The Lindback Awards

Each year, eight teachers in the University are singled out for the Christian and Mary Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, a kind of internal Danforth for four members of the health schools and four from the rest of the University. All then belong to the Lindback Society which promotes the quality of teaching throughout the schools and colleges. At left are this year’s winners, with quotes from students’ letters of support for them.

From the Health Schools: Dr. Morton Amsterdam, alumnus of the College and member of the dental faculty since 1953, is professor of periodontics and periodontal prosthesis. A chair is named for him in his school; the Morton Amsterdam Chair in Restorative Dentistry. Dr. William B. Boucher, on the faculty here since graduation in 1940, is professor of medicine at Veterinary Medicine, winner of his school’s 1968 Norden Teaching Award, and 1979 Distinguished Veterinarian of the state. Dr. Zoriana K. Malseed, associate professor of nursing, has been at Penn since 1971 and was elected to the New York Academy of Science in 1978. Dr. Rosalind H. Troupin, associate professor of radiology at HUP, came to Penn in 1978, won the medical students’ Outstanding Teacher Award in 1980, and is education officer for medical student programs.

From Non-Health Schools: Dr. Ann H. Beuf, lecturer and past undergraduate chair in sociology, and builder/coordinator of the Women’s Studies Program, came to Penn in 1972. Dr. Adnan Haydar, assistant professor in Arabic and Islamic studies, has been here for four years, teaching in a range from elementary Arabic to literary theory in modern Middle Eastern literatures. Dr. E. Ann Matter, assistant professor and co-chair in religious studies, joined the University in 1976 and has a joint appointment in Medieval studies; her work is in history of Christianity from the Patristic period to the Enlightenment. Dr. Hermann Pfefferkorn, associate professor of geology, has been here since 1973; his special interest is paleobotany.

Planning & Budget: Effective June 1

In a memorandum to Deans, Vice Presidents, and Directors, President Sheldon Hackney has issued the charge of the new University Academic Planning and Budget Committee, to be chaired by the Provost and advisory to the administration.

He issued a final version of the charter (see page 2), with an effective date of June 1. In moving toward the final form of the Committee, the President sought and received the advice of the Senate Executive Committee, the Undergraduate Assembly, the...
Office of the University Planning and Budget Advisory Committee

Charter of the University Planning and Budget Advisory Committee

Following is the text sent by the President on April 16, 1981, to all Deans, Vice Presidents and Directors. It replaces the charge to the Educational Planning Committee in the University Council bylaws and the charge to the Budget Committee in Appendix B of the Council bylaws, see the 1979 Handbook for Faculty and Administrators, pp. 15-17.

Committee Organization. The Provost as chairman shall determine, consistent with the other provisions herein, the best form (subcommittees or otherwise) and the best format (Committee business meetings, hearings, received testimony, etc.) for carrying out the work of the Committee. The mixture of formats will be chosen with due regard for the free flow of information and opinion by the Committee from the various segments of the University community.

Charge. In addition to the general charge to the Committee stated above in the "purpose," the President from time to time give more specific charges to the Committee. Preferably such periodic charges will be given at the beginning of the academic year, but the President may frame an ad hoc charge on matters that are either more specific or that are more immediate than the charge given at the beginning of each year. The Committee may, of course, develop its own agenda apart from the president's charges, based upon the Committee's interpretation of the general charge in the context of the University's situation at a given time.

It is to be understood that in regard to major reallocations that would change the character of an academic or other center or school, the President will seek and receive advice from other duly constituted advisory and consultative bodies according to the provisions and practices obtaining at the time.

The staff shall be directed by the Provost as the senior officer for finance, and by the President's Office. Any staffperson attending the meetings or otherwise supporting the work of the Committee shall be bound by the same rule of confidentiality as the members of the Committee.

Confidentiality. The Committee's work shall be confidential, and it shall be empowered to promise corresponding confidentiality to those with whom it interacts.

The requirement of confidentiality applies only to the proceedings of formal Committee business meetings, including documents and information provided for or at such meetings. It does not apply to open hearings or other non-business formats that the Provost as chairman wishes to employ.

The Provost will implement and administer this rule of confidentiality not as an end in itself, but as means toward the larger ends of the Committee. As such, the Provost will develop, in and through practice, the practical accommodations necessary to foster a necessary openness to the University community on the one hand and the confidentiality of the Committee's actual deliberations on the other hand. The practical goal in mind will be properly to reconcile all of the following principles: openness to information and opinion from outside the Committee, the protection of ongoing deliberations and developing individual positions within the Committee, and the communication of the positions of the Committee as a whole after they have been achieved.

Communications: The Provost, on behalf of the Committee, shall communicate with the President through whatever means and at whatever times are appropriate. In addition, the Provost shall periodically, but at least annually, inform the University of the advice the Committee as a whole has given the President and the reasons therefore.

Effective Date. The effective organization date of the Committee shall be June 1, 1981.

(Almanac pages continue past insert)
Conflicts of Interest

It has long seemed desirable to develop a conflict of interest policy for the guidance of the University trustees, associate trustees, officers, and employees. To stimulate discussion the Trustee Committee on University Responsibility has prepared a preliminary draft of such a policy, which I now submit for your consideration. You will note that the term "a significant financial interest" in Section (c) is not defined. The Committee is undecided on what definition to use or even on the advisability of having any definition at all. Your comments and recommendations are solicited and should be sent to the Committee in care of the University's General Counsel Matthew Hall, 111 College Hall. It is my hope that University Council can discuss the current draft on April 29. The University Responsibility Committee anticipates proposing a final draft for Trustee action in June.

Sheldon Hackney, President

Chairman of the Trustees shall determine whether it is necessary to disclose the conflict of interest in order to protect the validity of the action to be taken, with particular regard to the standards of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1972 or any successor statute. Any trustee or associate trustee who is aware of a potential conflict of interest with respect to a matter should refrain from participating in, or voting on, the matter to which the potential conflict relates until it has been determined either that a conflict does not exist or that the University's interests are best served by participation of the individual despite the conflict.

(f) The minutes of the Trustees or of the other body on which a trustee or associate trustee having a conflict is serving shall reflect whether disclosure was made and whether the transaction was affirmatively approved by others without an interest.

(g) Any officer or employee who becomes aware of a potential conflict of interest shall immediately disclose the potential conflict in writing to a superior who in turn should inform the Secretary. The officer or employee may continue participation in the transaction only on terms approved by the Secretary which in the case of an officer may require disclosure to, and approval by the Trustees under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1972 or any successor statute.

(h) Each trustee, officer, and employee shall sign a copy of this statement to indicate acceptance of its terms before engaging service at the University.

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Children’s Workshops

April 25 Morris Arboretum presents a special workshop, 10 a.m.-noon. It Comes From a Tree, showing children products that come from trees. Students will also make tree crafts, including leaf prints. Recommended for children ages 3-15. $30 for members; $50 for non-members. Call 247-5777 to pre-register.

May 2 The Institute of Contemporary Art sponsors a performance piece in conjunction with ICA Street Sights 2, 11 a.m.-noon, meet at ICA gallery doors.

Exhibits

Through April 24 Illustrated Books from the Collection, at the Lessing J. Rosenwald Gallery, 6th floor, Van Pelt Library.

Through April 30 The Theme Show, American Food, an exhibition by painters, sculptors and printmakers from the Fine Arts Department, at Houston Hall Gallery.

Through May 10 Exhibitions of pastels, drawings and prints by Gerald K. Geerlings, 22 alumni of GSFA who recently donated the works to GSFA, at Furness Fine Arts Library, Furness Building.

Meetings

Faculty Senate: April 22, 1 p.m., Spring Meeting in Room 200 College Hall. Members and invited guests.

University Council: April 29, 4-6 p.m. in the Council Room, Furness Building. Members and invited guests.

Faculty Club: April 29, 4 p.m., Annual Meeting at the Club for the election of members to the Board of Governors.

Music

April 24 William Parberry conducts the University Choral Society and the University Symphony Orchestra in Faure’s Requiem. 8:30 p.m. in Irvine Auditorium.

April 25 Collegium Musicum students and teachers present a pot-pourri of renaissance and medieval music. 8 p.m. at West Lounge Houston Hall.

Sports

April 21 Men’s Baseball vs. LaSalle, 3 p.m. at Bower Field.

April 22 Golf team vs. LaSalle and Villanova, 1:30 p.m. at Gulp Mills Golf Club.

April 23-25 The Penn Relays. For ticket information, call the Franklin Field Ticket Office, Ext. 615.

April 25-26 Women’s Lacrosse vs. Princeton, 7 p.m. at Franklin Field.

May 2 Men’s Lacrosse vs. Hofstra, 2 p.m. at Franklin Field.

Sports Auction

April 10-14 Auction of approximately 100 impounded/abandoned bikes at the Department of Public Safety’s Bike Auction, April 25: Department of Public Safety will trounce at 7 p.m. and last 45 minutes. $1 donation requested.

April 21 25 Joan Kerr Dance Co. performs in Prince Theatre, featuring Dr. Gregory Possehl, assistant curator, South Asia Section of the Museum, on Archeological Research in India. noon-1 p.m. in the Museum’s Ethnic Arts Gallery.

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