

## **New Biography for Chancellor McGill**

**April 2, 1969**

DR. WILLIAM J. MCGILL Chancellor University of California, San Diego

Dr. William J. McGill, 47, was named Chancellor of the San Diego Campus of the University of California on June 21, 1968, by the University Board of Regents. He succeeded Dr. John S. Galbraith, UCSD Chancellor since 1964, who resigned to accept a visiting fellowship at Cambridge University, England.

McGill joined the UCSD faculty in 1965 as Professor of Psychology after more than nine years in the Department of Psychology at Columbia University in New York. In 1967 he was elected Chairman of the San Diego Division of the Academic Senate for a two-year term and was then named Chairman-elect for 1968-1969 of the Statewide Assembly of the Academic Senate. Because of his appointment as Chancellor, he relinquished the San Diego and Statewide Senate positions.

McGill was born in New York City on February 27, 1922. He received an A.B. degree from Fordham College in 1943, an M.A. degree from Fordham University in 1947 and a Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Harvard University in 1953. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Fordham College in 1943.

He served for a year as Instructor at Fordham University, for a year as Teaching Fellow at Harvard University and for a year as Instructor at Boston College before becoming a staff member of the Lincoln Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1951. Three years later, he was named Assistant Professor of Psychology at M.I.T.

In 1956 he joined the faculty of Columbia University where he served as Assistant Professor (1956-1958), Associate Professor (1958-1960) and Professor (1960-1965). He served as Chairman of the Department of Psychology at Columbia from 1960 to 1963.

McGill has made outstanding contributions in a variety of areas in quantitative psychology, particularly in information processing and mathematical psychology. He is highly regarded both as a theoretician and as an experimentalist and is considered as being at the forefront of the advancing knowledge of sensory mechanisms.

His contributions to mathematical psychology have also been in the areas of psychological scaling and psychophysics. A chapter on Stochastic Latency Mechanisms, written by McGill in the Handbook of Mathematical Psychology and published in 1963, is considered a distinct contribution to psychology.

He was elected to the Society of Experimental Psychologists in 1962, elected to the governing board of the Psychonomic Society in 1965 and to the Board of Trustees of the Psychometric Society in 1967. He is a member of Sigma Xi, the American Statistical Association, the Psychometric Society, the Biometric Society and the Society of Experimental Psychologists and is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He serves as Associate Editor for the Journal of Mathematical Society, Associate Editor of Perception and Psychophysics, Consulting Editor for the Psychological Bulletin and Consulting Editor of Psychometrika.

At the San Diego campus McGill has served as a member and chairman of the Committee on Educational Policy and as a member of the Academic Council of the Academic Senate and the Chancellor's Senate Council.

He is married to the former Ann Rowe and they have two children, Rowena, 19, a student at the Santa Barbara campus of the University of California, and William, 14.

Born: February 27, 1922; New York City

Married: Ann Rowe; June 14, 1948, Boston, Massachusetts

Children: Rowena, E.; April 30, 1950, Boston, Massachusetts William R.; March 12, 1955, Boston Massachusetts

Residence: La Jolla, California

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Education: A.B. Fordham College, 1943 M.A. Fordham. University, 1947 Ph.D. Harvard University, 1953 (Experimental Psychology)

Experience: 1947-48 Fordham. University, Instructor 1949-50 Harvard University, Teaching Fellow 1950-51 Boston College, Instructor 1951-54 Lincoln Laboratory (MIT), Staff Member 1954-56 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Assistant Professor 1956-58 Columbia University, Assistant Professor 1958-60 Columbia University, Associate Professor 1960-65 Columbia University, Professor 1960-63 Columbia University, Chairman, Department of Psychology 1965- University of California, San Diego, Professor 1968- University of California, San Diego, Chancellor

Honors: New York State Regents Scholarship (1939-1943) Phi Beta Kappa (Tau Chapter, Fordham College) S.S.R.C. Faculty Research Fellow, 1962 (Award) Elected to Society of Experimental Psychologists, 1962 NIMH Special Fellow, Stanford University, 1963-64 (Award) Elected to Governing Board, Psychonomic Society, 1965-71 Elected to Board of Trustees, Psychometric Society, 1967 Elected Chairman, San Diego Division of the Academic Senate, University of California, 1967-69 Invited Research Address, American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C., Sept. 2, 1967 Elected Chairman of the University Academic Senate, University of California, 1968-69 Professional Sigma Xi

Societies: American Psychological Association (Fellow, 1967) American Statistical Association AAAS (Fellow, 1963) Psychometric Society Biometric Society Society of Experimental Psychologists

Professional Activities: Associate Editor, Journal of Mathematical Society, 1964 Associate Editor, Perception and Psychophysics, 1966 Consulting Editor, Psychological Bulletin, 1966 Consulting Editor, Psychometrika, 1965 Member, Psychological Sciences Fellowship Panel, NIMH, 1963-68 Member, Committee on Educational Policy, San Diego Division, Academic Senate, University of California, 1965-66 Chairman, Committee on Educational Policy, San Diego Division, Academic Senate of the University of California, 1966-67 Member of the Academic Council of Academic Senate, University of California, 1967-69 Member, Chancellor's Senate Council, San Diego Campus, University of California, 1966-68 Chairman, San Diego Division, Academic Senate, University of California, 1967-68 Chairman of the Assembly, Academic Senate, University of California, 1968-69 (Chairman of University Academic Senate)