New Phi Beta Kappa Hall Plans Near Completion

Reconstruction of Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall on the campus of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, is expected to begin this summer. The Memorial Hall was partially destroyed by fire on December 29, 1953. Plans for the new building are now in the final drafting stage. In addition to the complete rebuilding of the auditorium, extensive repairs and renovation will be made to the north wing, which was badly damaged by heat, smoke and water. In this wing are housed temporarily the offices of the United Chapters.

Phi Beta Kappa Hall, erected in commemoration of the founders of the Society and dedicated on November 27, 1926, was built at a cost of $128,000. It is estimated that the new structure will cost $650,000. Insurance will provide $125,000 toward its replacement. An additional $200,000 has been appropriated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia. To assist the College in raising the remaining funds needed, Alpha of Virginia has appealed for contributions. As we go to press, a total of $23,288 has been contributed by 2,341 members of Phi Beta Kappa, alumni and friends of William and Mary.

During the course of the campaign to raise funds for the reconstruction of the memorial building, there have been several inquiries about the great difference between the amount of insurance recovery and the estimated cost of reconstruction. The original building was a non-fireproof structure with a box-type auditorium. The seating arrangement left much to be desired, and there were inadequate lounge, rest room and stage facilities. Plans now being drawn call for a fireproof auditorium with a larger stage, a lounge and rest rooms. In the new auditorium, visibility and acoustics will be greatly improved.

Ever since Phi Beta Kappa Hall was built in 1926, it has served as a center for cultural and scholarly events. The new Phi Beta Kappa Hall will continue as a cultural center for the College and community and will be used for Phi Beta Kappa functions as well as for convocations, concerts, plays, lectures, and exhibits. It is a fitting memorial to the fifty founders of Phi Beta Kappa and their ideals.

PhI Beta Kappa Members Study at British Universities

The Marshall Scholarships, set up by Great Britain in gratitude for Marshall Plan Aid and awarded for the first time this year, provide for twelve U. S. graduates, men and women, under twenty-eight years of age, to be selected annually. These Scholarships are given grants for two or three years' study at British universities. The first group, just announced, includes the following members of Phi Beta Kappa: W. B. Gwyn, University of Virginia; A. A. Maradudin and H. M. Wagner, Stanford University; Carol M. Edler, University of Wisconsin; Norma McLeod, University of Utah; P. P. Brountas, Bowdoin College; and Jean Smits, Oberlin College.

Committee Begins Judging Annual Gauss Award Entries

The Christian Gauss Award, Phi Beta Kappa's annual literary prize, will be awarded in 1954 for the best book of literary scholarship or criticism published during the year by an American university press. This marks the fourth year that the $1,000 prize will be awarded. Named in memory of Christian Gauss, prime mover of its establishment, the award goes to the author of the prize-winning book.

Entries, submitted by the presses, will be considered by six judges in contrast to the five-member committee of previous years. G. Armour Craig, associate professor of English at Amherst College, is serving as chairman of the Award Committee. The other judges will be: Justin M. O'Brien of Columbia University, Josephine Miles of the University of California, Herbert Ross Brown of Bowdoin College, and two others now being appointed. Their decision will be announced in December.
Sentinels and Stewards

By Charles E. Wyzanski, Jr.

It is sometimes said that Communism and religion are the two ends of the stick of authoritarianism. And when one is caught red-handed grasping one tip, the only course is to turn the stick around in one's hands, grab firmly the other end, and poke the man who was your companion with that point of the stick you just had held so close unto your own heart. But I am going to talk about both Communism and religion in one speech, not because of their alleged mutual, authoritarian implications, but because they are from different vantage points the most revealing measuring rods of the quality of man's inner stability and courage.

Our universities have been faced with Congressional inquiry and public scrutiny because some of our less distinguished teachers have been charged with misconduct occurring entirely outside the classroom. Though I have no doubt that we reached the right result in retaining these faculty members, I have the temerity to examine the correctness of the reasoning upon which these commendable results have been achieved.

I begin with usual, but nonetheless sincere, proclamations. I believe in legislative inquiries as one of the informing agencies of our vital democracy. I regard resort to the Fifth Amendment as a gravely doubtful determination by any teacher. Often he has no legal right to invoke the privilege. Usually he makes a decision which strongly suggests that he has broken the law. Almost invariably his action injures him, his university, and freedom. For all would stand better if he revealed his past and present beliefs and conduct.

Moreover, I look upon Communism as the most reactionary form of despotism of the present day. Like all of us, I discern its military aspect as a threat to the United States and to the free world. I know beyond any reasonable doubt that it is a mechanism for utilizing both knowing and unknowing American agents for espionage, and if need be, for sabotage, and in time of war, for treason. Its corruption goes to the central core of man's virtue, and is to be viewed with that horror which we reserve, not for mere wickedness and evil, but for that utter nihilism which sweeps away the whole roots of man and society.

And yet even these proclamations do not go far enough. I acknowledge that the record shows that on occasion I have been unable to tell a criminal when I saw one. This experience prevents me from feeling any over-confidence in my own capacities of detection. But it has also illustrated for me a lesson which is often forgotten: private judgments are most unreliable when made in the absence of a permanent investigating staff, in the absence of compulsory subpoena process, in the absence of confrontation, in the absence of cross-examination, and without public trials cabined by specific issues, findings, and conclusions.

However, having admitted the magnitude of the Communist evil, I do not admit its immediacy. I do not concede that there is any proof that at the moment we are in such a state of emergency as to present even a plausible case for the suspension of civil liberties. I recognize the temptation to move more expeditiously, dramatically, and drastically than is contemplated by judicial process. We seek to show our alertness to the ultimate implications of the dread conspiracy. We are avid to demonstrate that we are not fools, nor laggards, nor apologists for a materialistic creed we detest. We are tempted to equate eternal vigilance with vigilante action. And yet I submit that each of us individually, as well as the organizations with which we are associated,—the university, the bar association, the labor union, the motion picture company, the broadcaster, the private corporate employer,—should deal with the Communist menace within the framework of our historic procedure without panic or the slightest departure from either the formal guarantees of due process or the customary, if unguaranteed, methods of imposing punishments, curtailing benefits, or revoking licenses.

Our moral and our political task is to persuade those at home and abroad that we have the strength, self-confidence, and steadiness to be the champion of the Western tradition. And in that tradition, the rule of law and the common consent of our forefathers established standard techniques for the ascertainment of guilt, and even of unworthiness of office. These techniques do not, as is sometimes asserted, promise archaic and cumbersome procedures more helpful to the enemy than ourselves. No informed critic asserts that to remove a person from public or private responsibility there must be an indictment by a grand jury and a trial by a petit jury. Nonetheless, there are standards for even such removals—standards emphasizing our belief that principle rather than expediency is the arch of justice; standards based upon the democratic presupposition that free men give their loyalty when they are persuaded, not merely commanded.

It is, for example, clear that any procedure is arbitrary in which men suffer punishment or deprivation without notice of the specific charges against them, without chance to be heard, and without the right to hear and test the full evidence offered in their cases.

Furthermore, men should not be disciplined for beliefs which they are not prepared to translate into perversions of action. The freedom to believe as one wills was more than the rock which the Pilgrims found on the barren coast of New England. It has become the touchstone for determining the true character of a society: if absent, the democratic structure has a false façade; if present, the political and social order embodies a true commonwealth.

But it is asserted that the problem presented to us is of quite different dimensions than those I have sketched. It is contended that what concerns us is not the broad political and social order, but the university as a private body, the university as an employer, the university as the educator of the young, the university as the mother of its devoted alumni, and the university as the symbol of intellectual integrity. I agree that the university stands on a footing different from any other institution. Sometimes this difference has been crystallized in the nebulous phrase "academic freedom." But that phrase lacks a precision which fully reveals its implications. A university
is the historical consequence of the mediaeval studium generale — a self-generated guild of students or of masters accepting as grounds for entrance and dismissal only criteria relevant to the performance of scholarly duties. The men who become full members of the faculty are not in substance our employees. They are not our agents. They are not our representatives. They are a fellowship of independent scholars answerable to us only for academic integrity.

We undertake the responsibility for handling infractions of university codes occurring within the times and places where our certificate operates. On these matters we possess the best available evidence, we have familiar canons to apply, and we have established processes of judgment and punishment.

What faculty members do outside their posts, we should leave to outside authority. This is the teaching of Bologna, of Paris, of Oxford, of Cambridge, and I fervently hope of American universities.

But I hear someone object that the American university, unlike the European university, is a social as well as an intellectual community, a parent as well as a teacher, a club as well as a guild. And we are told that we have the right to exclude those who are not like ourselves, and others who embarrass us by their manners, or their lack of patriotism, or their low concept of civic duty, or their philosophies, or their effect on our financial supporters, or the hostility they arouse toward our institution and ourselves. If the troublemakers are persons we would not have as partners, why must we have them as associates incurring liabilities at our expense?

To this the answer lies in the basic noble conception of a university. It is not and must not become an aggregation of like-minded people all behaving according to approved conven-
VALUES THAT MATTER

REALMS OF VALUE by Ralph Barton Perry
Harvard, $7.50

A review by Alain Locke

The realm of value — or as Professor Perry pluralistically and more wisely says, “Realms” of value — is one of the most important and most baffling of the provinces of philosophy. Its importance as a primary point of contact between thought and actual living is seldom given proper emphasis in either professional or lay thinking. The reasons are many, among them our chronic inclination to take values for granted. But on the professional philosopher rests also an ample share of blame. Not only have the older philosophers turned their backs on the vital link between values and life, pursuing their abstractions into transcendental absolutes of idealistic metaphysics, but many, if not most, of more recent philosophies — realism and positivism — have likewise gone astray by pressing their value analyses into a disembodied stratosphere of transcendental mathematics. It is both a notable and welcome exception to encounter an analysis of value that, without loss of scholarly depth, examines values in the vital context of their actual functioning, and as in the case of Realms of Value, yields cumulative insight into the role of values in motivating and sustaining human behavior and in providing sanctions — rational and rationalized — for our civilization.

Professor Perry’s book is a leisurely revision of his “Gifford Lectures” of 1946-47 and 1947-48, and it marks the climax of a lifelong specialization that began with The Moral Economy and includes the definitive General Theory of Value. Like William James, Professor Perry gives full weight to the practical and creative controls of ideas and ideals. In this Jamesian approach, which he has not only maintained but matured, Professor Perry has a viewpoint ideally suited to the task of analyzing the basic values of Western civilization. This huge task, it can be reported, has been accomplished in urbane and integrated fashion, with a singular absence of dogmatism. By carefully maintaining the historical approach, he has obviated all need for the specious generalizations and overall rationale that cripple so many other systematic studies of values. A consistent realism has also aided materially, and the prudent pluralism already mentioned has safeguarded against such likely pitfalls as the illusion of automatic progress or involvement in the blind provincialisms of our own culture. As an end result, we are the richer for an enlightening review, easily comprehensible by the layman, of the way in which civilized man has worked out effective and progressively inclusive integrations of his human interests and their supporting values. This review is a notable achievement.

Although Realms of Value offers no solutions and no formulae of progress, it is far from being a colorless and non-committal study. Here and there are quiet, firm hints of constructive insights and saner goals. No careful reader will come away with his provincialisms or partisanships untempered, nor is he likely to persist in the conviction that values are absolute, sacrosanct and automatically universal. He may have shed any previous notions that values are best professed or understood in their original perspectives, or most sanely practiced in their traditional loyalties and sanctions. In the light of what the history of value development and conflict alike indicate, he will be more prone to consider humanity’s best hope to be the discovery and implementation, through reason and experience, of more and more generic underlying values toward which future co-loyalties and collaboration can be directed.

Alain Locke, professor of philosophy, emeritus, at Howard University, is the author of The Negro in Art, The Negro In America, The Negro and His Music, and other books.
A Fabulous Journey

By Charl Ormond Williams

ON my recent trip of forty thousand miles around and up and down the world I visited thirty-five countries, and crossed the equator and the Arctic circle each four times. I forsook the paths trod on previous trips to Europe, and tried to do and see the things the usual traveler does not encounter. This time I wanted to see people, high and low, rich and poor, without regard to creed or color. Then, I wanted to visit emerging countries trying for the first time for self-government, and old countries that were throwing off the yoke of bondage that had kept the people in thralldom for centuries. As it turned out, my plan was the most rewarding one I could have conceived.

With the help of some prominent men and women in my country I had the good fortune to meet and talk with several notables — crowned heads of countries in Asia, Africa and Europe, as well as prime ministers and presidents, rare experiences indeed. Of absorbing interest were my visits to primitive people in the most backward countries of Africa. Asked to write about some one particularly interesting experience, I have chosen Greenland, one of the least-known and least-traveled countries in the world.

Greenland’s associations with Scandinavia go back a thousand years before our time. Eric the Red, the Icelandic discoverer of Greenland, established a colony at the end of the tenth century on this second largest island in the world that flourished for five hundred years. Hans Egede, a great missionary, went to Greenland in 1721 to rechristianize the Vikings about whom little was known. He found ruined farms, houses, and stone churches in the southern part, but the people had either died of starvation and epidemics, or had been killed by the Eskimos. In 1814 when Denmark and Norway were separated as a result of the Napoleonic Wars, Greenland remained with Denmark. Somewhere along the way Denmark clamped down on the island a trade monopoly that has kept not only foreigners but Danes as well from visiting the island, except those who were sent there on business. After inquiring all around the world about how to get to Greenland, I finally flew to Copenhagen to see what could be done. First, permission had to be granted by the Greenland Department under the Prime Minister, and since there is no public transportation of any kind to the island I had to appeal to the Greenland Trading Company for a seat on the plane chartered to take a full quota of contractors and other people who were being sent there by the government. The men in these offices did nothing to encourage me to make that trip. The little cargo boats on which I would travel and live after reaching the southernmost point of the island were not modern or comfortable, they said, and further there were no hotels or banks in Greenland. The more they discouraged me, the more eager I was to set forth on that journey. There was not a dull moment from the time we gathered at the air terminal until I returned to Copenhagen by boat six weeks later.

The Eskimos who displaced the Scandinavians in Greenland possessed a totally different social culture based on hunting. The traditional Eskimo economy has for its basis the hunting of marine mammals, notably the seal. The man who can catch enough seals creates for himself and his family an economic sufficiency because the seal furnishes him with all that he requires to live — food, clothing, implements and weapons, even vessels and houses. A skilled sealer therefore enjoyed unique independence, and had no need of a social life. In order to preserve the culture of the Eskimos, Denmark sought to protect their way of life by the trade monopoly, and by the exclusion of Danes and foreigners from the island. But times have changed. The diminishing number of seals, climatic changes, and the effects of World War II have necessitated new plans that Denmark is heroically trying to carry out. The transition from a natural economy based on hunting to a monetary economy based on fishing is being worked out today with the cooperation of the Danes and Greenland.

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KEY PERSONNEL

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CHAPITERS and PEOPLE

Meeting for the First Time
in 39 years, George W. Harley and Worth Tuttle Hedden, both of the class of '16 at Trinity College and honorary Phi Beta Kappas of the Duke University Chapter, renewed acquaintance in Liberia. Dr. Harley, anthropologist and physician, is the founder and director of the famous Ganta Mission in northeastern Liberia where, since 1926, he has established a church, a boarding school, a hospital, a leper colony, and such aids to native economy as a sawmill and a brickyard, written his definitive Native African Medicine and numerous papers for the Peabody Museum on the tribes of the Liberian interior. Mrs. Hedden, novelist, accompanied her husband, Walter P. Hedden, Phi Kappa Williams '20, when he went in February to make a survey of the Port of Monrovia for the U.S. Department of State.

Three of the Five young scientists named recently as winners of the 1954-55 Frank B. Jewett post-doctoral fellowships are members of Phi Beta Kappa. Thomas Fulton, Phi Kappa Harvard '50, Stanley L. Miller, Phi Kappa California '51, and Roger G. Newton, Phi Kappa Harvard '49, will carry on creative research at institutions of their own choice under these grants from Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Journey continued
landers. To undergird this new policy Denmark has granted a measure of self-government to Greenland, and while we were there the people, men and women, elected for the first time two men to serve in the Danish Parliament. In addition, the Danes have built public schools, churches and hospitals in all the thirteen colonies on the west coast that are strung out from the southernmost point of the island to Thule, eight hundred miles from the North Pole.

In the native village of Thule there lived until this past year the only pure-blooded Eskimos on the island. The noise of many planes in the air and the scum of oil on the water drove the seal to the north, and perform the Danes had to move the entire village two hundred miles to the north on dog sledges in order that those people might continue to live. The rest of the population are of mixed blood, and they insist on being called Greenlanders, unlike the real Eskimos who are proud to be known as such.

Most of Greenland lies within the Arctic Circle, and five-sixths of it is covered with an ice cap twenty million years old and two miles deep in places. This ice, replenished and hardened with every snow, is constantly pushing down and out to sea in the form of glaciers that move at the unbelievable rate of sixty feet a day. Twenty million tons of ice are discharged from the Jacobshavn Glacier alone every day in the year. Astounded, enthralled, and speechless were the first-trip passengers as the little boat, the Julius Thomsen, moved slowly through Disko Bay in front of that huge glacier, one of many on both coasts. Icebergs that looked as big as hotels, bank buildings and warehouses were lined up along the coast for fifty miles as far as the eye could see, and nine-tenths of their bulk is always under water. Arriving at sunset we saw the water of the bay change from blue to violet to purple, while the icebergs took on the colors of blue, white or gray. A memorable spectacle was the Northern Lights that flashed suddenly in the sky, shimmered across the heavens, and as suddenly disappeared. Sitting on the icy deck one evening near midnight I watched the sun set, and rise again within three hours, a gorgeous riot of color: Greenland, spectacular, bleak, beautiful, will live in my memory always.

George W. Harley and Worth Tuttle Hedden


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