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University Community Saddened By Fire Deaths

Eight students, including three members of the Six-Year Ph.D. Program, and a faculty advisor died April 5 in a fire at the Cornell Heights Residential Club, one of the worst tragedies ever to sadden the University Community.

President James A. Perkins described the fire as a "soul-wrenching tragedy" during a memorial service in Sage Chapel, and said it would cause the Cornell community "to live in sad shadows for weeks and months to come."

One of the victims was John A. Finch, an assistant professor of English and one of three faculty advisers for the Six-Year Ph.D. class which was housed in the two-story building on a lane off Triphammer Road. After sounding an alarm, the thirty-seven-year-old professor had returned to the building in rescue attempts before succumbing.

All the dead were victims of smoke inhalation, according to the Tompkins County coroner, Dr. Ralph Low.

The three members of the first Six-Year Ph.D. class who died in the fire were Martha Beck, 18, of Evanston, Ill.; Peter Cooch, 19, of Weston, Mass.; and Jeffrey W. Smith, 17, of Cupertino, Calif.

Among the other victims were three graduate students, Meimei Cheng, 22, of State College, Pa.; Carol Lynn Kurtz, 22, of Butler, Pa.; and Johanna C. Wallden, 25, of Helsinki, Finland, and two undergraduates, Anne McCormic, 21, of Philadelphia, a senior in Home Economics; and Jennie Zu Wei Sun, 21, of Upper Darby, Pa., a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Arthur H. Dean '19, chairman of the University Board of Trustees, hastened to Ithaca to attend the memorial service, and asked President Perkins to appoint a committee to work with the

President and the trustees "in order to solve the difficult problem of fire protection on the campus with the maximum assurance for the future."

Theodore P. Wright, a former vice president and acting president of the University, was named to head the committee which included Ray Forrester, dean of the Law School; Seth Goldschlager, a junior at Cornell; Mrs. Laura Holmberg, an Ithaca attorney and widow of Allan R. Holmberg, former Henry Scarborough Professor of Social Sciences; Albert W. Laubengayer, chemistry professor emeritus; Dr. Norman S. Moore, chairman of the Department of University Health Services; and George Winter, a professor of civil engineering. Donald J. Moyer, assistant to the provost, was appointed executive secretary.

An inquest conducted by Dr. Low disclosed that investigators were unable to determine the cause of the fire,

President Perkins addresses a memorial service in Sage Chapel for victims of the Residential Club fire in which nine persons died.



although it is believed to have started in a student lounge on the basement level. He said he did not find evidence of criminal negligence.

In a statement issued after the inquest, President Perkins referred to the finding and noted, "one immediate lesson is implicit for the whole Cornell community."

"None of us — administration, faculty, or students — can afford to take lightly matters of fire safety. Fire precautions that may have seemed unimportant to some must now command the constant attention of all of us. The University is committing itself to a program of fire safety education that demands the complete acceptance, participation, and support of the whole Cornell community."

The President said the trustees have approved his recommendation to prepare an accelerated fire safety program schedule. A committee has been designated to engage a safety engineer for the University, and a New York City firm has been asked to survey all safety aspects of University buildings as well as to analyze administrative procedures as they relate to safety.

"Any university worthy of the name must take such a tragedy to heart," Mr. Perkins said. "While there can be no consolation to us for the loss of nine lives, we have been made aware, by messages from scores of colleges and universities across the country, that our experience has alerted many institutions to review their own fire prevention programs."

Provost Dale R. Corson issued a report on the additional fire safety precautions taken following the fire.

He said the additional measures include a program of night-watch inspections of every University dormitory building used as a residence by six or

more students, including hourly visits to each floor of larger dormitories and checks of basements in smaller units. Also, the Athletic Department is now required to institute a series of hourly night-watch visits to buildings serving as dormitories for visiting athletic teams, and bars intended to prevent unwarranted entry through ground floor windows of three women's dormitories have been removed to provide more emergency exits.

The provost also outlined the University's ongoing fire safety program, which was expanded in 1964 to include the expenditure of \$590,000 for the installation of fire safety features in University buildings. Top priorities have been given to those buildings most susceptible to fire hazards.

Secretary Freeman At Leaders' Forum

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman was one of two cabinet members to visit Cornell in March, when he addressed the Agricultural Leaders' Forum of the New York State College of Agriculture. Mr. Freeman, appearing one day prior to a visit by

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, told an audience of 1,000 persons that farmers are not to blame for rising food costs. He warned that the farmer must receive a larger share of the food dollar if food production is to remain sufficient for both domestic and export markets.

Also taking part in the day-long conference were Mrs. Helen E. Nelson, president of the Consumer Research Foundation; Edmund H. Fallon, general manager of Agway, Inc.; Herrell DeGraff, president of the American Meat Institute; and Max E. Brunk, a professor of marketing and agricultural economics at Cornell.

In a discussion of the causes and consequences of rising food prices, Mr. DeGraff joined Secretary Freeman in pointing out the numerous employment alternatives available to farmers today. If the cost-price squeeze becomes worse, they said, farmers will turn to other ways of making a living.

Mrs. Nelson spoke on what she termed the waste in food advertising, sales promotion, and related activities. She blamed rising food prices on "the proliferation of slightly differentiated products marketed nationally by a few large companies."



Cornell President James A. Perkins talks with Alex A. Kwapong, vice chancellor of the University of Ghana, at a recent planning conference of twenty-eight American and foreign educators in Williamsburg, Virginia. The planning session was arranged after President Lyndon Johnson asked Mr. Perkins and James W. Gardner, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, to make preparations for an international conference of 250 educators from sixty nations to be held in Williamsburg next October. Those attending the fall conference will be asked to "speak sharply to the growing crisis in education."

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Ford Grants To University Total \$10.5 Million

The Ford Foundation has awarded Cornell a total of \$10.5 million in three major grants. The largest, a \$6 million grant, was awarded to support the work of the Center for International Studies, and \$4 million was given to help finance a Graduate School program designed to shorten the length of time needed to earn a doctorate in the humanities and the basic social sciences.

A \$500,000 grant was awarded for support of the China Program of the Department of Asian Studies. The grant will cover a period of five years and will be used to support sociopolitical, economic, and linguistic research.

The director of the Center for International Studies, Mario Einaudi, the Walter S. Carpenter Professor of International and Comparative Politics, said that \$2.5 million of the largest Ford grant will be used for the endowment of five faculty positions.

He said \$1,200,000 will go for support of the International Agricultural Development Program directed by the New York State College of Agriculture, and \$240,000 will go toward construction of a proposed social sciences building.

The remainder of the grant, a little more than \$2 million, will be used by the Center in three main categories:

Part of the money will be used to allow the University-wide Latin American program to continue to support field research of faculty and graduate students in Latin America, particularly in the Andean region, where the anthropological studies launched by the late Professor Allan R. Holmberg at Vicos, Peru, attracted wide attention. Another part will be used to support existing or new international programs, such as Soviet and European Studies, the Modern Indonesia Project, and International Relations of East Asia. In a third category the grant also will make funds available to the Center itself for work such as that of Douglas E. Ashford, associate director, who has been made responsible for a new program dealing with structural change and modernization. In addition,

the Center will have more funds for visiting appointments and for research and teaching purposes which will benefit the entire University.

The largest grant was viewed as a strong vote of confidence for the work of the Center which was started with funds from the Ford Foundation five years ago.

The \$4 million grant to the Graduate School will help finance a seven-year experimental program which will enable most candidates in the humanities and social sciences to earn a doctorate in four years.

W. Donald Cooke, dean of the Graduate School, said the total program is designed to provide full support for at least 80 percent of the doctoral students in those fields. He said financial support of students in each field will be uniform and all candidates will be required to teach for one or two years, depending upon the requirements of the field of study.

The grant also will support the extension of summer study programs in an effort to establish a uniform four-year pattern of work. Dean Cooke said it is hoped that more than 90 percent of the candidates will be supported on campus through the summer and will not have to leave their studies to sustain themselves.

In many doctoral programs at universities across the country, candidates still tend to spend between six and eight years in graduate work, and many fail to earn their degrees due to a lack of consistent financial support for the duration of their studies.

The Graduate School previously had planned and had partially enacted a four-year doctoral program providing full financial support and requiring that all candidates teach. However, only 29 percent of the candidates were covered under the program.

Dean Cooke said the new program also is expected to affect markedly the number of doctorates awarded. In the 1965-66 academic year, the fields included in the program awarded fifty-one degrees. By 1971, it is predicted that the number will increase to about 150 doctorates annually.

The \$500,000 grant for support of the China Program will finance field research and summer research for faculty members in Ithaca, as well as provide funds for research assistants and other research expenses.

The grant will support research in three areas: a study of political organs, social change, and personality development in Southeast China; a study of economic development within a Chinese cultural setting; and linguistic studies in Southeast China and southwest border areas, including Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Cornell Receives Humanities Grant

The Society for the Humanities at Cornell has received a \$100,000 grant from the Old Dominion Foundation for the support of Society fellowships.

Max Black, Susan Linn Sage Professor of Philosophy and director of the Society, announced at the same time the appointment of three more senior fellows for the first year of the program. Georges Poulet of the University of Zürich, French literature; Harold Bloom of Yale University, English; and Lynn White, Jr., of the University of California at Los Angeles, history.

As previously announced, two Oxford University scholars have also been appointed to the senior fellows program: Mrs. Philippa Foot, philosophy, for the Spring 1967 term; and Jean Seznec, French literature, who will come in the fall.

Senior fellows are asked to teach one unit per term and are encouraged to conduct informal conversation classes for faculty and advanced graduate students in an area related to their own research.

DAVID B. DAVIS, Ernest I. White Professor of American History, has received a Pulitzer Prize for his book *The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture*. First of a multi-volume study, it also won the Anisfield-Wolf Award of the *Saturday Review*.

Big Red Hockey Team Captures Cornell's First



Delirious players hoist Coach Ned Harkness to their shoulders after scoring 4-1 victory over Boston University in final of the NCAA championship hockey tourney.



Bob Kinasevich catches BU goalie Wayne Ryan out of position as he deflects a shot by Murray Death into the net for the first Cornell goal at 1:26 of the first period.

The 1966-67 Cornell hockey team capped a season of records and superlatives by achieving the ultimate accolade—the best in the nation.

The Big Red won the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship—only the second such championship to be won by a hockey team from the East—with a convincing victory in the finals at Syracuse over its principal rival, Boston University.

Coach Ned Harkness' team finished the season with a 27-1-1 record, winning the Ivy League crown for the second year in a row, and capturing the Eastern College Athletic Conference title before winning the national championship.

The Big Red had a 9-1 record in league play, losing only to Yale, 4-3, in overtime. In the ECAC tourney, it drubbed Brown 11-2 and humbled Boston College 12-2 before skating to a 4-3 win over B.U.

In the championship tourney, Cornell edged pre-tourney favorite North Dakota 1-0, as All-America goalie Ken Dryden, a sophomore from Islington, Ont., turned in the only shutout ever recorded in the NCAA championships. Then the Big Red ended any doubts about its superiority over BU by outskating the Terriers from start to finish for a 4-1 title victory.

A large measure of Cornell's spectacular success can be credited to Dryden, known as the Big Kid, who compiled an unbelievable record by allowing an average of only 1.48 goals per game. During his undefeated season (Dryden did not play in the Yale game), the 6-foot-3 goalie made 690 saves, or, to put it another way, stopped 94.5 percent of the shots fired at him.

Cornell's starting defense pair of Harry Orr and Walter (Skip) Stanowski were recognized as the best in the nation. Orr, a senior from Port Credit, Ont., was one of three Cornellians picked for All-America honors. Stanowski, selected to play, with Orr, on the NCAA and ECAC all-tourney teams, was selected the "most valuable player" for his NCAA tourney performance.

Joining teammates Dryden and Orr on the All-America team was co-captain Doug Ferguson, one of three brothers who helped push Cornell to its No. 1 ranking. The senior from Birsay, Sask., was chosen for all-East and All-America honors as a wing.

Ferguson was Cornell's top scorer with 61 points on 27 goals and 34 assists. He finished his collegiate scoring career with a 91-96-187 total, a school record.

Harkness now is the only coach of an Eastern team to win two national championships, having won in 1954 while coaching at Rensselaer. In four years at Cornell, Harkness teams have compiled an overall record of 80 victories, 23 losses, and two ties.



Vital cogs in the Big Red machine: the Fergusons of Birsay, Sask. Bob, left, and twins Doug and Dave.

NCAA Tournament Championship



Defenseman Walter (Skip) Stanowski fires a slap shot for Cornell's second goal in the first period. Passes from Harry Orr and Dave Ferguson set up the power play goal.



Spectacular goalie Ken Dryden makes one of 41 saves, thwarting the high-powered BU offense while en route to a record-breaking performance in the championships.



Cornell dominated the all-star team: Jim Quinn of BU, Tom Mikkola of Michigan State, and Cornellians Mike Doran, Harry Orr, Skip Stanowski, and Dave Dryden.



Ned Harkness embraces Murray Death after victory made him the first eastern coach to win the title twice.

IFC Entertains Handicapped Harlem Children



Members of a class of handicapped children from a Harlem school explain their Negro history art display to viewers in the Art Room of Willard Straight Hall during a campus visit.

The Cornell Interfraternity Council (I.F.C.) provided one of the most heartwarming stories of the year recently when it invited some special guests to come to Ithaca to display their work.

The I.F.C. week this year was entitled "Soul of Blackness," and was dedicated to an exploration of the culture of the Negro. Featured were a series of lectures, concerts, and exhibits by Negro public figures and artists.

The special guests were handicapped children from a Harlem school, P. S. 129. The children, who ranged in age from eight to twelve years, had worked to put together a display of their own artwork depicting Negro history; but in New York, no one came to their school to view it.

A story in the *New York Times* describing the disappointment of the youngsters when their work went unnoticed caught the interest of Samuel R. Berger of Millerton, New York, I.F.C. president. He decided to invite the children and their show to Ithaca during the February I.F.C. observance.

Enlisting the aid of Mark Barlow, Jr., Vice President for Student Affairs, the I.F.C. arranged for the class and its teacher to make the trip to Cornell aboard the University airplane and to stay free of charge at a nearby Howard

Johnson's Motel.

A campus tour, a luncheon at the motel, and a dinner at a fraternity were among the children's activities during their twenty-four-hour stay. However, the airplane ride was the obvious highlight of the trip for the excited children, many of whom had never seen a real airplane before.

"That's the first time I was ever in a plane," said twelve-year-old Denise Morris. "The next time I go any place, I want to fly. It's better than Christmas."

But for a classmate, Kenneth Foster, eleven, the flight was almost boring. He fell asleep.

"I think it was the first time the boy had relaxed in two days," explained his teacher, Mrs. Browlia M. West, who said the youngsters were in an excited state from the time they first were told of the invitation.

At Willard Straight Hall, the children were present to explain their show to viewers who crowded into the Art Room. Hundreds of students, faculty, and members of the Ithaca community viewed the exhibit before the children left the campus. Although the children could stay for only a day, the exhibit remained on display all week, and was visited by more than 1,000 people. The primary purpose of the trip was fulfilled. The art show was

put before an appreciative audience.

As for the children, what the trip meant for them was summed up by Mrs. West, who said in thanks to her hosts:

"This has been a tremendous experience for these children, an experience they will never forget. It also has been a wonderful experience for me, learning that people do care."

Adelmann Volumes Win Special Honor

Judges for the 1966 National Book Awards have given special recognition to a work of a professor emeritus at Cornell, calling it "a monument in the history of science."

The unusual honor was given to Howard B. Adelmann '20, Professor Emeritus of Histology and Embryology, for his *Marcello Malpighi and the Evolution of Embryology*.

The judges saw fit to recognize *Marcello Malpighi* with a statement read at the awards ceremony March 8 in New York's Lincoln Center:

"Many works of scholarly importance published annually in science, philosophy and religion are by their nature not addressed to a general audience, or are not easily accessible to the public by virtue of the manner and form of presentation.

"Such a work is Howard Adelmann's *Marcello Malpighi and the Evolution of Embryology*, published in five superb volumes by Cornell University Press. The judges recognize it as a monument in the history of science."

Faculty Forums Set For Alumni

Four prominent members of the faculty will conduct academic forums during the annual Alumni Reunion Weekend program June 14-17.

The Faculty Forums, to be held June 15-16, will feature lectures by Hans A. Bethe, John Wendell Anderson Professor of Physics; Isaac Rabinowitz, chairman of the Department of Semitic Languages and Literatures; Adrian M.

Srb, Professor of Genetics in the Division of Biological Sciences; and Robin M. Williams, Jr., Henry Scarborough Professor of Social Sciences.

Also planned for reunion visitors is a symposium on education featuring Richard Graham '42, director of the National Teachers Corps.

Record Operating Budget Approved

A record operating budget of \$134.2 million has been approved for Cornell in 1967-68, with 57 percent of the total, or \$76.5 million, devoted to the endowed colleges at Ithaca.

The University's Board of Trustees approved the budget for the coming academic year at its January meeting.

Estimated income for the fiscal year reflects a sizable increase of 19.3 percent in money earned by University investments, and an 8 percent increase in funds from students, owing to an increase in tuition and fees.

Overall, the budget represents a 9.2 percent rise over 1966-67 expenditures, with the endowed colleges expected to spend more than \$5 million more than in the current year.

A budget of \$40.7 million has been approved for the statutory colleges, subject to approval by the New York legislature. A little more than \$17 million will be spent by the Medical College and the School of Nursing in New York City.

Nearly \$59.5 million is expected to be derived from a combination of state and federal funds, an increase of 9.5 percent over 1966-67. More than \$31 million will accrue from student fees and tuition, and more than \$20 million will be derived primarily from sales and services.

A \$100 rise in tuition and fees is included in the budget. The increase raised to \$2,050 the amount students will pay annually in all endowed colleges and divisions except the Law School, where tuition and fees will total \$1,900, and the Medical College, where tuition and fees total \$1,800.

Although student fees will be raised \$75, there will be no increase in tuition in the four schools and colleges supported by New York State.

Three Faculty Chairs Filled



Eric A. Blackall



Herbert Dieckmann



Robin M. Williams Jr.

The Jacob Gould Schurman Professorship of German Literature has been established in the College of Arts and Sciences to honor the third president of the University.

Eric A. Blackall, an internationally known authority on German literature, was named the first Schurman Professor.

Two other College of Arts and Sciences faculty members were named to fill vacancies in other chairs.

Herbert Dieckmann, Professor of French and Comparative Literature, was named to succeed Professor Blackall as the Avalon Foundation Professor in the Humanities.

Robin Murphy Williams, Jr., a professor of sociology at Cornell since 1948, was appointed Henry Scarborough Professor of Social Sciences, succeeding the late Allan R. Holmberg.

Professor Blackall headed the Department of German Literature from 1958 to 1965 and had been the Avalon Foundation Professor since 1964. He joined the Cornell faculty in 1958, coming from Cambridge University where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Vienna and a Doctor of Letters degree from Cambridge in 1960. Professor Blackall had also been a member of the faculty at the University of Basle (Switzerland) before coming to Cornell.

Among his publications are *The Emergence of German as a Literary Language* and *Adalbert Stifter, a Critical Study*. He collaborated with Vida Harford on the authorized translation of Alban Berg's opera *Wozzeck*, which is used at Covent Garden and at the Metropolitan Opera.

Professor Dieckmann came to Cor-

nell in 1966 from Harvard University where he chaired the Department of Romance Languages.

He is a native of Germany and earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Bonn. His research into the life of Diderot led to the discovery of many of the writer's original manuscripts.

Professor Williams is a native of North Carolina and earned degrees at North Carolina State College, the University of North Carolina, and Harvard University.

He first taught at Cornell in 1935 as a teaching fellow in the Department of Rural Sociology. He then taught at North Carolina State College and the University of Kentucky and worked for the War Department in the Special Services Division before returning to Cornell as a professor of sociology.

He is an expert on intergroup relations and the American society as a social system. Among his writings are *American Society: A Sociological Interpretation* and *Strangers Next Door: Ethnic Relations in American Communities*.

The Scarborough chair was endowed in 1965 in memory of Henry Scarborough '11, the founder of Scarborough and Company of Chicago. Professor Holmberg was the first man to hold the chair.

Professor Blackall was the first to hold the Avalon chair, which was endowed by the Avalon Foundation in 1963. He now becomes the first to hold the chair named in honor of President Schurman, who had lifelong ties with Germany including student days at the University of Heidelberg in 1878-79, and service as United States Ambassador to Germany from 1925 to 1930.

Dean Rusk Defends U. S. Position On Vietnam



President and Mrs. James A. Perkins greet Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Mrs. Rusk at the airport on Mr. Rusk's arrival to give the Oliphant Lecture at Cornell. The group, talking under the security-conscious gaze of Air Police, includes, from left, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Rusk, Secretary Rusk, President Perkins, and Mr. Rusk's son, Richard, a Cornell sophomore.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk received a standing ovation after giving a lecture in March at Bailey Hall in which he defended the United States position in Vietnam.

The long-awaited visit by Mr. Rusk, whose previously scheduled visit was cancelled due to a presidential trip to Southeast Asia, was generally well received by a crowd of 2,200.

Students protesting the United

States involvement in Vietnam made their presence known, but they did so silently. About twenty students walked out as the Secretary started to give his speech, which was the annual James Norris Oliphant Lecture, and a few others turned their backs while listening. Still others wore white skull masks to mark their disapproval of Administration policy.

Mr. Rusk discussed "Organizing

World Peace" which he said is the sole objective of United States foreign policy at the present time. He in turn pointed to the lessons of history to support the nation's policy in Vietnam.

"We will not have a chance to draw the lessons of World War III," he said. "There won't be enough left." He said that there are valuable lessons to be drawn from World War II, and he cited the students and intellectuals who said the world should pacify Adolf Hitler, until they later discovered "this guy Hitler was different."

In defense of United States involvement in Vietnam, he said "I don't see how you can organize a durable peace by leaving one hundred small nations at the mercy of the closest large power. We are committed to the concept that all nations have the right to live in peace."

Mr. Rusk was publicly welcomed by President James A. Perkins as a parent of a Cornellian, since one purpose of his visit was to see his son, Richard, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of Sigma Phi fraternity, the sponsor of the Oliphant lectures.

Mrs. Rusk accompanied the Secretary on his visit and attended a reception and dinner at the Sigma Phi house. The Secretary attended a private seminar with President Perkins and a group of faculty members before departing.

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