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## Senate Meeting March 28 to Hear Report on D. P. Controversy

A lively discussion of the issues raised by the recent suspension of the *Daily Pennsylvanian* is expected at the next scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate on Wednesday, March 28, at 1 P.M. in Room W-1 Dietrich Hall. Reports on this situation and on proposals for a drastic revision of the structure of undergraduate education at the University are the principal items on the agenda.

To bring the basic issues in the organization of undergraduate education into focus, Dr. Reavis Cox, Professor of Marketing in the Wharton School, and Dr. Robert R. Bush, Chairman and Professor of Psychology, have been invited by the Senate's Educational Affairs Committee to introduce and support three sets of alternative resolutions, considerably at variance, for a revamping of undergraduate programs on this campus. The resolutions will be voted upon at the conclusion of the discussion, and the results forwarded to the University Administration.

The resolutions, their subdivisions, and the way in which they will be handled, follow:

I. Courses designed primarily for professional or vocational preparation should be excluded from undergraduate programs at this University; or, (2), they should not occupy more than 25 percent of an undergraduate program, preferably postponed to the fourth year; or, (3), they may amount to as much as 33 percent of the program.

Dr. Bush will support the first alternative and Dr. Cox the third. There will be no discussion of the admitted difficulty of classifying courses as "professional or vocational." An expressed preference for non-professional courses should be meaningful to the university administration, even though some problems of definition remain. Ultimately, a criterion of "professional" might have to be developed in case-by-case application by an on-going committee constantly reviewing course contents in various departments. It is recognized that some courses in the traditional humanities may well be considered professional in the sense that they are oriented towards preparing teachers or specialists in the field.

II. The predominantly non-professional undergraduate education should consist of:

- (1) Courses chosen by the student from appropriate

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## Library Begins Transfer To New Quarters in Van Pelt

The task of moving approximately 1,000,000 books from the main University Library to the new Charles Patterson Van Pelt Library at 3420 Walnut St. began on March 5.

Although the two buildings stand only 350 feet apart, the process requires the services of a small fleet of moving vans and will continue intermittently into June. Not only books but two complete rooms, including costly wooden panelling and skylights, are being transferred.

When the transfer is completed, library collections will have been drawn together from the main library and several temporary repositories into a spacious eight-story, air-conditioned building with capacity for 1,500,000 books.

Employees of the Atlas Storage Co. began the job by packing and moving the 12,000 volumes of the Horace Howard Furness Memorial Library of Shakespeareana. These were followed by the 17,000 volumes of the Henry Charles Lea Library of medieval history, and by the rare-book collection of some 45,000 volumes and manuscripts. Afterward a small crew of woodworkers began the painstaking task of dismantling the Lea and Furness rooms and re-assembling them on the sixth floor of the Van Pelt Library.

While other books and equipment will be taken to the new library until about April 30, nothing will be moved during that time which will disrupt the academic work of the University. The first or second week of May will be spent in moving the preparations division, which includes the acquisitions, cataloguing, serials and binding departments.

The main library will be closed from May 14, two days after the end of the present spring term, until May 21. Thus the closing will not cause inconvenience to students.

While the library is closed, the reserve book department will be moved so that it can go into operation at the

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## Dr. Harnwell Urges that U.S. Pay Indirect Research Cost

A strong plea for the adoption of a uniform governmental policy which would authorize the payment of indirect costs of Federally-sponsored research projects to colleges and universities was made by President Harnwell on March 5.

Dr. Harnwell appeared as a spokesman for the American Council on Education at a hearing held by the subcommittee on the Departments of Labor and of Health, Education and Welfare of the House Committee on Appropriations.

In a prepared address to the committee, he pointed out that a recent National Science Foundation study, as yet unpublished, "leaves no doubt that, for lack of a uniform and equitable Federal policy on payment of indirect costs of sponsored research in colleges and universities, those institutions that undertake such projects are forced, on the average, to pay almost one dollar of indirect cost for each dollar of reimbursement for indirect cost received from the Federal Government."

This arises, Dr. Harnwell told the committee, in part from limitations imposed by Congress on such research grants as those made by the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Harnwell testified further that while the Department of Defense has been meeting the full cost of research contracts at educational institutions, the National Science Foundation and the U. S. Public Health Service have not—and that the size and number of these latter contracts have grown considerably in recent years.

Discussing the University of Pennsylvania's situation as an example, he added:

"At one time, funds from the National Institutes of Health represented a relatively small portion of the total support from outside sources, but by the year 1955-56 it had grown to 25 per cent of support from all Federal sources and by the year 1961-62 to 49 per cent of all Federal support. During that same period of time the total volume of sponsored research and research training from all Federal sources at Pennsylvania has increased from \$6 million in 1955-56 to \$17.5 million in 1961-62. During that period the participation by the University in National Institutes of Health programs, due to the limitation on indirect cost recovery alone, has increased from \$184,000 in 1956-7 to \$890,000 in 1961-62. It is a coincidence, but the University's deficit in its operating budget for the last fiscal year very closely equals the amount of unrecovered indirect costs from the National Institutes of Health."

In conclusion Dr. Harnwell told the committee that "universities are patriotic institutions that recognize fully their obligations to our country and its citizens, and they make a major effort to secure resources from all possible and appropriate sources for the conduct of their programs. In the field of health they have been particularly assiduous in assuming as large a burden of responsibility as they have been able to carry. However, we are not acting in good faith with the citizens who come to us for their education if we permit our programs to be distorted in character or debased in quality as a result of pressures to divert general funds to the enlargement of national programs in health research; and we are confident that when the facts are clearly seen and appreciated, the Government will not adopt policies that would tend to compel us to do this."

## Antiques Show for Hospital

Collectors and dealers from Maine to Virginia will display exhibits at the five-day University Hospital Antiques Show which will open Tuesday, April 24, at the 103d Engineers Armory, 3215 Lancaster Ave.

The show, extending through Saturday, April 28, is sponsored by University Hospital's Board of Women Visitors, under the joint chairmanship of Mrs. Moreau D. Brown of Haverford, Board President, and Mrs. Donald M. Pillsbury of Bala-Cynwyd. Honorary chairman is Mrs. Thomas S. Gates of Chestnut Hill.

The Hospital will benefit from proceeds of the affair, to which 51 selected dealers throughout the East have been invited to send their best offerings of Early American, and 18th and early 19th Century English and French furniture.

In addition to the dealers' displays, a loan exhibit is being organized, to feature distinguished pieces of early American antiques which are presently treasured in private homes throughout the Delaware Valley.

## Tikal Program on WFIL-TV

One of the most dramatic and important programs in the University's "Frontiers of Knowledge" series will be presented on WFIL-TV on Friday, March 30, from 7:30 to 8 P.M.

Entitled "Tikal: Ruins of Greatness," the program was filmed by a "Frontiers" team amid the ruins of Tikal, the ancient Mayan city in the jungles of Guatemala, where a research team from University Museum has been at work restoring the thousand-year-old ruins since 1956. It is a record of the progress of their efforts.

## LIBRARY

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opening of the summer session. The major portion of the book stock will be moved to the new building by June 8.

The undergraduate library on the ground floor of Van Pelt will open May 21. This section, with its own entrance, will contain a reading area and a special undergraduate book collection which will change from year to year to keep undergraduates abreast of new ideas, discoveries and interpretations.

Monday, June 11, has been set tentatively as the first day on which the new building will be open to the public. From then until June 22 the fifth floor will be prepared for the Union Library Catalogue, now housed in Logan Hall. The Union Catalogue lists by author approximately 6,000,000 volumes in 175 libraries in the Philadelphia area. It will be moved from June 25 to 27, marking completion of the transfer.

The new library is named for the late Charles Patterson Van Pelt, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Van Pelt of Rosemont, whose gift, together with contributions by Trustees and other friends of the University, made possible the completion of the \$5,000,000 structure, begun in June, 1960. The General State Authority allocated \$4,000,000 of the cost.

The structure was designed by Harbeson, Hough, Livingston and Larson, Philadelphia architects. The principal contractor was McCloskey and Company, Philadelphia.



## Trustees Adopt Policy In Regard to Fraternities

A formal statement of the University's policy in relation to the Greek-letter fraternities on its campus was issued by the Executive Board of the Trustees on March 6. The announcement is the outgrowth of an extensive series of studies in which the Trustees have had the benefit of the suggestions and recommendations of the University Committee on Student Affairs, the Baccalaureate Council and other interested groups. The statement follows:

"Fraternities have had a long history in college and university communities beginning with the founding of Phi Beta Kappa in 1776 as a social club.

"On the campus of the University of Pennsylvania fraternities have been a very influential factor for over 100 years, have provided much needed housing, and have enlisted and focused the loyalties of undergraduates and alumni. The charters of these organizations state clearly that they are formed to promote the social, literary, and educational advancement of their members, and to the extent that these objectives have been fulfilled, the groups have been a distinct asset to the University in the past.

"Over the years there has been a gradual growth of other types of non-academic associations with literary, artistic, or service purposes as well as of academically oriented extracurricular groups which have tended to lessen the impact of fraternities on undergraduate life. At present the University is committed to a major program of student residences which are designed to be particularly effective in promoting the educational experience at the University. These will provide dormitory units, dining and recreational facilities, and accommodations for resident faculty. As the plans do not envision the inclusion of fraternities in these structures, it is recognized that the program will reduce to some extent the present student reliance on fraternities as places of residence. It is also true that the pattern of social grouping represented by fraternities, while not necessarily having a direct relevance to the primary academic purpose of the University, nevertheless frequently impinges quite directly upon the atmosphere of the undergraduate community, upon relationships between its members, and upon the functioning of the University structure of extra-curricular activities. For these and other reasons, it is incumbent upon the University to take appropriate cognizance of fraternities as they exist at present and as their role may evolve in the future.

"The University is committed to neither the indefinite continuation of the fraternity system as it now exists nor to its extirpation either at the present or the foreseeable future. The future of fraternities on this campus will be determined by the fraternities themselves, and in particular by their demonstrated ability to contribute positively to high academic standards, good social behavior, and constructive extracurricular activities. They will also have non-discriminatory membership procedures, maintain a sound financial structure, satisfactory housing conditions, sanitary kitchen and health arrangements, be responsible residents of our University community neighborhood, and foster continued interest in the University by the alumni.

"The policies and regulations with which the fraternities must conform in relation to these several matters in order that their presence may continue to be welcome upon the

campus must like all laws be reasonably interpreted and fairly enforced, and in this instance by a suitable body responsible to the University. To the extent that the fraternities and their individual members seek to exceed the minimum standards established, the greater is the likelihood that students will wish to associate themselves with fraternity activities and the lesser is the necessity for enforcements.

"It is in the latter sense that the University has attempted to encourage fraternities to play an increasingly constructive role in the development of the intellectual as well as the social life of the campus. The University must constantly strive to see that its non-classroom environment is conducive to the over-all intellectual growth and maturation of its students; thus, it has and will continue to be anxious to be as helpful as possible in guiding and assisting student organizations including fraternities in their efforts to contribute to an appropriate environment. As a practical matter the effectiveness of fraternities in such endeavors is the greatest assurance which the fraternities may give themselves concerning their continued role as an influential factor at Pennsylvania.

"In the course of the redevelopment of University City and the general University expansion certain fraternities will be displaced; others whose sites are not presently required will be permitted to remain where they are for the time being, provided they maintain the requisite standards referred to in the foregoing paragraphs. Without question the University will honor its legal and moral obligations to the various commitments into which it has entered in the past with individual fraternities whose premises must be removed; and the University, The West Philadelphia Corporation, and other groups concerned will endeavor to be helpful in fraternity relocation problems as these from time to time arise."

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groups so that an undergraduate gets a broad sampling of the central disciplines of our culture. The University should encourage the development of courses which transcend the traditional, specialized disciplines, and such courses should be required for all undergraduates as part of the core curriculum. The University should be prepared to devote substantial sums for this purpose, and should welcome a new kind of professor capable of making and communicating such syntheses, and less firmly embedded in a particular discipline. (To be argued by Dr. Cox.)

(2) A freshman program of basic core courses in (i) the sciences (selection from physics, chemistry, biology, psychology, astronomy, etc.); (ii) the humanities (selection from history, philosophy, English literature, music, etc.). The balance of the undergraduate program would be free electives among the non-professional offerings. Courses in communications skills, such as English, a foreign language, or basic mathematics, would be non-credit, and would be dispensed with by students passing qualifying examinations. (To be argued by Dr. Bush.)

III. All undergraduates at this University should be enrolled in a single college with common admissions standards and a common curriculum, allowing choices of the character previously indicated. The University should consist of this college plus graduate and professional schools. (To be argued by Dr. Bush, opposed by Dr. Cox.)

## Among Other Things

CONGRATULATIONS: To *Donald K. Angell*, Vice President-Assistant to the President of the University, on his recent election as a member of the board of directors of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel . . . To *Dr. W. A. LaLande, Jr.*, an Associate Trustee of the University and former Assistant Professor of Chemistry here, who has been elected to the board of directors of Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation. He has been its vice president and technical director since 1955 . . . and to *Majors James R. Newkirk and Ideal M. Calvanese*, Deputy Professor and Assistant Professor of Military Science, respectively, upon their selection for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

*Dr. Hsuan Yeh*, Director of the Towne School of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, was among the 3000 leaders of industry, education, government and allied fields who attended the President's Conference on Occupational Safety in Washington on March 6-8 . . . *Brig. Gen. Edwin R. Petzing*, and *William A. Miller, Jr.*, project director and member respectively of the Advisory Group on Electronic Parts and of the Power Information Center at the University, are active in organizing the 1962 Electronic Components Conference to be held in Washington, D. C., on May 8-9-10. General Petzing is general chairman of the conference and Mr. Miller its finance chairman . . . *George Rochberg*, Chairman of the Department of Music, took part in a colloquy on the challenges of new music at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill., on March 9-10 . . . *Dr. Donald N. Langenberg*, Assistant Professor of Physics, has received a two-year unrestricted research grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to permit him to continue his present investigation of microwave resonance in solids . . . *Dr. George W. Taylor*, Chairman and Professor of Industry, appeared on the TV program, "Speak Up," on WRCV on February 11, as a member of a panel discussing industrial relations . . . *Dr. Vincent Whitney*, Chairman and Professor of Sociology, attended meetings of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council at Washington on January 25-27.

AUTHORS: A new study entitled *Beyond the Tragic Vision: The Quest for Identity in the 19th Century*, by *Dr. Morse Peckham*, Professor of English, will be published March 28 by George Braziller and Co., New York. The volume is also a presentation of the Book-Find Club . . . *Dr. William L. C. Wheaton*, Director of the Institute for Urban Studies at the University, is co-author of the new McGraw-Hill book, *Housing, People, and Cities*, published February 26. His colleagues were Martin Meyerson and Barbara Terrett.

*Dr. R. Jean Brownlee*, Dean of the College for Women, will spend April 1 to 13 in a study tour of the Federal Republic of Germany as a guest of that country, on the nomination of the American Association of University Women. It is expected that the trip will include Bonn, Berlin and Hamburg . . . *Dr. Manfred Altman*, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Towne School, has been appointed chairman of the National Heat Transfer Planning Board of AIChE-ASME for 1963 and session chairman of the July 1962 meeting of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers. During February, Dr. Altman produced two television programs on energy conversion for the Philadelphia Board of Education.

## Fourth 'Adam's Rib' Conference To Be Held By Alumnae April 7

Architect Louis Kahn, composer George Rochberg and communications specialist Gilbert Seldes will be among the principal speakers at the fourth annual "Adam's Rib" Conference to be held here Saturday, April 7.

The conference, sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Alumnae Club of Philadelphia, will be held at the University Museum auditorium.

Mr. Kahn, Professor of Architecture in the School of Fine Arts, was architect for the University's Alfred Newton Richards Medical Research Laboratory building and is known as the founder of the "Philadelphia School of Architecture," based on his own theories and philosophy of design.

Mr. Rochberg, Chairman of the Department of Music, is a well known composer whose awards have included the George Gershwin Memorial Prize, a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, and the Naumburg Award.

Educator, editor, author and outspoken critic in the field of mass communications, Mr. Seldes is Dean of the Annenberg School of Communications and author of such works as *The Seven Lively Arts* and *The Years of the Locust*.

Others taking part will be Dr. Claude Welch, Berg Professor of Religious Thought and Chairman of the Department of Religious Thought; Mrs. Anne Lenox, headmistress of the Agnes Irwin School at Rosemont, and Dr. L. Ruth Murray Klein, principal of Tilden Junior High School.

Registration for the conference program will begin at 9:30 A.M. Panel discussions in the morning and afternoon and a luncheon in the museum's Egyptian Gallery will highlight the program, devoted to the topic of "The Challenge of Change: The Climate of Our Culture."

## Policy Manuals Distributed

Up-to-date copies of the University Manual of Policies and Procedures are being sent to the offices of all Deans and Directors of faculties, and may be consulted there by members of the faculty.

The new edition represents the most recent updating of a manual which sets forth University policies and practices in regard to such matters as tenure, appointment, promotion, leaves of absence, research activities, patent procedure, and relationships with commercial organizations.

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