Dr. McGrath Speaks at Mid-Winter Lecture

He Urges National Expansion of Community Colleges

A well-known U. S. alumnus and former professor of education and dean of administration at U. B., Dr. Earl J. McGrath, spoke on "The Future of the Community College" at the Mid-Winter Lecture held in Norton Hall on March 4, Pi Lambda Theta, Phi Delta Kappa and U. B., 's School of Education were his sponsors.

Dr. McGrath, a former U. S. Commissioner of Education, is presently the Executive Officer of The Institute of Higher Education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Pi Lambda Theta and Pi Lambda Theta officers and members joined with Dr. McGrath and distinguished guests at a dinner which preceded his lecture. The dinner, held in Norton Hall, was presided over by Dean Robert Pink of U. B.'s School of Education, and by the presidents of Phi Delta Kappa and Pi Lambda Theta, Chester Lemnich and Freda Chalmers.

Dr. McGrath stressed the need for national expansion of community colleges which satisfy academic and social requirements of students desiring two-year college programs. He recommended that community colleges be established in every populous county of $5,000, and that federal aid to such purposes be made available. He added that programs in adult education are needed and that curriculum for both purposes, Dr. McGrath recommended programs in adult education and training, and courses for students who terminate their education after two years as well as for those who will transfer to four-year colleges.

In justifying the acceptance by community colleges of some students who cannot meet entrance requirements of four-year colleges, Dr. McGrath expressed the opinion that many students do not perform at top capacity until the college years or later; other students, he said, can profit from technical or sub-professional training in the increasing number of vocations which require a two-year college education. Autonomy for community colleges is needed, if their purposes and administrative structure are to be adapted to meet the broad range of diversity of students they serve, he stated.

Officials from four western New York institutions of higher education were among those in attendance at both the dinner and the lecture: Chancellor Clifford Furnas and Vice-Chancellor G. Lerner Anderson from The University of Buffalo; Dr. Paul DuBois, President of State University of New York College of Education at Buffalo; President Lawrence Spring from Erie County Technical Institute, and Dr. William Keen, Director of Graduate Division at Canisius College.

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**1960 SUCCESSFUL FOR G.A.L.G.**

"Last year's results certainly reflect our alumni's growing awareness of the problems confronting their alma mater," reports Edward C. Andrews, Jr., Chairman of the General Alumni Loyalty Gift. "More than $21,000.00 in gifts were sent in by 1,900 alumni, an increase of 200 contributors over the 1959 figures," continued Mr. Andrews.

The General Alumni Loyalty Gift has been in existence since 1943. Special efforts were made during 1960 to revitalize the alumni program of annual giving in order to provide the University with much needed financial support.

"The University has relied on financial support by its alumni in the task of improving its academic excellence," said Mr. Andrews. The following points demonstrate the soundness of our cause:

1. In order to maintain and improve its high standards of teaching, the University must attract and retain first rate teachers. To do this, it must offer them adequate salaries.

2. There is a special need to support the undergraduate divisions which are the backbone of the University, and without which the University and its professional schools cannot exist. Unlike the professional divisions they do not have alumni participating. Funds to provide them with financial assistance,

3. The University never charges the student the full cost of their education. Rather, it relies on outside sources to supplement the widening gap between income and rising expenses. Specifically this means that a substantial part of our education was made available through the generosity of others.

When asked about the Fund's plans for 1961, Mr. Andrews broke out in one of his well-known smiles. "We have a long way to go before we can be satisfied with our performance. So this year we're going for broke," he said. "Our goal is a minimum of $35,000.00 and the highest percentage of participants yet."

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**AROUND CAMPUS**

As part of the University's expansion program, the following physical moves were made within the past year:

- The PSYCHOLOGY Department moved from Crosby Hall to Townsend Hall.
- BIOLOGY from Townsend Hall to Health Sciences Center.
- NURSING from Sherman Hall to Health Sciences Center.
- PHARMACY from Foster Hall to Health Sciences Center.

MODERN LANGUAGES from Engineering Building to Crosby Hall.

The Sociology Department was finally centralized in their third floor quarters in Hayes Hall.

Within the next few months, the departments Anthropology and Linguistics and Audio Visual will occupy their new quarters in Foster Hall.
A counseling seminar is held under the direction of Dr. Maureen E. Jaques (center). Each student submits a research project as part of his master's program. From left to right, John Moyer, Ruth Reichhardt, S. D. Lourteig, Dr. Jaques, Donald Miller, Sally Winder.

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counselors. He joined our staff this year. During the 1961 Summer Session, Dr. Moore will direct the Advanced Counseling and Guidance Institute being held on Campus in cooperation with the U. S. Office of Education under the terms of the National Defense Act.

Dr. Richard Niggelbow (Ph.D., Wisconsin), Dean of Students and Associate Professor of Education at U. B., since 1958, participates in the preparation of college personnel workers.

All the programs have internship and fieldwork experiences as part of their training. Many of our former graduates provide supervision in the settings in which students are placed. Among the alumni who supervise (trainees in the school counselors program are Eileen Brown at Akron Central School, John Hencken at Clarence Central School, Parker Oliver at Hamburg Central High School, and Harriet Matzen at Elmwood Junior High School.

Students in the rehabilitation counseling program are provided with internship experiences at the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, supervised by alumna Joan Evans; Walter Bell, and Anthony Starr at the University of Buffalo; Dr. Thomas H. Smock supervises the internship experiences; and Paul Berrents at Children's Rehabilitation Center, and Paul Littledale at Meyer Memorial Hospital are others among our many alumni who contribute to the internship experiences of students.

The members of the faculty have interest in developing further research activities to improve counseling practice and contribute to theory in the counseling area. Continued participation of professionals in the schools, colleges and agencies will be necessary to maintain this work as well as the rapidly expanding training program. Faculty members in Guidance and Student Personnel Work are pleased by the support they have received from former U. B. students in all walks of education, and are heartened by continued encouragement of their activities.

U.B. Students Start Nigerian Library

What is expected to be the best library in Nigeria now rests in the office of the student newspaper at the University of Buffalo, and in other locations in Western New York.

It has grown from a simple request by a Nigerian student for a few old textbooks into a collection of over 5,000 volumes, with more being added every day. The request may ultimately turn into a library of over 50,000 books.

Samson Obi, a 28-year-old studying for his master's degree in the University's School of Education, asked Edward Brandt, editor of the student-run "Spectrum," to run "a small item to get a few books to take home with me." That was in January.

The "Spectrum" turned the request into a full-fledged campaign, which has now exploded into a larger-scale "Books-for-Africa" collection.

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He said a representative of the International Advisory Council in now in Africa, determining what educational tools will be most helpful. It is expected the agency will administer the "Books for Africa" campaign, Brandt said.

Meanwhile, Samson Obi is rather stunned by it all. He's been in this country five years, studying at Lincoln and Allen universities, "but I never dreamed something like this could happen to me," he says.

Samson is from the tiny (5,000 pop.) village of Obu, in the heart of Nigeria. He expects to return to a life of teaching this June, in his uncle's "The Merchants of Light School." It is the only high school in the area, and now attracts students from miles away, Obi said.

"With this library, I expect students will be coming from all over the country," he said. "It will without question be the most varied in Nigeria, and probably the largest as well."

Nigeria, a land of 55 million people, gained its independence last year from the British.

The unanswered and lovely question is how to get the swelling library to its home in Obu. Mr. Webster has pointed out that although shipping costs are "not too expensive," the longshoremen charge New York City "more a real problem. The longshoremen charge $5 for handling 100 pounds," he says. "That means that 15,000 books will cost about $2,000 to get on board a ship, plus the cost of sea transportation." But the Obus remain undaunted, he says, and expect to get the money "somewhere."

The books will be housed in The Merchants of Light School, where Samson Obi, now a very Americanized Nigerian, will teach such subjects as English, Latin, Igbo (the tribal African tongue), history and geography.