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## NEW FUNDS DRIVE : 1950

Last year a successful New Funds drive was a condition of the continued existence of Pasadena Branch. Association members and friends responded loyally to the call of the 1949 Convention for at least \$10,000 to supplement expendable income so that our new obligation could be realistically met. But if last year's condition was fulfilled, the obligation continues. Increasing costs and our current program mean that we must use all of our ingenuity to increase our income. The price of extending Mr. Nunn's plan is hard work, year after year.

After last year's success, the natural tendency is to relax. Those who attended the 1950 Convention know there can be no relaxation without dipping into reserves next year. Less organizational work will be necessary after the invaluable experience of the 1949 drive, but the energy expended in organization of energy must be diverted into additional personal solicitation. Last year raised \$10,000; this year we must have \$12,000.

The Committee is planning a longer solicitation period than last year, starting October 1st and ending November 15th. Few area changes have been made, but where possible, new area captains have been appointed to avoid repeating burdens of last year. Quotas have been prepared reflecting last year's area returns and the anticipated increase of total.

Keynotes of the campaign will be the advances made during the year at Pasadena Branch, the financial stability of our endowment, and increasing expense of our commitments as reflected in the financial history prepared recently by the Cornell Branch Permanent Finance Committee, and the possibility that the Trustees of Deep Springs may ask further financial assistance from the Association. Members of the Association who attended the 1950 Convention have already demonstrated their support of this year's drive by pledging \$1500, more than was pledged at the 1949 Convention.

Association members and Alumni are again urged to discuss the problems of the Association with friends who may be interested in supporting the goals of the Association financially. Expository literature which will help to explain the nature of our educational activities is available in the office of the Chancellor and will be sent promptly on request.

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## TELLURIDE CORPORATION TAX EXEMPTION

Telluride Corporation has been tentatively granted tax-exempt status by the U.S. Treasury Department. The position of the Corporation will be reviewed by the Department at the end of our first full year of activity, to determine whether our activities and stated purpose coincide. The present exempt status of the Corporation is similar to that enjoyed by the Association since its foundation.

The Corporation was set up in December, 1948, under the membership corporation laws of New York, and it serves as an ancillary arm to the Association. The Corporation can acquire and operate properties, become beneficiary of wills and insurance policies, and do many things which the Association cannot do. Its sole purpose is to work in behalf of the Association. Since the first of the year, all gifts to the Association have gone through the Corporation. In early June, the Corporation turned over to the Association an accumulated \$4,327.33, money raised by the New Funds Committee for the use of Pasadena Branch after the Corporation began operation.

A number of insurance policies and wills have designated the Association as beneficiary. The members and Alumni who have such policies and wills are being requested to designate the Corporation instead of the Association as beneficiary, since the Association cannot legally inherit.

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## CHICAGO ASSOCIATES MEET AGAIN

The Telluride associates of Chicago held their second of a series of dinner-meetings on June 28. Four of the group had attended the Convention June 12-16, and the actions and decisions were discussed. The next meeting of the Chicago group will be on Thursday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chicago Press Club, 3rd Floor, 505 N. Michigan Ave.

These regular dinners have been inaugurated because many former members desire to have an organized alumni group which can assist the Association and Deep Springs when a constructive opportunity exists.

Financially to help the Association --

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Telluride alumni have a way of getting scattered all over the map. There are Telluride alumni in almost every major city in the U.S., and a peripheral group in the Far and Near East and in Europe. Occupationally they are scattered too, in education, business, scientific research, government work.

Telluride alumni are fortunate that their bond to the Association is not merely a nostalgic one. Alumni organizations too often become dedicated merely to the past. It is, of course, a primary pleasure in life to look backward through the golden haze, but an alumni organization having recollection as its only function is moribund. The TA trust, however, is still in operation, and many of the jobs to be done maintaining it can best be done by the alumni and friends out in the great world. This fact has provided both purpose and consuming interest to the groups of alumni who, finding themselves in the same region as other alumni, have formed alumni organizations. Recruitment of candidates, organization of fund drives, discussion of Association affairs past and present have been excellently handled by these groups.

The San Francisco and Chicago Groups are the best examples of this active kind of organization. The Association seems agreed that there should be more like them, where TA population density permits. That individuals are interested has been eminently shown by the response to last year's New Funds drive, and alumni attendance at Cornell Branch reunions and at Convention this past spring. That the groups already formed are operating ably for the Association could not be denied by anyone who attended last Convention. But there should be more of them. In some cases it might merely be necessary for the reader to put down the News Letter, get up from the armchair and go to the phone. If things are not that simple, send a letter to T. R. Palfrey, chairman of the Alumni Committee c/o Cornell Branch, telling him your ideas about the formation and the potentialities of an alumni organization where you are.

Looking through some back issues, we noticed that there was a time when the News Letter consisted mainly of letters from members, friends, and associates. There were opinions on Association issues, irate and calm, interesting journalism from interesting places, all written with the News Letter audience in mind. We would like to see the custom revived, for these letters add both weight and leavening to the NL. If you are doing interesting things, or you are in an interesting place, tell us about it. If you have an Association gripe or suggestion, air it in the News Letter.

## NUNN MEMORIAL FUND

Treasurer Biersach of the Telluride Association Alumni distributed on June 30 the financial statement of the L.L. Nunn Memorial Fund, established by the Alumni to give "needed assistance, as Mr. Nunn was wont to do himself, to worthy young men working under the auspices of Telluride Association, or in harmony with its purpose ....." This memorial Fund currently contains approximately ten thousand dollars.

The Fund has over the years generously aided the News Letter -- \$1,161.21 worth to date -- but to individual students the Fund has not been so useful as was originally expected. Since the Fund was set up in 1913, only 47 individuals have availed themselves of it.

Inquiry among students who have sought loans during the past four years indicates that they have borrowed money from other funds and institutions on easier terms. The Alumni Fund charges interest from the date the loan is made, whereas most institutions make loans at a lower rate, and interest payments do not begin until date of graduation from college. Few charge higher than two or three per cent interest, and many charge no interest. The great universities make loans to students at very low interest, payment of interest to begin at graduation and first payments on principal two years after graduation. Few borrowers default, and the good will incidental to the accommodation shows fine returns to university endowment drives after the borrowers become earners.

The bulk of the money of the Alumni Fund is on time deposit or in U.S. Treasury Bonds, earning 2%-2½%, less than half the rate asked of student borrowers. It is desirable to increase the principal of the Fund, of course; with the shrinking purchasing power of Telluride Association income; however, more of our students will be in the market for loans, and such loans will play an important part in the planning of both Telluride Association and the individual students. It might be well for the Alumni Association to consider the coming necessities, in view of its constitutional purpose, to determine how it can most effectively give "needed assistance" to Telluride educational work.

A new Directory of our Telluride associates will be mailed with the News Letter on October 31. If your address is not the same as that on the envelope which brought you this August issue, please send notification of the change to the Chancellor at Ithaca before October 1. In the meantime, mail addressed to any associate, c/o Telluride Association, Ithaca, will be promptly forwarded.

## PASADENA BRANCH NOTES

The summer study-term at Pasadena Branch, in high gear now after a month of vacation and Convention, will cover ten weeks of intensive courses. Five of the 15 Branchmen are new. They are: Donald Adams, Seattle, Wash.; David Brawner, Urbana, Ill.; Philip Green, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Donald Utvik, Queens, N.Y.; and Martin Washburn Palos Verdes, Calif. Washburn is the son of Alumnus Robert C. Washburn.

The summer faculty comprises Dr. Kurt Bergel, lecturing in world civilization; Dr. Alice Bergel, offering advanced French and German; Paul Johnson, teaching mathematics and physics with CalTech laboratory facilities at his disposal; and Chas. van Laar, instructing students beginning language. Wm. Williams and Harold Fishman continue music courses with Baruch Klein, and the rest of the students study modern dance with Mrs. Klein. The recently inaugurated Public Speaking Night consists of a round-robin of student speeches and is planned for the duration of the term.

Guests of the Branch are the Newton Garvers. Garver studies psychology at Swarthmore, and Mrs. Garver, writing an M. A. thesis for Bryn Mawr, works in the Pacific Oaks nursery school.

With the news of the temporary suspension of negotiations to move this Branch to Olmsted, intensive work began to uncover as many housing prospects as possible before arrangements are completed. To date, the most attractive property is at San Gabriel, a small town northeast of Los Angeles, easily accessible to both the cultural opportunities and the industrial areas of Metropolitan Los Angeles.

Our Employment Committee is now planning for the autumn work-term. Many of the difficulties met last work-term do not now exist; for example, we shall be seeking employment in the pre-Christmas season, after many summer workers have returned to school. Huge government contracts assigned to aircraft and automotive firms should greatly increase employment. In the Pasadena area alone, more than 37 million dollars in such contracts have been signed.

On the lighter side of the news, we might mention our new athletic program. The Athletic Committee is coordinating activities and organizing teams in tennis, softball, and football. In early August we climbed Mt. San Antonio, and at term-end we shall climb Mt. Whitney.

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The Committee will make known the names of captains and solicitors as soon as possible. Meanwhile, anyone who has questions or suggestions concerning the drive is urged to write Chancellor Johnson at Ithaca.

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and especially Deep Springs -- David Boyd-Smith suggested that these organizations either individually or collaboratively invest some of their trust funds in the operation of a small industry. Such an investment would provide a needed increase in income. Mr. Nunn invested personal and other proper funds in such enterprises, the most conspicuously successful being the power company at Caspar, Wyo., and the J. R. Nutt Fund of the Association. The group was impressed by Boyd-Smith's suggestion and expressed the wish that the proposal might have the consideration of the Trustees of Deep Springs and the Custodians of the Association. (One of the purposes and legal powers of the recently organized Telluride Corporation is the management and operation of commercial enterprises. Ed.)

The problem of recruitment of new members for Association Branches and Deep Springs was discussed. The Chicago group decided to meet in September to organize a systematic coverage of the highschools of the area and to arrange for the interviewing of candidates.

W. L. Cook is Treasurer, Albert Votaw, Recording Secretary; Address: 39 S. State St., 16th Floor, Chicago 3.

ALUMNI COMMITTEE  
STARTING WORK

Since the Convention expressed its opinion in the Purpose Committee Report that the membership and the alumni should have a more active working relationship, the Alumni Committee, under T. R. Palfrey, is now starting a three-point program:

I. To continue and expand the Alumni Weekends held last year at Cornell Branch.

II. To encourage local groups of Alumni and Members to organize formally, as was done spontaneously in the Chicago area.

III. To consider with Alumni the public relations methods of TA, especially in regard to the literature the Association presents to prospective applicants and to schools.

The committee reports that it is presently anxious to receive ideas on any of the subjects mentioned -- and any others relevant. (Address: c/o TA, Ithaca.)

The expenses of the Telluride News Letter can not be entirely covered by the Convention appropriation. The editors therefore renew their request for cash contributions from Telluride members and friends who enjoy getting Association news at regular intervals. All contributions may be mailed to:  
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217 West Ave.  
Ithaca, N. Y.

Leigh Ortenburger has completed his junior year at Oklahoma University, majoring in mathematics. He is "mountaineering" this summer at Jenny Lake, Wyo.

Dr. Robley C. Williams has left the University of Michigan to become a professor of bio-physics in the Dept. of Bio-Chemistry at the University of California, at Berkeley.

Ralph N. Kleps of Sacramento has been appointed State Legislative Counsel, the job of chief legal adviser to the California Legislature. Kleps, who has been Chief of the California Division of Administrative Procedure since 1945, took over his new job on July 1. He will direct a staff of 20 attorneys in drafting bills, resolutions, constitutional amendments, and in otherwise serving members of the Legislature. After his three years at Deep Springs, Kleps finished his formal training at Cornell. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1939. He was for a time law secretary to Chief Justice Gibson of the California Supreme Court.

The California Division of Administrative Procedure, which Kleps headed during its first five years of existence, represents the only continuing governmental attempt in any jurisdiction, federal or state, to meet the specific and growing problem of reconciling administrative efficiency with the fundamental rights of those affected by governmental action. Similar agencies have been recommended by surveys in other states and by studies dealing with the federal government, but the recommendations have not yet been carried out.

Wm. L. Cone has completed his 30th year of work with the Utah Power & Light Co., in Salt Lake City. Cone (Stanford, EE, 1915) worked with C. P. Goody in Carbon County the summer after graduation and became an Operator at Beaver Station that autumn. He had worked at Olmsted 1910-12.

Drayton Bryant is Research Director of the National Housing Conference, Inc., an organization established to promote slum clearance and adequate housing. Bryant's work includes legislative enactments relative to housing, coordination of the effort of labor, veteran, and other public interest groups, in addition to writing speeches, articles, pamphlets, and an occasional book. Another book appears shortly.

Alfred Harding is working with the State Department at Hongkong, after about two years of study at Peiping. His roommate is Lindsey Grant, sent to Hongkong by the Department this spring as first assignment abroad.

Frederic S. Laise was recently made National Director of Fund Raising of the American National Red Cross, with offices at the National Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Hugh Nash is Associate Editor of "World Government News" with offices in New York City.

Five TA scholars work in Detroit this summer. Melvin Kohn is loading trucks for General Motors at their Ternstedt warehouse; Richard Patch is trimming plaster from molds on a production line for Alcoa; and Donald Irwin is company guard at Revere Copper & Brass -- these three are participating in the Wayne University Students-in-Industry Seminar, work familiar to all old Pinheads. Donald Lammers and Donald Reis are drilling holes in motor blocks for Ford at the River Rouge plant.

Don J. Novelli, February graduate of Cornell, works in New York City for All-state Insurance Co., the same company for which Kenneth Mahony has worked for about a year. Novelli plans to get his Master's degree by attending night school while working. In the late summer he will be transferred to Rochester, N.Y., where his company has opened a new office.

Roderick Robertson was the 34th winner of the Pemberton Cup Award for public speaking at Cornell Branch. The vast bronze Pemberton Cup holds only an imperial gallon, but Winner 34 was unable to fulfill tradition by emptying it at a single draught at the annual public speaking banquet at the Branch. William vanden Heuvel won the University's Woodford Prize this spring.

1st Lt. Barber Conable of the U.S. Marine Corps was called for active duty in late July. He received his A.B. at Cornell and was graduated from Cornell Law School in 1949. Since graduation he has worked with a Buffalo law firm. Conable was selected by the 1950 Convention to head the New Funds Committee.

Lieut. Governor Goodwin Knight was assured of reelection in the primary elections held on June 6, when Republican Knight received the nominations of both the Democratic and Republican Parties. Knight easily beat his Republican opponent and Democratic George Miller, who crossfiled, to take the Republican nomination by a 4-to-1 margin over all opposition. In the Democratic primary, Knight received nearly 50% of the vote in a field of four.

Charles H. Schaaff was elected Agency Vice President at the quarterly meeting on July 26 of the Board of Directors of the Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co., one of the country's oldest and largest companies. Schaaff will go to the home office in Springfield, Mass., on October 1, where he will assume specific responsibility for the general supervision of agency department operations.

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Windsor Putnam has drawn up for the Corporation a simple form of testamentary clause to be used in the wills of prospective donors interested in the Association. The clause: I bequeath to Telluride Corporation, a New York membership corporation, the sum of \$..... for its corporate purposes. It was considered unnecessary to draw up a clause for bequests of insurance since every insurance company has its own particular form, and no specimen clause was made for donors who wish to create trusts, since these would probably be special cases requiring special language.

The present officers of the Corporation are Paul Szasz, President; E. M. Johnson, Treasurer; and Gareth Sadler, Secretary.

## BILL SKINNER REPORTS FROM CHINA

G. William Skinner wrote from Chengtu, China, on May 18 that six soldiers from the Foreign Affairs Division of the Communist Liberation Army had searched his quarters the day before. Skinner wrote: "They confiscated every bit of written material in my room: two complete sets of field notes, all the copies of all the articles and papers I've written, all my translations (of more than 4 books), all my credentials, my correspondence, all my photographs, and all my books except dictionaries and novels ..... even failed to get them to leave me one copy of the innocuous article I had just finished preparing on a temple festival. They were rude and nasty, but did allow me to list all the things they took. Upon inquiry, they said that if the material proved I was innocent, they would return to me those parts of it which were not reactionary. On leaving, they forced me to sign a statement that nothing of value (?), only written material, was taken ..... All the books I was working from and translating, including those from the Sociology Dept. and the University library, were confiscated. I can now do no research whatsoever. Even the Chinese who were helping me to translate or acting as informants no longer dare to associate with me.

"I am the only foreigner in Chengtu to whom this treatment has been given, but in Communist eyes I am the most suspicious. They simply cannot understand what social scientific research is, and can see no reason why anyone but an intelligence agent would be gathering information such as I have collected. Several weeks ago, I spent over an hour in an interview with an official of the Foreign Affairs Division explaining my work and its aims, but that official was the leader of those who searched my room. They'll have no trouble finding evidence of 'reactionary thinking,' 'shady connections,' 'items of misinformation,' data of 'value' to the US intelligence services in the papers they took. They'll be unwilling or unable to distinguish between what I've written and what I've translated. They are firmly and sincerely convinced that most foreigners are spies, and, as the nearest thing to a spy

they've found, I may learn first hand what they'll do to one. .... I am in good health and free to move about the city."

On June 16, the Ithaca office received the following cablegram: "Exit probably July. Papers unreturned. Unmolested. Skinner."

Skinner is a candidate for a doctorate in cultural anthropology at Cornell University; he has held the position of honorary research assistant in the Department of Sociology at West China Union University.

## PERSONALS

Harry Everett Diehl, 68, died suddenly at his home in Beaver, Utah, on June 9. He is survived by his widow, Minnie Martin Diehl; by his daughter, Mrs. Hazel Ross of Myton, Utah; and by two grandchildren.

Upon graduation from Missouri as an electrical engineer, Diehl worked for Mr. Nunn for eight years at the Olmsted plant. In 1913 he went to Beaver and served as Superintendent of Telluride Power Co. in Beaver Canyon for seven years. It was under his direction that the lower Telluride power plant was constructed in Beaver Canyon three miles below the upper station.

William H. Allen and Miss Joan Emmett were married on July 16. Allen has been assigned by The Associated Press to help with the news coverage at Sacramento, Calif. Mrs. Allen, a graduate of the University of California, has worked as secretary to the managing editor of the Stockton Record.

Ragnar Arnesen and Mlle. Françoise Roux were married at Saint Augustine's Church, Paris, on June 23. Since graduation from Cornell in 1947, Arnesen has studied at the Sorbonne. He has successfully passed examinations in three subjects. At present, he is employed by the Economic Cooperation Administration in the Personnel Section at Paris, but expects to present himself at the Sorbonne in October for the examinations in the history of political economy in order to complete work for the degree "Licence-es-lettres."

Kuo-chung Chao and Miss Hsien-gieh Sie were married on June 10 at the Highland Park Congregational Church, Highland Park, Mich.

Arthur Cope Emlen and Miss Betty Jean Witten were married in Pasadena on June 30.

Lewis Everett Kimball and Miss Emilie Austin Hubbard were married on June 16 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena. Kimball will continue this autumn his teaching at St. George's School, Newport, R.I.

## PERSONALS

Gerhard Loewenberg and Miss Ina Perlstein will be married in New York City on August 22. Loewenberg will continue study at Cornell for his doctorate in government. The bride (Cornell Arts '52) will resume study this autumn.

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Born: David Robert McConaughy, No. 1, of the David McConaughys of Duluth, Minn., on July 11. Weight, 5 lbs. 11 oz. No eyebrows.

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John Mellor and Miss Arlene Patton were married on June 11 at Springfield, Vt. Graduated from Cornell this spring in agricultural economics, Mellor was the first Burr Scholar. He was a 4-letter man in track, a miler.

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Jose A. Encinas del Pando and Miss Janet MacCauley were married on June 24 at the First Presbyterian Church in Tunkhannock, Pa. Encinas joined the Peruvian Delegation to the United Nations in 1946 and has since then worked in connection with Economic and Social Council affairs.

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Born: Marc Peterson, first child of Bertil and Jean Peterson, lawyers, of Buffalo. Weight, 9 lbs. 14 oz.

David W. Varley and Miss Mary Elizabeth Vail were married on June 24 in New York City.

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Robert Collyer Washburn and Kathryn Mott Greene were married on April 29 at Guilford, Conn.

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Edwin J. Wesely and Miss Yolanda Thereza Pyles of Sao Paulo, Brazil, were married on July 1.

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The Custodians ordered the sale of the lots in the Provo City Cemetery purchased by Mr. Nunn many years ago. The buyers: Paul Ashworth, Lot 44 in Block 8; and Paul Vincent, Lot 43 in Block 8. This must be either sentiment or land speculation, because Alumni Ashworth and Vincent look sound and durable.

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The Eldon P. Bacons had their fourth grandchild, first grandson, this spring; Lee Bacon Perry, son of daughter Louise Bacon Perry. Prentice F. Bacon has one daughter, Kyle Bacon, two daughters.

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Röbert Albright received his M.A. from the University of Chicago on June 16. During the past quarter he has done much practice teaching at Wright Junior College in social science.

Charles Burkhardt has received a renewal of his Fulbright fellowship, to continue for a second year his study in English literature at Lincoln College, Oxford.

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Frederick Balderston passed his written and oral examinations at Princeton on May 20. This gives him his M.A. degree (economics) and serves as qualifying examination for his doctorate.

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Robert Gatje has been awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship for academic performance and professional promise at Cornell's College of Architecture. Gatje is the first holder of the new scholarship for fifth-year students in architecture, provided by the Chicago architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. Gatje was earlier given two \$300.00 grants by the Schepp and the Mills Foundations.

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The following were graduated from Cornell University in June. (\*Distinction) \*Bradford Judd (B.A. in zoology); \*Jack Nachmias (B.A. in psychology and general studies); \*Francis Ogilvie (A.B. in Physics and general studies); David Cole (A.B. in Far Eastern studies); Edward Hoenicke (A.B. in economics); Roderick Robertson (A.B. in dramatics); Cyril Stelzenmuller (A.B. in law); Walter van Gelder (B. Arch.); \*Charles Robert Simpson (LL.B. with specialization in international affairs); John U. Anderson (LL.B.); Anthony Geiss (M.A. in English); and Coenraad ter Kulle (M.S. in soil science).

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Jan Dietrichson returned to his native Norway in June after receiving his M.A. at Harvard -- on a Fulbright fellowship he received some months ago. He writes, "I plan to take the degree of magister artium at the University of Oslo in the fall if the professors decide that my honor's thesis from Cornell was good enough. (The magister artium degree involves three written and oral examinations on the history of literature in general and more especially the literatures of England, France, and the United States. In addition to this, one has to present a thesis and give a public lecture. It is rather a difficult degree to get, so I shall have to spend the whole summer preparing for the exams.) This is about all there is to say about my academic work for the present -- though perhaps I ought to mention that I have a long essay in for the Bowdoin prize in the humanities, but the chances of winning are very slim indeed. There are more than a hundred competitors."

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Dr. Lawrence A. Kimpton, Dean of Students and Professor of Philosophy at Stanford University since 1947, returned on July 1 to the University of Chicago, where he will be Vice-President in Charge of Development.