 250 at dinner."

As the official "client" of the architects, the Committee had to make many decisions about the building which it hopes will be agreeable to the Faculty as a whole. Decisions involved everything from the number and placement of telephones to fireplaces, air-conditioning (the entire building will be air-conditioned), squawk boxes for paging or announcements, and piped-in music.

The Committee's principal concern at the moment is the organization of the Club itself.

"Right now," said Dr. Preston, "We are working with University counsel to incorporate the Club, a necessary procedure for the procurement of a liquor license. In fact, since a liquor license cannot be obtained until the Club has been incorporated for a full year, the Committee has named its own members as incorporators in order to expedite

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matters. Also named as incorporators were the Chairman of the Senate and the President and Provost of the University."

The incorporators will appear at a master's hearing in the near future, which, it is hoped, will materialize in the granting of a charter. Once chartered, the "formal organization" of the Club will proceed," said Dr. Preston. "We assume that the Chairman of the Senate may wish to call a special meeting, or perhaps devote a portion of a regular meeting of the Senate, for the purpose of electing officers and a Board of Managers of the Club. This group will have the responsibility for drawing up a set of by-laws and concluding an agreement with the University concerning financial arrangements."

Sometime this spring the Committee expects to have available detailed data for decisions regarding the dues structure of the Club as well as the cost of meals. Much, of course, will depend on the size of the membership. If, as the Committee hopes, 1200 members of the Faculty (women as well as men) will join the Club, both dues and cost of meals should be reasonable. The range of dues is now estimated at \$20 to \$45 per member. The estimated cost of running the Club is about \$50,000 per year, of which \$20,000 would go toward amortizing the mortgage.

With respect to extending membership to the administrative staff, Dr. Preston thought that this would be a likely development. But the Committee, he noted, "does not have authority to decide eligibility requirements. These will be drawn up as part of the by-laws by the Club's officers and board of trustees."

The members of the Committee are: Dr. Edward L. Brink, Assistant Professor of Marketing and Foreign Commerce; Dr. Orin E. Burley, Professor and Chairman of Marketing and Foreign Commerce; Dr. John A. Goff, Professor of Mechanical Engineering; Dr. Samuel N. Kramer, Professor of Assyriology and Curator of Tablet Collections in the Museum; Dr. Malcolm G. Laws, Jr., Assistant Professor of English; and Dr. Ralph C. Preston, Professor of Education, Chairman.

College Adopts New Courses

Twenty-six new courses were approved at the February meeting of the College Faculty, according to Dean Lloyd W. Daly. Certain changes were approved in a few others and some twelve courses were discontinued at the request of the department of Romance Languages.

The new courses are in the following fields: Biology, Economics, English, Fine Arts, French, Greek, Latin, Linguistics, Mathematics, Spanish, and Zoology. Six new courses in Spanish are to be offered, four in mathematics.

Most of the French and Spanish courses which have been dropped were offered by members of the Faculty no longer on the staff or have been replaced by equivalent courses.

What Schools Should Be

"If the school is to accomplish what our society demands of it, it must be both a guidance center and a youth home."

—George N. Shuster, President, Hunter College.

College Teacher Need Rises

The Annual Report (1956-57) of the University's Placement Service reveals that the national need for teachers in all categories continues to rise. "It is imperative," the Report states, "that competent college students be encouraged to consider teaching as a profession and to provide means to help them obtain the necessary professional and graduate training."

Miss Marette Quick, Supervisor of Teacher and College Placement, commenting on college teaching vacancies, says that vacancies reported to the University since 1953 have increased 143 percent. More than twenty-two hundred requests for teaching personnel were received this past year from 437 institutions throughout the United States and its territories. A number of additional requests were received from countries in Europe, South America, and Asia, for both the liberal arts and technical subjects.

The Report states that the Placement Service placed 131 candidates in institutions in 25 states and Hawaii. "Information about the academic rank represented in 122 of the college placements for 1957," says Miss Quick, "indicated that 57% of these appointments were at the rank of instructor, 31% assistant professor, 8% associate professor, 3% full professor, and 1% lecturer."

The average base salary for nine months of men appointees in 1957 was \$4,943, of women, \$4,711, an increase in the average salary since 1953 of about 30 percent.

Rosenbach Lectures Due April

Dr. William Charvat, Professor of English at Ohio State University and widely known pioneer in the study of U. S. publishing houses, has been named the Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach Fellow in Bibliography for 1957-58. He will deliver three lectures under the general title of "Literary Publishing in America, 1790-1850." The series will be held in Auditorium A-1 of the Physical Sciences Building at 4 p.m. on April 11, 18, and 25.

Dr. Charvat's successive subjects will be the publishing centers of the period (Philadelphia, New York, and Boston), the problem of the relationship of publishers and authors (Washington Irving will be featured as "a case history"); and such economic data of the business as formats, bindings, and retail prices.

Dr. Charvat received his Ph.D. degree at Pennsylvania in 1933.

The Rosenbach Fellowship was established in 1928 by the late Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, world famous Philadelphia bibliophile and rare book dealer, for the purpose of stimulating interest in good books and bibliography. The first Fellow was Christopher Morley, who delivered five lectures in the fall of 1931.

Attention, Readers!

"We often read with as much talent as we write."— Emerson.

I Remember...



Woodland Avenue Memory

by Dr. Cornell M. Dowlin Associate Professor of English

The gilt letters that once were on the store window at the front of the building on Woodland Avenue directly across from College Hall read 3433, which is the present Campus address of some eighteen full-time and part-time members of the English Department, ten of them devoting their time on the Campus to the teaching of Journalism. Although never officially given the designation, it is known as the Journalism Building and has been so known to many generations of Pennsylvania Students. But it will not be known as anything to anybody much longer, for in a short while, probably before the beginning of the next academic year, it will be demolished to make way for the new Library.

The Journalism Building is partially overgrown with ivy, and in its down-at-the-heels state hardly contributes to the Ivy League tradition in the way in which that grand old lady, College Hall, does. It has a worn doorsill, sagging doors and windows, and a far from efficient heating system—one that in cold weather is too cool and in warm weather too hot.

Nevertheless, there are those who will feel at least a slight twinge at the passing of the old building, for old it is, having been built, according to tradition, in the mid-1870's, shortly after the opening of College Hall on September 16, 1872. Originally a commercial property, it was the first home of the Beaston brothers' store, which later moved to 37th Street and Woodland Avenue, where it served as a student center (including banking) for many years, almost equalling in popularity and utility Houston Hall. Research does not reveal when the property was acquired by the University, but during World War I and shortly after, it served as a business office, the entire first floor being filled with desks, and at each desk, it seems, a telephone. In fact, until only the most recent years, the telephone company, with inexplicable persistence, continued to deliver thirteen sets of telephone directories even though there are only three telephones in the building.

Some time in the early '20's it became an English annex, housing approximately fifteen young English instructors. Then in 1935 or thereabouts, the big room on the first floor was enclosed with a partition and became a classroom devoted to courses in Journalism, and all of the instructors save two, who gave their full time to the teaching of Journalism, were moved out. One of these two was Reese

D. James, now Professor of English, with whose name the teaching of Journalism has been associated since 1919; the other was the present writer. From that time on, the name Journalism Building very properly has been in common use.

In its interior, the Journalism Building has a certain atmosphere, its walls being hung with framed oil paintings that served as the originals for Saturday Evening Post illustrations (the originals were donated by the late Post editor, George Horace Lorimer), with originals of editorial page cartoons, and with any number of striking newspaper photographs. But regardless of this journalistic flavor, the memories of the building for one whose recollections go back to the 20's are fondest of it when it was occupied by those fifteen or so young English instructors. They were all very busy. Not only were there six sections of freshman composition classes to be met twice a week and a weekly batch of some 100 papers to be read, but all were working for their Ph.D's., a goal that had to be achieved in seven years. Yet with it all there was opportunity for diversion in the way of very elevated conversation, chess, and even table tennis.

The latter game was carried on in a rather cramped room at the rear of the second floor, once used as a lunchroom by some women employees of the University. Here, on a fairly large dining-room table, very spirited contests took place when time might better have been spent in the Library. The same could be said of the chess games that were played anywhere in the building by certain devotees, who sometimes spent as much as two hours over a single game, consuming untold cigarettes or pipefuls of tobacco the while. It is no wonder that the contestants were pretty groggy when the ordeal was over. Frequently chess tournaments were arranged, with each player putting up a small amount of money. It can be reported that one member of the group, now a noted Shakespearean scholar at Harvard, was unbeatable when playing in such a tournament.

But the group was dispersed over twenty years ago, and now the building that once rang with their harangues on an untold number of subjects will disappear to make way for what it is hoped will be one of the truly great library structures of the United States.

Penn Players Active

The major production of the Pennsylvania Players, "Sabrina Fair," a comedy by Samuel Taylor, will be presented in Irvine Auditorium on March 21 and 22.

The Players are also participating in two drama festivals, the first at Yale on March 27 and 28, when they will present an original musical play, "Woodsmoke," by Ronald Lowden, FA '58. The second is a local festival comprising Villanova, Temple, St. Joseph's, La Salle and the University of Pennsylvania, which will take place on April 23 at La Salle College.

Editorial Note

"What can't be printed is whispered."—Benjamin Franklin.

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Among Other Things

NAMES: Congratulations are in order for Dr. Norman Topping, Vice-President for Medical Affairs, who has just been appointed Honorary Civilian Consultant to the Surgeon General of the Navy . . . And also for the following recipients of Honorary Degrees at the recent mid-winter convocation of the University: Dr. Edwin B. Williams, Professor of Romance Languages and former Provost; Dr. George Morris Piersol, Emeritus Professor of Medicine and former Dean of the Graduate School of Medicine; and Dr. Sigmund Skard of Oslo, Norway, Visiting Professor of American Civilization . . . On Wednesday, April 9, Dr. Ian L. McHarg, Chairman of the Department of Landscape Architecture, will address a luncheon meeting of the Society of the Alumni of the College at the Mask & Wig Club . . . Dr. Henry M. Hoenigswald, Associate Professor in Linguistics and Editor of the Journal of the American Oriental Society, was recently elected President of the Linguistic Society of America. Dr. Hoenigswald (whose textbook on Hindustani was widely used in the training of many U. S. army men sent to India during World War II) is now at work on a grammar of Etruscan, based on the research of the late Eva Fiesel . . . Post-doctoral Fellowships have just been awarded by the American Council of Learned Societies to Dr. Edmund I. Gordon, Research Associate in the University Museum, and to Dr. Michael H. Jameson, Associate Professor of Classical Studies . . .

HOW'S THAT AGAIN DEPT.: It doesn't seem to mean what it seems to mean but Stanford University Press will publish next month a book entitled *Psychotherapy by Reciprocal Inhibition* . . .

CLIPPINGS: Clifton Fadiman, critic, judge of the Book-of-the-Month Club, and author of Any Number Can Play (World), will be the final speaker in the current University Lecture Series. Topic: "The Necessity for Intelligence." Time and place: the University Museum, 8:00 p.m., April 16. Admission free . . . The fourth number of volume I of Orbis, a quarterly journal of world affairs sponsored by the University's Foreign Policy Institute, features such articles as "The Atlantic Community and Europe" by Robert Schuman, "The Atlantic Community and NATO" by Paul-Henri Spaak, and "A Measured Defense for the West" by Lester B. Pearson. The editor of Orbis is Dr. Robert Strausz-Hupé, Director of the Institute and Professor of Political Science . . . An Almanac salute to the University's Student Tutor Society, a plan initiated by leading graduates of Central High School. It has grown into a free tutoring service that this year is providing some 200 undergraduates with assistance from 78 talented and sympathetic young scholars in a wide range of subjects. Says George B. Peters, Dean of Men: "We think this is a wonderful, unusual service. The Administration is enthusiastic about it and its accomplishments and feels that other universities might well profit from adapting the idea to their own problems." . . .

CATCHING UP WITH THE NEWS: Dr. Keith A. Brueckner, Mary Amanda Wood Professor of Physics, was a Visiting Lecturer at Western Illinois State College

late in February as part of a nation-wide program to stimulate interest in physics. The program was developed under the auspices of the American Institute of Physics and the American Association of Physics Teachers. Incidentally, Dr. Brueckner is a Consultant to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory . . . Dr. Howard E. Tompkins, Assistant Professor at The Moore School of Electrical Engineering, was Chairman of the session on "New Techniques in Transistor Applications" at the 1958 Transistor and Solid States Conference held on the campus on February 20 and 21 . . . The University is the recipient of a \$15,000 grant for research in ophthalmology from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The announcement was recently made by Dr. Francis H. Adler, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology in the University's School of Medicine . . . Dr. J. G. Brainerd, Director of The Moore School of Electrical Engineering, delivered the graduation talk at the Automatic Data Processing School, which is conducted by the Signal Corps in Fort Monmouth for Service Officers . . . According to Dr. Christian Lambertsen, Professor of Pharmacology and Associated Medicine, research at the University in certain aspects of space travel suggests that man can live several months in a sealed capsule. The research, which has been conducted for the past two years, centers on man's response to oxygen under all conditions and in great ranges of quantity . . .

AUTHOR! AUTHOR: Dr. Hennig Cohen, Assistant Professor of English, is the new editor of The American Quarterly, the journal of the American Studies Association . . . Dr. James H. S. Bossard, Professor of Sociology and Director of the William T. Carter Foundation, is the author of an article entitled "Family Life: Conversation is the Key" in the January 25 issue of Presbyterian Life . . . The editors of Life magazine recently acknowledged the assistance of the University's Foreign Policy Research Institute (with a personal bow to Dr. Strausz-Hupé) for the "initial research" necessary to their series of articles on "The Russian Revolution." . . . New books from the Faculty include The Emergence of the Modern Mind (Univ. of Pa. Press), the second series of The Martin G. Brumbaugh Lectures, edited by Dr. Frederick C. Gruber, Associate Professor of Education; Essentials of Social Group Work Skill (Association Press), by Dr. Helen U. Phillips, Chairman of the Social Group Work; and Philadelphia Gentlemen: The Making of a National Upper Class (The Free Press), by Dr. E. Digby Baltzell, Assistant Professor of Sociology . . .

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