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UC Dean to Assume Academic Supervision Of All Undergraduates

Robert B. Morris, dean of the University College, will assume new duties in the fall as a result of changes in the offices of the President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Morris will have the title of Dean of Undergraduate Studies and will take on the responsibilities of an undergraduate academic dean as well as those of Dean of the University College. He will thus supervise the academic affairs of all undergraduates, including advisement, honors programs, academic probation, and interpretations of academic policies.

He will also serve as an assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, where his primary duties will include working with the Undergraduate Academic Council.

The Registrar and the Director of Admissions will now report to Dr. Morris. In recent months they had been reporting directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Previously, however, they had reported directly to the Academic Dean.

William E. Seymour, who has been a special assistant to the president during the past year, will serve as an assistant to



Robert B. Morris

the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Mr. Seymour had served for a time last year as an "ombudsman", spending a portion of the week in the Campus Center to answer questions and help solve problems brought to him by students. The President's Office has indicated that that practice will not be continued by personnel from that office, but an expanded information desk will be maintained in the Campus Center.

Seth W. Spellman will continue to serve in the President's Office, with his title changed from special assistant to assistant to the president. In the past he has been active in minority group affairs on campus.

Inauguration of Benezet Slated for September 2

Louis T. Benezet will be inaugurated as the 12th president of State University of New York at Albany on Wednesday, September 2. The inauguration ceremony will coincide with the 1970 opening convocation.

The ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m. with a procession of faculty and university officials. The assembly will meet on the field south of the Campus Center. Participants in the program will include Mauritz Johnson, vice chairman of the University Senate; David Neufeld, president of Student Association; and J. Vanderbilt Straub, chairman of the University Council. The investiture will be made by the newly appointed chancellor of the State University system, Ernest L. Boyer.

At 5 o'clock a university-wide reception will be held at the Campus Center; and at seven in the evening, a dinner for invited guests will be held in the ballroom to honor the new president.

Before coming to Albany, Dr. Benezet had been president of the Claremont Graduate Center in California. He had previously served as president of Allegheny College from 1948-55 and of Colorado College from 1955-63.

In commenting on his outlook for the future, Dr. Benezet remarked, "There

are some held-over anxieties from the disturbed days of the spring. We are not the masters of national or world events, and we must respond to them as concerned citizens who believe in humanity as well as in scholarly accomplishment. I would presume we can do it as a society of rational men and women working together.

"There is evidence on many sides of spirit and imagination among faculty and students to make our university a place of relevant learning in its first forms. With a little patience, a good deal of humor, and a determination to make the most of our resources, we shall have a good university year in 1970-71."

New Registrar Arrives Monday

Thomas C. Burnette will begin his duties as registrar of the university on August 17. He succeeds Harold Kristjansen, who has accepted a similar position at Vassar College.

Mr. Burnette comes to Albany from Tuskegee Institute, where he has been student and employee for the better part of 34 years. He received his B.S. degree there in 1940 and, after military service, returned to his alma mater in 1946.

He has been there since then, except for the year he spent at the University of Chicago to earn his Master of Business Administration. At Tuskegee, Mr. Burnette served as assistant to the registrar, registrar, and acting director of operations analysis and research.

The new Albany registrar is a member of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and of the National Association of College Deans and Registrars. He also has served on the executive committee, the advisory council, and the program classification structure task force of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Enrollment Shows Increase in Commuters

Projected enrollment figures, housing facilities, new appointments, and new programs — all are in the news as SUNYA plans for the opening of the fall semester. Reflected in the planning is the university's response to increased accommodation requirements and changing student needs.

Director of Admissions Rodney A. Hart puts the number of new undergraduate students expected on campus at about 2,450. In that number are 1,535 freshmen, 65 under the assigned quota of 1600. Eight hundred ninety are on-campus residence students, 345 commuting students, and 300 Educational Opportunities Program students, the majority of whom are resident students. Those transferring in from other institutions total about 900.

The original quota for the new freshman class was 1200. Later it was increased by 200, and still later, on May 1, by another 200, making a total increase of 400. There were 8,917 freshman applications and in that number were 719 who reside in the commuting area, described as being high schools located in about a 30-mile radius from the campus.

Accepting an increased number of commuting students does not significantly affect the average academic qualifications of the entering class, according to Mr. Hart. The average commuting freshman has an 85 high school average, 84.5 Regents average, ranked in the top 14% of his class, and earned a Regents Scholarship

Examination score of 204 out of a possible 300. Incoming resident students have a 90.6 high school average, 91.2 Regents average, rank in the top seven percent of high school classes, and earned a RSE score of 226.

Garry Petre, associate director of residences, reports that about 5100 students are expected to be housed on campus, an increase of 300 over last year's total. Eleven hundred graduate students and undergraduates will be located at the Alumni Quadrangle. There Pierce and Sayles halls are being reconverted to accommodate about 240 persons. Included will be transfer, continuing, and graduate students.

Two residence halls, Adirondac and Cayuga, will be ready at the Indian Quadrangle. Occupancy of four-man suites on the uptown campus will be increased to five and on the downtown campus some two-man rooms will have triple occupancy.

While still university president, Dr. Kuusisto in June appointed Harry Hamilton, director of the EOP, to the new post of associate dean for the Office of Innovative and Developmental Programs. He will be responsible for EOP, the Full Opportunity Program announced by Governor Rockefeller earlier in the year, and other innovative and experimental programs.

Dr. Kuusisto said at the time of the appointment that Dean Hamilton would be aided by faculty and staff concerned with the development of the new programs, adding that the office is

intended as a resource to foster new educational programs on campus.

Melvin I. Urofsky, assistant professor, educational foundations, has been named assistant dean. He will work with Dean Hamilton on a number of emerging developments.

Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs Charles O'Reilly has pointed out that the new office will "provide a home" for a number of new programs as they get started. Some of the innovations under consideration are environmental studies and community involvement programs as well as an experimental college and general college.

Search Committee Seeks Applicants For Director of Campus Security

Active recruiting is currently underway for a Director of Campus Security at Albany, a new position recently approved by the Division of the Budget. A search committee has been named by Milton Olson, vice president for management and planning, to screen applicants for the \$15,000 a year job.

On the committee are David Anderson, a student; John Buckhoff, director of the physical plant; Sorrell Chesin, assistant vice president for student affairs; Regis Deuel, associate professor of marketing; Seth Spellman, special assistant to the president; and Robert Stierer, assistant vice president for management and planning.

The position calls for a man with a bachelor's degree and previous experience in security work, preferably in an educational institution. He is expected to have demonstrated both administrative ability and the ability to relate to people. He will be in charge of organizing and administering the campus security program and will be in a position to recommend policy in regard to security matters. Nationwide newspaper advertisements have been used to aid in recruiting.

Eleven other new positions on the campus security force are currently pending approval. If all positions are approved and filled, it will bring the total campus security force to 47.

Summations by Lawyers Conclude Student Hearing

The final session of a university hearing for Stuart and Elizabeth Ewen, doctoral fellows charged with deliberately disrupting a geography class during the student strike last May, was held last Monday in LC 7. More than 100 persons were in attendance through the five-hour session.

The findings of the hearing committee will be sent as a report to President Benezet. He will review the case and either support or revise the committee's recommendations. Penalties range from reprimand to dismissal.

Students to Come From 38 Nations

One hundred thirty-one new international students will be on campus in the fall, according to figures from the International Student Office as of July 23. They will join the 140 international students who are continuing here. The new students represent 38 countries on five continents.

Twenty-four of the students will be undergraduates, with 89 studying at the master's level and 18 seeking doctorates. Graduate international students will be enrolled in every school and college except the School of Social Welfare and the School of Nursing. Their major field preferences total 28, with the largest numbers—11 each—studying economics and library science. The undergraduate students are evenly divided with 12 each studying for the B.A. and the B.S.

The largest group of international students, 85, comes from Asia. Other continents represented are Europe, 18; Africa, 12; Latin America, 12; and North America, 4.

Training Leaders

ABE Institute Goal

The fourth annual Adult Basic Education (ABE) Institute on Curriculum Development here ended Friday, following a final banquet held the previous evening. Bernard Haake, assistant commissioner for instructional services in general education, State Education Department, was the guest speaker.

The institute was supported by a \$94,000 grant from the U. S. Office of Education for the purpose of training curriculum leaders and developers for ABE. Preparing experienced ABE personnel who are in positions to implement curriculum development and change in ABE programs currently operating in urban areas was the institute's overall objective.

Nearly 80 participants from 39 states, including Alaska and Hawaii, attended the institute. Taking part in the program were 17 consultants and nine panelists, the latter from the Albany area. John A. Ether, curriculum and instruction, was project director and Anthony R. Pacelli, ABE research specialist, School of Education, program director.

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Professor Stanley Blount, chairman of the geography department, preferred charges against the Ewens, who were part of a liberation class which failed to immediately leave a room that had been regularly scheduled for Mr. Blount's class.

At the first session of the hearing, Mr. Blount testified that the Ewens' delay in leaving the room constituted a "deliberate disruption" of his class. During most of the second session, six witnesses were brought forth to establish a case for the defense. Five were students.

A letter from Fred Childs, a graduate student, was read into the record. Mr. Childs visited the room shortly after Mr. Blount had brought his class in. He observed that members of Mr. Blount's class were seated generally to one side of the room. Members of the liberation class were conversing with one another, with Mr. Blount, and with students from his class. Mr. Childs' conclusion from the remarks that he heard was that each group in the room was astonished at the other's presence, and any wasted time was the result of a mutual misunderstanding.

In his concluding remarks, Fred Cohen, legal representative for the Ewens, affirmed that the university had not proved its case. The negotiations were reciprocal; therefore, the cause of the delay could not be attributed to the deliberation of one party.

To conclude the case for the university, attorney Edward Bogdan maintained that although the strike made for some extraordinary situations, infraction of the rules could not be excused. The authority of the professor should have been recognized.

'Round the Campus

An Albany newspaper has applauded editorially the appointment of Ernest L. Boyer to succeed Chancellor Samuel B. Gould. Dr. Boyer has served as vice chancellor since October 1968. Comments the *Knickerbocker News*, "Unusual times call for unusual men and Dr. Boyer seems uniquely fitted to guide the huge and complex State University system during what undoubtedly will be years of trial, turbulence and change." . . . Sorrell Chesin, assistant vice president for student affairs, will attend a two-day program on student protest and the law to be conducted later this month by The Institute of Continuing Legal Education on the University of Michigan campus. . . The State University Construction Fund is accepting bids on a contract estimated at \$169,000 for planting here. The project, scheduled for completion by next June, provides for planting at various areas of the campus. . . Teams representing

Campus Exchange

FOR RENT: 2-bedroom unfurnished apartment, one block from downtown campus. Call 465-1233 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Land. Call Thomas Winn, 7-8251. . . . 1965 Chevy SS convertible, white, 283 engine, power steering and brakes, automatic transmission, manifold vacuum gauge, very good condition. Call 459-4547. . . . 1966 Ambassador, power steering and brakes, automatic. Stereo tuner/amplifier, SONY 355 tape deck, TV, speakers. Call 438-7925 evenings.

Faculty Notes

DEWITT ELLINWOOD, history, has written an article, "The Future of India in the British Empire: The Round Table Group Discussions, 1912," which appeared in *The Nanyang University Journal*.

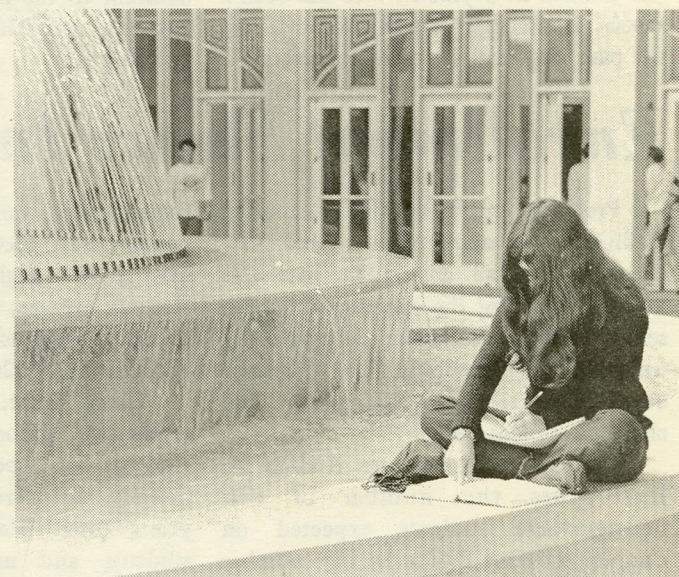
LEONARD GORDON, educational psychology and statistics, is the author of an article, "Measurement of Bureaucratic Orientation," which appeared in the Spring 1970 issue of *Personal Psychology*.

JOSIAH GOULD, JR., philosophy, is the author of *The Philosophy of Chrysippus*,

published by the State University of New York Press.

BERNARD JOHN POLL, political science, is the author of a book, *Pacifist's Progress - Norman Thomas and the Decline of American Socialism*, to be published in September by Quadrangle Books, Inc.

ABRAHAM LUCHINS, psychology, is co-author of an article, "Strengthening Motivational Factors to Tell the Truth," which appeared in the *Journal of Social Psychology*.



SUMMER SESSION DRAWS TO AN END, and with it a campus atmosphere quite different from that of the academic year. The pace is at once more hurried, as a semester's work is crowded into six weeks' time, and more relaxed, as the student population is cut in half and people take time to enjoy the summer weather.

