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MLA to Hold 75th Annual Convention Here Dec. 27-29

More than 5000 members of the Modern Language Association will be guests of the University on December 27, 28 and 29 when the MLA holds its 75th annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Delegates from colleges and universities in every state of the Union, as well as from Canada and Puerto Rico are expected to attend the 63 business sessions, conferences, and seminars to be held by the association and its allied organizations during the three-day convention at the Bellevue-Stratford, John Bartram and Sylvania Hotels. None of the sessions will be held on the University campus.

Dr. E. Sculley Bradley, Vice Provost of the University and Professor of English, is chairman of the local committee on arrangements, and is assisted by Dr. Arthur H. Scouten, Associate Professor of English, as Vice Chairman and Local Treasurer, and by Dr. Allan F. Hubbell of New York University, Treasurer.

Members of the Host Committee for the University of Pennsylvania are Drs. Gerhard Baumgaertel, Registration; Cornell M. Dowlin, Special Services; James D. Gordon, Faculty Exchange; Charles Lee, Public Relations; William H. Marshall, Reservations and Pre-Registration; William E. Miller, Aides; Bodo L. Richter, Information, and Neda M. Westlake, Rare Book Exhibit.

To accommodate what is expected to be a record enrollment for a national MLA convention, the host committee has made substantial reservations at the Adelphia, Benjamin Franklin and Warwick Hotels as well as at those where the sessions are being held. Delegates' wives and other members of their families are expected to tax the capacity of central-city hotels for the period beginning Monday, December 26, when early registration begins.

Organizations holding associated meetings with the MLA this year are the American Association of Teachers of French, the American Association of Teachers of German, the American Association of Teachers of Italian; the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages; the American Dialect Society; the American Folklore Society; the American Name Society, the American Studies Association; the Catholic Rena-

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Senate Discusses Need For Faculty Housing

The possibility of obtaining additional faculty housing in West Philadelphia was a major subject of discussion at the first full meeting of the University Senate on November 30. Attendance at the session, in Ballantyne Hall, was well above average.

Housing for faculty members, it was pointed out, must feature opportunities for education of good quality for members' children. The discussion followed remarks by Mr. Harold Taubin, Director of the University Planning Office, and Mr. Harold E. Manley, Comptroller of the University.

President Harnwell, the first speaker at the meeting after introductory remarks by Dr. Arthur P. Whitaker, Senate Chairman, reported on the recent tuition increases in several of the schools, the number of students entering the University, and the various criteria used in selection of students.

Dr. Whitaker reported on proposed Senate activities for the coming year and on current discussions between a special Senate committee and the President concerning reorganization of the Senate and its relation to the Educational Council.

Lastly there was an expressed desire for a book center or book store to be devoted entirely to publications of interest in a University community.

The President's Report: Predictive Index Assessed

A newly devised predictive index used experimentally for the first time has proved an asset in selecting the members of the University's 1960 entering class, President Gaylord P. Harnwell revealed in his annual report for the academic year 1959-60, made public recently.

The class was, on the basis of secondary school records and College Entrance Examination Board tests, the best prepared freshman class to enter Pennsylvania. It also had

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the distinction of having been selected from the largest group of applicants in the University's history.

Dr. Harnwell's report, dealing primarily with undergraduate education, pointed out that the University is seeking constantly to re-evaluate entrance criteria in the hope of attracting more and more promising entering classes. The predictive index, combining objective academic data with certain subjective factors which can be weighted and assigned numbers, has been of substantial help in this effort, the President said.

It is by no means certain, he added, that successive generations of students or society are best served by the particular system of college entrance procedures now used.

"Although numerical grades on entrance examinations provide an easy yardstick when validated against college grades, the resulting comparison is only as good as is the faculty's assessment of our students' abilities," he stated. "The criteria we should really be employing in admissions are dependent upon the qualities and accomplishments which will characterize our graduates 25 or 50 years hence; these are both practically unavailable and essentially indefinable in nature."

He paid tribute to Dean Pitt and the staff of the Admissions office for the "rare gifts . . . of insight" which they have brought to the "hazardous task" of selecting freshmen by methods which must be at least in part subjective. He also pointed to the establishment of a Council of Baccalaureate Faculties and the inauguration of curricular changes as among the steps Pennsylvania is taking to strengthen the quality of the educational experience gained by its undergraduates. These and other steps received their impetus from the five-year Educational Survey completed during the past academic year.

Memo to Faculty Members: Let Your Light Shine!

From instructors to full professors, from department chairmen to deans, members of the University faculty are "getting around" these days as they've never done before. They jaunt to Iran and to Ghana, spend a conference weekend in Akron or address alumni in Montevideo. All this is fine for Pennsylvania; it lets the outside world know what is being done here. At least it does when the word is permitted to get around.

Too often the word doesn't. Too often, unannounced trips and speaking engagements are heard of only when it is too late for them to do double duty.

To cope with this problem the University's Development Office has taken the first steps toward establishing a clearing house for advance information on the comings and goings of faculty and staff members.

So if you have confirmed plans for attending a meeting, making a speech, or serving as chairman at a panel discussion, or for any other professional activity on or off campus, no matter how far in advance, let the University know about it. If you are willing, send a note to: Edward F. Lane, Program Services, 201 S. 34th St. Let him know who, what, when and where. And you'll help all around, by doing it promptly.

NEW FACES of 1960

Dr. Peter Topping, visiting Associate Professor of History and library consultant. Dr. Topping comes to the University from the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. He received his A.B. and A.M. from the University of Wisconsin and his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania in 1942. He has been a member of the faculties of the University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University, and the University of California at Santa Barbara. Dr. Topping, his wife and child live



at 37 Green Valley Rd., Wallingford.

Dr. Victor H. Vroom, appointed Assistant Professor of Psychology. He comes here from the University of Michigan, where he taught after receiving his Ph.D. there in 1958. He took his B.S. and M.S. in Psychology at McGill University in 1953 and 1955. Dr. Vroom has had practical experience in personnel research and industrial psychology with Canadair Ltd. and the Aluminum Co. of Canada, both of Montreal. Dr. Vroom is married and has no children.



Dr. Richard L. Solomon, appointed Professor of Psychology. Since 1957 he has been Professor of Social Psychology at Harvard University, where he was also Associate Director of the Laboratory of Social Relations since 1950. His undergraduate and graduate training was at Brown University, where he took his Ph.D. in 1947. He did wartime work with the National Defense Research Committee and the Office of Scientific Research and Development.



Dr. Solomon is married and has two children.

Dr. C. Arthur Williams, appointed Visiting Professor of Insurance in the Wharton School. He is on leave from the University of Minnesota, where he has been Professor of Economics and Insurance since 1958. A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Williams was graduated with honors from Columbia University and received his doctorate from the same university in 1952. He and Mrs. Williams and their two children reside at the Montgomery Court Apartments in Narberth.



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science Society, the College English Association, the Melville Society, the Midwest Modern Language Association, the Milton Society of America, the Modern Humanities Research Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, the National Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations, and the United States Office of Education.

Dr. Albert C. Baugh, Professor of English at the University and currently President of the International Federation for Modern Languages and Literatures, was national President of the MLA in 1952. Its current President, Dr. Henri M. Peyre, Chairman of the Department of Romance Languages at Yale University, will deliver the presidential address Wednesday evening, December 28, at a general meeting in the main ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford. He will be introduced by Dr. Bradley as chairman.

Dean Bornholdt, Rev. Harris To Leave for New Positions

Two highly placed members of the University staff presented their resignations at the end of November to take up positions elsewhere next July.

They are Dr. Laura Bornholdt, Dean of Women, and the Rev. Edward G. Harris, Chaplain of the University. Dr. Bornholdt will become Dean of Wellesley College while Chaplain Harris will become Dean of the Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church at 42nd and Spruce Sts.

In keeping with Wellesley's "teaching dean" tradition, Dean Bornholdt will continue in her new post to teach courses in her special field, American history. Prior to coming to Pennsylvania in the fall of 1959, she was Dean of Sarah Lawrence College. She leaves this month for Ghana as a member of a committee of nine educators invited by Kwame Nkrumah, president of that country, to visit the former British colony and advise on its program of university education.

Chaplain Harris is rounding out his 11th year at the University. Before coming here he was rector of St. Mark's Church, Southborough, Mass. A graduate of Harvard and of the Cambridge Episcopal Seminary, he was a wartime Army Chaplain in Europe.

Calendar Committee Named

President Harnwell has appointed a Committee on Calendar Implementation and Class Rostering to consider the problems arising from the University's new arrangement of its academic calendar.

Problems associated with the 1961-62 calendar relate to curriculum, teaching staff, departmental offerings, examinations, pre-enrollment procedures, and student activities. From a study of such problems and discussion with appropriate administrators and groups by the committee, it is expected that specific recommendations for action will be forthcoming.

Committee members are Drs. C. L. Babcock, Laura Bornholdt, C. K. Deischer, A. P. Hess, E. G. Keith, W. B. Kennedy, W. M. Protheroe, William Roach, S. Shore, V. H. Whitney, and Messrs. W. G. Owen and Ernest Whitworth, Chairman.

Nursing Programs Approved By Educational Council

New programs in the School of Nursing, leading to the degree of Master of Science in Nursing, were approved by the Educational Council at its November meeting. The programs replace those offered until now in the School of Education which lead to the Master of Science in Education with a major in Nursing Education.

Approval of the change implements the recommendation of the Provost's office to the School of Nursing "... that, subject to the readiness of the School of Nursing to take it on, graduate education in nursing be taken out of the School of Education and be placed in the School of Nursing itself." The change becomes effective in September, 1961. Dr. Frances C. Thielbar will direct the programs. She came to the University in January, 1960, from the University of Chicago, where she was a faculty member for 17 years and Chairman of the Department of Nursing Education from 1952 to 1959.

Faculty Club Notes

For the benefit of those faculty and staff members who are not Faculty Club members but who might be interested in joining, *The Almanac* prints herewith the present Club rules relating to classes of membership. They provide for:

A. Regular Members, entitled to attend meetings, to vote, serve on committees, hold office, and enjoy all other rights and privileges. These include:

1. Retired faculty members who were members of the Club at their retirement.

2. Faculty members in the various statutory ranks: Professors and Associate Professors; Assistant Professors, Associates and Instructors; Assistant Instructors with regularly assigned teaching or research responsibilities; Lecturers with academic appointments.

3. Trustees and Associate Trustees of the University.

4. Resident and non-resident members of the Lenape Club, in good standing as of June 30, 1959, who are no longer members of the University faculty or administration.

5. Administrative Officers and Research Personnel who are either statutory officers and senior administrative officers in charge of a division or activity of the University, including University Hospital and University Museum, or professional and research personnel who perform tasks requiring specialized knowledge.

B. Associate Members, entitled to attend meetings and enjoy all other rights and privileges except the right to vote, serve on committees, or hold office. They include:

1. Visiting scholars, post-doctoral researchers, and distinguished administrators on temporary appointment here;

2. Directors, Managers and Senior Staff Personnel of institutes, associations, foundations, etc., affiliated with the University.

3. Clergy affiliated with the University.

4. Administrative Personnel who assist statutory or senior administrative officers. This includes A-3 personnel employed by the University at least 10 years.

C. Special Members, entitled to all rights and privileges except voting, committee membership, and club office. These include people so designated by the Board of Governors because of extraordinary or particularly significant service rendered to the Club.

Among Other Things

CONGRATULATIONS: To George Rochberg, acting Chairman of the Music Department, whose "David The Psalmist," a cantata for tenor and orchestra, was performed for the first time December 9 by the Juilliard Orchestra, Frederick Prausnitz conducting . . . And to José deAguiar, Director of Publications, Forms, and Printing, on his election to the Board of Directors of the Lithographers Division of the Printing Industries of Philadelphia, Inc.

APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Morris Rubinoff, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering in the Moore School, has been named Chairman of the National Joint Computer Conference, to succeed the late Harry Goode . . . John L. Moore, Business Vice President of the University, has named H. Jamison Swarts, Director of the Purchasing Department, permanent chairman of all furniture committees that will come into being in the future.

CATCHING UP WITH THE NEWS: *Medical Affairs*, quarterly alumni-faculty magazine of the School of Medicine and Graduate School of Medicine, received a Special Recognition Award in the recent annual American Alumni Council publications competition, "for significant editorial achievement in the field of alumni publishing . . ." Add to our list of current Guggenheim Award winners: Dr. William Telfer, Assistant Professor of Zoology, who is spending the present year at Stanford University working in developmental biology.

OUR SPEAKERS: Dr. Claude K. Deischer, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Assistant Director of the John Harrison Laboratory of Chemistry, delivered an illustrated lecture on "Science and the Humanities" November 30 at the opening of a new Collection in the History of Chemistry at Ohio University, Athens . . . Dr. Ernest J. Witte, visiting Assistant Professor of Veterinary Hygiene at the School of Veterinary Medicine, presented a paper on trichinosis in September at the First International Conference on Trichinosis in Warsaw, Poland.

Dr. L. Kraeer Ferguson, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Graduate School of Medicine, addressed the Allentown meeting of the South-eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Surgeons on "Gastric Carcinoma" on November 10 . . . Dr. Charles C. Price, Director and Professor of Chemistry, and Dr. Robert J. Rutman, Research Associate in Chemistry, are addressing a symposium on the mechanism of the action of anti-tumor agents at the 127th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in New York City, December 26-31.

Research Grants Up Sharply

Research contracts received by the University during the first five months of the current fiscal year have exceeded in dollar value the total for the full preceding year, it was announced recently.

Dr. Donald S. Murray, Director of Project Research and Grants, reported that since July 1, 1960, foundations, private industry and various departments of the U. S. Government have granted the University 305 individual contracts valued at \$12,900,000. The value of 603 contracts received during the previous 12 months was \$12,100,000.

A Talk With Storm Jameson

While engaged in literary research in England during the past summer, Dr. T. E. M. Boll, Associate Professor of English, had the good fortune to obtain an interview with one of the great novelists of our day, Storm Jameson. Here are some of his impressions:

"My visit to Storm Jameson in London was a sort of climax to our exchange of letters about May Sinclair and Morley Roberts, and to her gift to the University's library of the literary remains of Morley Roberts. She wished me to make a full-length biographical and literary study of Roberts, a work she once planned to do; and since he is one of the novelists included in my survey of Twentieth Century English novelists, I happily agreed.

"I hope some painter worthy of his subject will picture Storm Jameson's beauty as I saw it. I faced the windows of her writing room, which overlooks Hyde Park, but still caught the picture of her blonde hair, lightly ash-muted and brushed back in an effect of flowing motion behind gently expressive features.

"We talked of many things, and of some books. I was delighted to hear she had read Provost Loren Eiseley's *The Immense Journey*, and to hear her praise it for its imaginative grasp on the story of man in nature and for its poet's writing.

"Her strongest judgment on her own work is one of approval. She was modestly satisfied only with the work she has done since 1930. I couldn't think of letting my own judgment be affected by her own severity, but I do know that her last novel, *A Ulysses Too Many*, is one of the finest English novels of the last forty years, from every possible point of critical assessment.

"The spirit of gentle acceptance with which Miss Jameson looks on life, the discipline with which she passes upon her criticism of it, led me to appreciate how she manages to obtain so circumferential a view of characters who differ widely from herself in nationality and in interests. She lets them be, and looks intently for the design they make by their revelations.

"Storm Jameson has had some experience with classes in creative writing in America, and they have not been unpleasant ones. If only she could be persuaded to give us a year or more at Pennsylvania! She could do so much to teach our young American writers to love life and to discipline their criticism of it before writing about it. She might even cure them of the habit of writing with eyes gazing toward those buyers who hold commercial success, with motion picture rights, in the paying-hand, and progressive hatred of humanity in the whip-hand."

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