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Eleven Honored at Annual Dinner



Standing, left to right: David Rockefeller, Henry Tarkowski, Arthur A. Cruger, President Seitz. Seated: Mary Josephine McGee, E. Jeanne Ross, Elinor M. Clayton.

The University's annual retirement and anniversary dinner was held on April 4 on the 17th floor of the Tower. It honored those members of the campus community who are retiring after 15 or more years of service and those who are celebrating special anniversaries. In attendance with those being honored were members of their families and long-time University associates. David Rockefeller, chairman of the board, presented gifts and certificates of recognition to the celebrants. Entertainment was provided by a string quartet under the direction of Graduate Fellow Urs Rutishauser.

Those retiring, and their years of service, are:

E. Jeanne Ross, secretary, Plant Biology, 38 years

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Guggenheims Awarded

Professors Donald Davidson, Philosophy, and William Trager, Parasitology, have been awarded Guggenheim Fellowships for 1973. They are among 339 American and Canadian scholars, scientists, and artists selected for grants.

SUNDAY FOOD SERVICE

Sunday food service was started in the Tower Cafeteria on April 15. It will continue through June 17 and, if it appears to fulfill a need, will be reinstated in the fall. Breakfast, from 9 A.M. to noon, includes juice, fruit, pastry, and coffee, at a la carte prices. Lunch, from noon to 3 P.M., consists of soup or fruit, one entrée (no choice), vegetables, salad, dessert, and beverage. The price is \$2.55 plus tax.

Air Rights Proposal Gets Final Go-Ahead

By its affirmative vote (18 to 4) on April 2, the New York City Board of Estimate approved conveyance of title to most of the air space over the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive between East 62nd Street and a point just beyond 71st Street, to the University, The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, and the Hospital for Special Surgery.

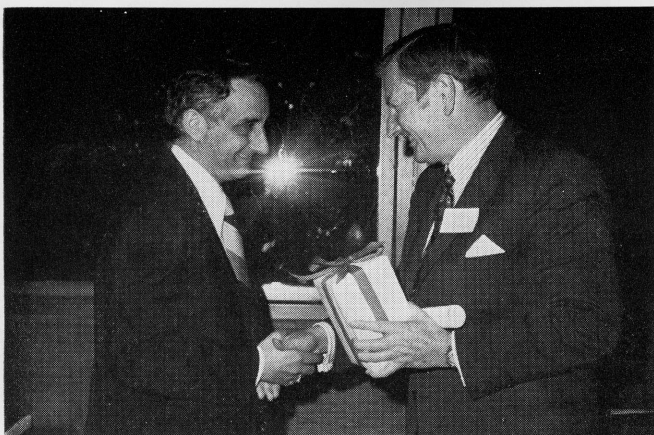
This will permit the institutions, over the next 20 years, to replace obsolescent structures and construct new medical, research, and educational facilities. The air space can be used only for the non-profit purposes for which the institutions have been incorporated. Any changes in the agreement between the institutions and the city would not be permitted without the consent of the Board of Estimate.

In return, as the air space is utilized, the institutions will construct at their own expense, for public use, an elevated pedestrian promenade along the East River that will be attractively landscaped and equipped with benches, fountains, and other facilities. The 25-foot-wide promenade will be accessible at several points. The institutions have agreed to widen and improve the approaches at 63rd and 71st, where pedestrian bridges already exist, and to build new approaches at 68th and 72nd. The University and New York Hospital-Cornell will have to encumber portions of their property in order to provide access at 63rd and 68th.

As owners of the elevated promenade, the three institutions must provide maintenance and security, again at their own expense, for both the promenade and the access routes. They will also pay the cost of installing any new lighting required.

The cost of constructing the promenade and access routes is currently estimated at between four and five million dollars. Additional funds will be expended by the institutions in meeting continuing lighting, maintenance, and security costs. All costs will

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Anthony Fusco with David Rockefeller



Left to right: Lyman C. Craig, S. Theodore Bella, Reolena E. Edwards



Left to right: William Trager, Elinor M. Clayton, Mary Josephine McGee, and David Rockefeller

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Henry Tarkowski, senior watch engineer, Power House, 27 years

Arthur A. Cruger, animal attendant, Virology and Medicine, 24 years

Elinor M. Clayton, supervisor of nursing care, Hospital, 30 years

Mary Josephine McGee, Food Service helper, 15 years

LeRoy J. Mason, Shipping and Receiving clerk, 15 years (honored *in absentia*)

Those marking special anniversaries are:

Professor Lyman C. Craig, Biochemistry, 40 years

Professor William Trager, Parasitology, 40 years

S. Theodore Bella, microanalyst, 25 years

Reolena E. Edwards, cleaner, House-keeping Service, 25 years

Anthony Fusco, regular maintenance electrician, Machine Shop, 25 years

BRIEFS

Professors **Vincent G. Allfrey**, **Merrill W. Chase**, **Robert P. Klett**, **Fritz Lipmann**, and **Edward Reich**, Research Associate **Adolfo Ruiz-Carrillo**, and Graduate Fellows **Bernard Fulpius** and **Lawrence J. Wagh** were among the Rockefeller University scientists who participated as speakers at symposia and special functions held in connection with the 57th annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, held April 15-20 in Atlantic City. Dr. Reich also was chairman of a symposium on Current Status of Pharmacological Receptors.

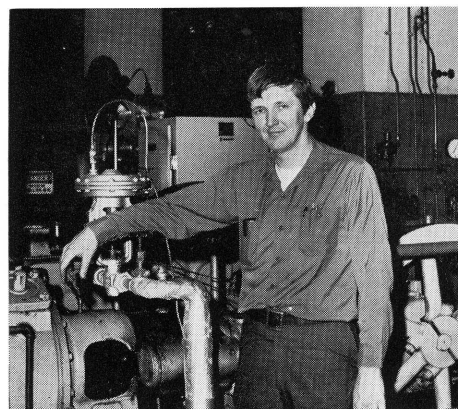
President Seitz, served as chairman-representative of the U.S. delegation to the first session of the United Nations Committee on Science and Technology for Development, held in New York March 12-30. **Rodney W. Nichols**, vice president for program planning, attended as an adviser to the delegation.

Carl Pfaffmann, University vice president and professor, spoke at the 143rd anniversary dinner of the Rhode Island Alpha of Phi Beta Kappa at Brown University on April 11. Dr. Pfaffmann taught at Brown for more than 20 years before coming to Rockefeller and has been a member of the Brown board of fellows since 1969.

C. C. Yip, '63, received the 1972 Charles H. Best Award. Dr. Yip, who earned his degree at Rockefeller in the endocrinology laboratory of Professor Reginald M. Archibald, serves as associate professor in the Banting and Best Department of Medical Research, Charles H. Best Institute, University of Toronto.

An Airy Tale

If anyone can dispel the image of "ivory tower" scientists, it's Regina Weinberg. In addition to her duties as receptionist in Caspary, she is responsible for handling travel arrangements for individuals traveling on University business. She has booked hundreds of thousands of air miles for Rockefeller faculty, students, and staff (\$10,000 worth in an average month). And she is thoroughly familiar with large chunks of the timetables of most of the major national and international air lines. Zagreb, anyone?



Mortko Promoted

With the retirement of Henry Tarkowski on June 1, James Mortko will assume the post of senior watch engineer in the Power House.

Mr. Mortko came to Rockefeller in 1955 as a temporary plumber's helper after attending the New York Trade School. He remained at the University, becoming a plumber in the Machine Shop and, in 1958, a mechanic in the Power House. Three years of study with the International Correspondence School, in addition to five years of working apprenticeship, qualified him to take the New York City stationary engineer's examination, which he passed in 1964. He put in another year of night study at the Machine and Metal Trades High School and subsequently passed the refrigeration machine operator's exam. Since 1965 he has been serving as stationary watch engineer. With his promotion to senior watch engineer he becomes second in command in the Power House under Chief Engineer George Karda.

IN PRINT

Joan Goulianos, wife of Professor Konstantin Goulianos, Experimental High Energy Physics, is the editor of a new volume, *By A Woman Writt: Literature From Six Centuries By and About Women*, published by Bobbs-Merrill. The collection suggests the range and complexity of women's literature and features the work of writers who, for various social and historical reasons, have received little notice in the past. Mrs. Goulianos, who has written an introduction to the collection, prepared the material with the help of four graduate students while she was serving as assistant professor of literature at New York University. Currently she is an associate professor at Ramapo College in New Jersey.

70 Years Ago: A New Era For a Historic Site

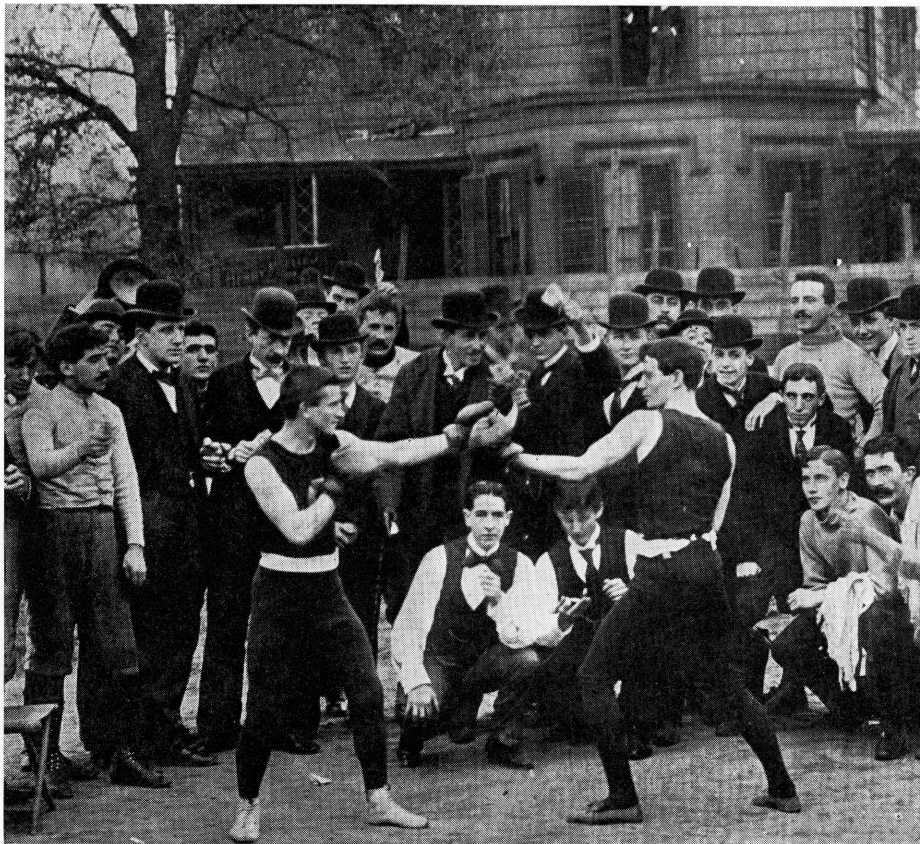
Seventy years ago this month the search for a permanent site for the new Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research ended with the purchase of the Schermerhorn estate, an almost perfectly preserved 18th century Dutch farm, complete with grazing cows and chickens and a house described as "a Swiss chalet with Dutch trimmings."

First recorded mention of the property is a deed for acreage along the East River purchased by Cornelius Mattison (or Mattyson) in 1676. The house, built in 1747, served for a number of years as the "country" retreat of George Clinton, who later became first governor of New York and who served twice as vice president.

John Hardenbrook bought the estate in 1803 (or 1805, reports disagree), and died shortly after. His wife survived him by several years, and some old documents designate the area in the name "Widow Hardenbrook." Her heirs deeded it to the Society of the New York Hospital from which it was bought by Peter Schermerhorn, a wealthy descendant of 17th century Dutch settlers. The family lived there until about 1860, when they built a more fashionable mansion on 23rd Street. The final occupant of the house was August Braun, a German immigrant who rented it from the Schermerhorns and lived there for over 30 years. During that period he fathered a large family and a small fortune. The house and farm remained rustically intact with few changes except for the coal wagons that rattled along 64th Street, where Clinton's rose garden had once bloomed, and the loss of the parlor which "Boss" Tweed "chopped off," as Braun put it, to make way for Avenue A (now York Avenue).

Braun was an enthusiastic swimmer and member of the Pastime Athletic Club, which made its home in another of the buildings on the property. According to adulatory accounts of the day, the club's athletes, called "the Indians," were the country's unquestioned noncollegiate champions of amateur sports. "From the old club house," said the *Evening Telegram*, "have gone forth such men as 'Lon' Myers, sprinting champion of the world . . . and John J. O'Brien, champion lightweight wrestler of the N.Y.A.C., alderman from the 'farm' district, and now chief clerk of the Street Cleaning Department. . . ."

John D. Rockefeller's purchase inspired considerable public and jour-



Cradle of champions: The Pastime Athletic Club

nalistic interest. A favorite story concerned the extended visit supposedly made to Clinton by his friend, George Washington, in the summer of 1783. Seated one day on a "grassy knoll" under the giant walnut tree where he reportedly loved to whittle, he gazed "from the river to the ripe fields to the south" and, turning to Clinton, said, "A hundred years from now, surely, but what progress the world must make." (Rockefeller Institute historian George Corner considers the story highly unlikely since British forces still occupied New York that summer.

Although the Hardenbrook-Schermerhorn estate comprised the bulk of the Institute's property, the area from 67th to 68th Streets was not acquired until 1920, and that from 63rd to 64th Streets not until 1929. The old house remained standing for a number of years while the fledgling institution was getting started. Old photographs and documents relating to the site, taken from the University Archives, are being displayed this month in the Library.

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be shared by the three according to terms of an interinstitutional agreement now being formulated.

The board's approval was the final step in a sequence of legislative actions, public hearings, and negotiations stretching over nearly four years. State legislation authorizing the city to sell the air rights was enacted in the spring of 1971.

The University's portion of the air space, approximately 5 acres or more than 200,000 square feet, extends up the drive—and east to the water's edge—from the northern edge of East 62nd Street to the midpoint of 68th. Also included is the space over 63rd Street from the eastern edge of York Avenue to the eastern edge of the drive. From that point to the East River, the air space has been set aside by the city, under a five-year reversion clause, for possible use as a park. Also excluded from the grant is a small strip along the waterfront between 62nd and 63rd.

New York Hospital-Cornell and the Hospital for Special Surgery would share an area of approximately 150,000 square feet between the midpoint of 68th Street and a point halfway between 71st and 72nd Streets. Included is the space over East 70th from York Avenue to the drive and a part of 71st from the Hospital for Special Surgery to the drive.



Left to right: Toby Fishman, UNIVAC 9200, and Val Rychlik

Computer Use Expansion

In 1970, the University joined a computer-sharing plan for the processing of its accounting systems. The procedure has proved to be a valuable time and money saver and has been considerably expanded, reports Controller David J. Lyons.

Rockefeller University and the Cornell University Medical College are using the system for all accounting and budgeting. The Rockefeller University Press has computerized its journals subscription roll of 17,000 monthly. Other uses include billing for the Animal Medical Center at 62nd Street, handling of invoices for Cornell's animal house, projections of Rockefeller University's investment income, compilation of the University telephone directory, and occasional statistical work for the laboratories. Information records for the Center for Prevention of Premature Arteriosclerosis at the Rockefeller Hospital will soon be computerized.

The cooperative arrangement, as originally described in *news and notes* for September 1970, combines the use of a small UNIVAC 9200 at Rockefeller which transmits information through special telephone lines to New York University's large UNIVAC 1108. This resource-sharing plan enables each user to have access to a more powerful and lower cost facility than it could otherwise afford.

Operating the Rockefeller facilities, under Mr. Lyon's direction, are two analyst assistants, Toby Fishman and Val Rychlik. A consultant from NYU is available whenever needed. Rooms A9 and A10, Founder's, hum and clack with automated activity. In addition to the UNIVAC 9200, machines

with names like "Forms Burster" and "Forms Deleaver" eliminate many tedious, time-consuming manual operations. In one operation, billing charges are posted through sealed postage-metered envelopes and addresses are printed on the front, eliminating manual stuffing, sealing, and stamping.

The use of the 1108 system is available on a cost-sharing basis to any group on campus having computation requirements beyond the capabilities of locally available smaller machines. Inquiries are invited and should be addressed to Mr. Lyons or Dr. Albert Gold.

Lorente de Nó to L.A.

Professor Rafael Lorente de Nó, who has been associated with this institution for 37 years, left New York at the end of April. He will present a series of lectures at the National Polytechnic Institute in Mexico City and, after that, in July will settle in Los Angeles. Dr. Lorente de Nó will participate in investigations being carried out in the Department of Otology at the University of California at Los Angeles. On March 10, he received the Ben B. Breslow Award of the Hope for Hearing Foundation at UCLA for his work on the anatomy and physiology of the cochlear and vestibular systems of the ear.

Dr. Lorente de Nó, who has been concerned for many years with problems relating to the nature of the nerve impulse and its conduction, joined The Rockefeller Institute in 1936 as an associate, later becoming associate member, and member. When the Institute became a university, he was named professor. He became emeritus last year.

Press Publishes Book on Science, Public Policy

Science and the Evolution of Public Policy, edited by James A. Shannon, special assistant to the President and professor of Biomedical Sciences, is scheduled for publication this month by The Rockefeller University Press. The book is based on a series of 12 lectures given at the University in the 1971-1972 academic year under Dr. Shannon's direction.

The contributors are Caryl Haskins, former president, Carnegie Institution; William McElroy, chancellor, University of California at San Diego; Sir Harold Himsworth, formerly deputy chairman, Medical Research Council of Great Britain; Robert S. Morison, Schwartz Professor of Science and Society, Cornell University; Walter A. Rosenblith, provost, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ivan L. Bennett, Jr., director and dean, New York University Medical Center; Harvey Brooks, dean of engineering and applied physics, Harvard University; Henry W. Riecken, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences; Joseph S. Murtaugh, director, Department of Planning and Policy Development, Association of American Medical Colleges; Patrick E. Haggerty, chairman of the board, Texas Instruments, Inc.; Edward David, Presidential Science Adviser at the time of the lectures; and Gerard Piel, publisher, *Scientific American*.

The lecture series considers some of the questions whose solutions will profoundly affect the course of science and society in the coming years. These include questions relating to public vs. private funding of science, a reasonable level of support for science and science education, the public image of science, and the capabilities of science to relate to the major social problems of the day.

The book, like the lecture series, was financed by grants from the National Science Foundation and The Commonwealth Fund.

NEW MEMORIAL PRESIDENT

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, which comprises Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases and the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research, has announced the appointment of Lewis Thomas as president and chief executive officer. Dr. Thomas, who served most recently as dean of the Yale School of Medicine, was a visiting investigator at Rockefeller from 1942 to 1946.