

First faculty members in the humanities at UCSD selected

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Appointment of the first faculty members in the humanities at the University of California's San Diego campus-- professors of English, German, and philosophy-- was announced today by Chancellor Herbert York.

Effective July 1 of this year, the appointments include Sigurd Burckhardt, 46, Professor of German at Ohio State University; Roy H. Pearce, 43, Professor of English at Ohio State University; Richard H. Popkin, 39, Professor of Philosophy at Harvey Mudd College; and Andrew H. Wright, 39, Professor of English at Ohio State University.

The four appointments are a significant step in the development of undergraduate and graduate departments in the humanities and social sciences at UCSD, which at present offers only graduate instruction in the sciences.

While majors in the humanities will not be offered at UCSD until 1966 or 1967, its first undergraduate students will be admitted for classwork in the fall of 1964.

"The willingness of these new faculty members to join us in the goal of creating a full-fledged campus is an important milestone in the continuing development of UCSD," Chancellor York stated, "These men are the first small nucleus of what promises to be a distinguished and gifted faculty in the humanities and social sciences.

"Their acceptance of these positions emphatically underscores our original intent, that of recruiting a faculty of excellence here from the beginning," the Chancellor said.

Dr. Burckhardt received B. A. and M. A. degrees in English from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Ph.D. in German from Ohio State in 1956.

He was an Instructor and Assistant Professor of English at St. Mary's College from 1947 to 1953, and has taught at Ohio State since 1953. He has contributed some 23 articles to scholarly journals on English and American literature, and was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1957-58.

Dr. Pearce received B. A. and M. A. degrees from UCLA, and a Ph.D. in English from Johns Hopkins University in 1945. He has taught at Johns Hopkins, the University of California, Berkeley, and Ohio State, and was a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Bordeaux in 1962-63.

His books include "The Savages of America: A Study of the Indian and the Idea of Civilization," published in 1953, and "The Continuity of American Poetry," published in 1961 and now in its second printing.

Dr. Pearce is also the editor of "Whitman: A Collection of Critical Essays," published in 1962, and has contributed studies of Whitman and Hawthorne to scholarly journals.

Dr. Popkin received his A. B., A. M. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy from Columbia University. He taught at the State University of Iowa from 1947 to 1960, and was a visiting Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1953-54.

He was a Fulbright Research Scholar at Parks in 1952-53 and in Utrecht in 1957-58, and has received other grants-for study in Paris, Florence, Amsterdam and Toulouse. He has been Professor of Philosophy at Harvey Mudd College since July, 1960.

Among Dr. Popkin's books are "History of Scepticism from Erasum to Descartes," published in 1960, "Introduction to Philosophy," published in 1961, and "Philosophy Made Simple," published in 1957, the latter two in collaboration with Professor Avrum Stroll.

He has contributed 49 articles and reviews to scholarly journals, and is a member of the American Philosophical Association, the Renaissance Society of America, and The Society for French Historical Studies.

Dr. Wright received his A. B. degree from Harvard, and M. A. and Ph.D. degrees in English from Ohio State. He has taught at Ohio State since 1947.

He was the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship to University College, London, in 1951-52, a Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship to University College in 1960-61, and a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1961-62.

His books include "Jane Austen's Novels," "Joyce Cary: A Preface to His Novels," and a "Selective Bibliography for the Study of English and American Literature." He has written introductions and bibliographical notes for the Harper Modern Classics editions of Joyce Cary's "The Horse's Mouth," and "Herself Surprised."

He is a member of the Garrick Club, London, the Jane Austen Society, the Johnson Society of the Great Lakes Region Modern Humanities Research Association, and the Modern Language Association of America.