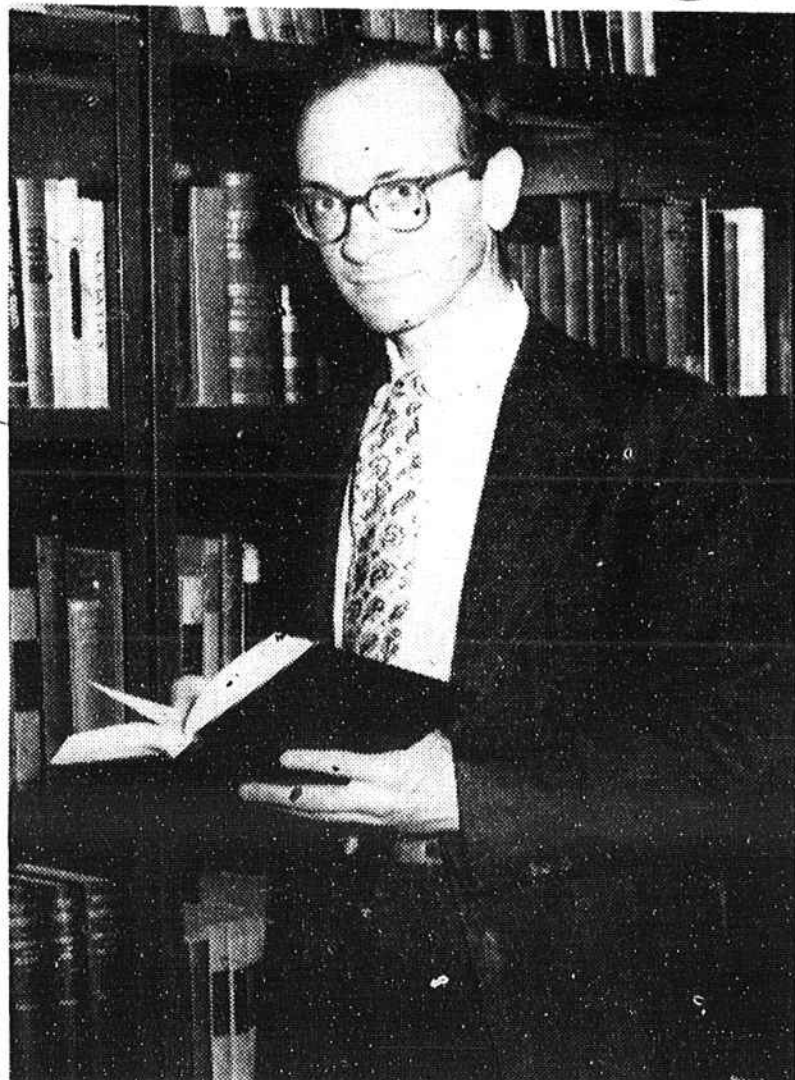


USC Prof Found Philosophy After His Career Hit Snag

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Say, do you know any philosophers? Oh, you say, those are the fellows who go around with their heads in the clouds dreaming up some fantastic ideas about universal revolution and fifth dimensional reality! Well, not quite. Some of them are everyday, normal people, just like you and me—except that they are insatiably curious about life with all its significance and meanings. Philosophy literally means in the Greek "love of wisdom." You may wonder, just how does one go about becoming a philosopher?

To explain this phenomenon, let us take under observation the case of Professor James C. Haden of the USC philosophy faculty, who cites his experience as rather typical. Although his mother was from South Carolina and his father a Virginian, he traveled all the way to Kansas City to get born. Otherwise he seems to have passed a fairly normal childhood, but his innate curiosity cropped out in prep school when he decided to master the bassoon, a fascinating double reed woodwind in the baritone register and a cousin of the oboe and English horn. Irresistably drawn by the lure of the strange and distinctive instrument (they needed one in the orchestra, anyway), he became proficient enough to perform in his collegiate days in the nearby Swarthmore College orchestra, which also needed one of this relatively rare species of musicians.



UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHER . . . Prof. James C. Haden, USC philosopher professor, is seen in his office in Barnwell College. (Gamecock photo by Ben McElveen)

Undergraduate Days

As an undergraduate at Haverford College, near Philadelphia, Mr. Haden majored in physics, with such specialization as was offered in electronics. Upon entering the army in 1943 he pursued further study at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with an electronics training group which worked with radar instruments.

Out of the army, he continued in the electronics field with a New York City company which was working on an experimental sound recording device which, by eliminating some fundamental weaknesses, it was hoped would compete with magnetic recording. Since this research was not accomplishing much, a change of scene found Mr. Haden back at a familiar job, this time with a civilian employer—in a firm handling foreign patent applications.

Career Hits Snag

But at this point the story of a successful electronics engineer and patent writer hit a snag. For he discovered that this rather strictly circumscribed life excluded a wide sweep of possibilities which his fertile imagination and roving curiosity were eager to explore. Leaving the patent job, Mr. Haden began to look for something in life—something important and which made sense of things. While reading omnivorously and somewhat at random, he discovered philosophy and was captivated by it. The biggest revelation was that it was not as absurd as it had been represented to him. And it was not an outmoded, dry-as-dust pilgrimage into antiquity, but a delightful and stimulating adventure, pregnant with timely implications for our modern day. Philosophy posed itself as a rather difficult subject, and one that was worthy of serious study.

Because he had neglected to acquire the fundamentals in his undergraduate days and lacked a suitable basis on which to begin advanced study, the budding philosopher returned to school in 1947. After cramming the basic curriculum into one year at the University of Virginia, he moved on to Yale University to discover a curious assembly gathered, like himself, from sundry unrelated walks of life. After completing requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in the period 1948-51, Mr. Haden taught at Yale for three years before coming to USC in July of last year.

Favorite Hobby

This quality of searching imagination shows up again in Mr. Haden's favorite hobby, which is standing around and talking to people, trying to find out what they are like. He feels that constructive conversation and exchange of thoughts with people who have worth-while ideas can be one of the most vital and influential forces on a college campus, and that the effects of such creative activity will be felt in student government, the campus newspaper, and other student organizations, as well as in student-faculty and student-administration relationships.

Besides music, his other interests include drama, and he was probably seen by many students as Paul D'Argenson in the Town Theater presentation of "Sabrina Fair" a few weeks ago. This activity is a holdover from undergraduate days when Mr. Haden took part in campus dramatic productions.

Philosophic Labels

Mr. Haden is often amused by the restrictive philosophic labels hung on him by people who have heard only a single facet of his views expressed. This observation was accompanied by just a tinge of regret, for he is less interested

in subscribing to a particular doctrine than in understanding the roots of all of them and the contributions that each has made.

This is the path by which one man became a philosopher. Innumerable other people in all ages have, in a similar manner and from all sorts of backgrounds, arrived at a like destination—or perhaps it would be more accurate to say "a like point of departure." The seeds of philosophic inquiry are latent within every man who possesses native intelligence and curiosity. Who knows? It might happen to you!

Top Cadets Get Medals

Distinguished Air Force ROTC student medals were presented to Melton DeForrest Cauthen, West Columbia; John Ephriam Johnston, Greenville; Lorin Charles Covington, Beaufort; and Donald Robert Lewis, Arcade, New York, at a special drill ceremony on Melton Field last week. Colonel Raymond P. Wiseheart, professor of Air Science and Tactics made the presentations.

The cadets were awarded the medals on the basis of their above-average degree of ability, initiative and other leadership qualifications essential to the successful performance and duty as an Air Force ROTC Cadet Officer, Col. Wiseheart said.

Upon receiving a baccalaureate degree, if these cadets maintain the standards required of a Distinguished AFROTC student and complete the advanced course of AFROTC, they will be eligible for designation as a Distinguished AFROTC graduate, which will give them the opportunity to compete for an appointment as an officer in the regular Air Force.

Dept. Of State Announces Exam Date

The Department of State has announced that it will conduct the first written examination under its new recruiting program for the U. S. Foreign Service in June, 1955. It is hoped that the program will bring approximately 300 new Foreign Service officers into the career corps this year, a number which would be unprecedented for any 12-month period.

Under the revised procedures the written examination will take one day instead of the previous three days, and will offer greater opportunities to individuals with specialized backgrounds.

From now on the written examination will be given in 65 cities, and the oral examination which follows will be held in regional centers, rather than being limited to Washington as it has been in previous years. The examinations are open to anyone who meets the age and citizenship requirements.

To be eligible to take the examination, candidates must be at least 20 years of age and under 31; American citizens of at least 10 years' standing and if married, married to an American citizen.

Starting salaries for successful candidates range from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year depending upon the age and experience of the individual. In addition, generous insurance and retirement benefits are granted, as well as annual and sick leave.

Those appointed will be expected to serve in any one of the Department's 267 Embassies, Legations and Consulates in some 77 countries throughout the world as well as in the Department's headquarters in Washington.

The Department representatives will attempt to cover as many colleges and universities as possible during the comparatively short time before the written examination is given in June, and an attempt will be made to visit all of the forty-eight states. This is in line with the Department's policy to have as wide a geographical representation as possible in the Foreign Service Corps.

Free Career Books For Seniors Received At Placement Bureau

Mrs. Ruth E. McVey of the Placement Bureau has received for free distribution to men who are seniors or graduate students a supply of CAREER books for 1955. This is a handy reference book and a useful guide to possible opportunities available to qualified young men upon graduation or after military service. The 1955 edition presents highlights of career opportunities in 68 leading national organizations. It was made available by Career Publications, Inc., New York City. Seniors may pick up their copies of CAREER in the Placement Office.

The following interviews are scheduled for the week of March 24 through April 1. Mrs. Ruth E. McVey, director of the Placement Bureau, has announced. Appointments can be made through the departments or schools where the interviews are to be held.

School of Business Administration

On Monday, March 28, Mr. C. E. Burns of the Burroughs Corporation will be interviewing in the School of Business Administration for salesmen. Mr. Burns is interested in men with the following qualifications: Outside or retail selling experience or other activities which indicate an interest in or aptitude for selling; at least two courses in accounting or bookkeeping (can be waived for specialized type selling); B to C average with acceptable grades in math and accounting. Burroughs salesmen are given complete on-the-job and classroom training and then placed in exclusive marketing territories on a salary plus commission basis with allowances for traveling expenses.

Mr. R. H. Cowhig, division personnel manager of the Shell Oil Company, is interested in talking with seniors in engineering, business administration and other fields who might be interested in a sales career with Shell. He will be in the School of Business Administration on Wednesday, March 30. There is a six-to-12 month training period for the new sales employee and these sales jobs provide the basic experience necessary for many of Shell's management careers.

Representatives of the Provident Life Insurance Company, Chattanooga, Tennessee, will be in the School of Business Administration on Thursday, March 31 to interview graduating seniors interested in a career in group insurance sales work. They will also talk to anyone interested in other phases of group insurance work. Starting salaries for salesmen are around \$300 a month, and at end of the three-month training period there is an automatic increase to \$325, with a possible increase to \$350 at the start of the next calendar year.

On Friday, April 1, Mr. W. C. Stiefel, of International Business Machines will talk to students in Business Administration (sales and accounting) for sales positions, and electrical and mechanical engineers for employment in IBM's Engineering and Customer Engineering Departments. He would also like to talk with seniors majoring in math and men with Master's degrees in math and physics.

School of Engineering

On Friday, April 1, representatives of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company will talk with electrical, mechanical and chemical engineers as well as chemists and business administration majors in connection with possible employment with their company.

Department of Chemistry

Mr. J. O. Wells, personnel manager, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, will be in the Department of Chemistry on March 28. He will want to see chemical, mechanical, industrial, electronic, metallurgical and electrical engineers, physicists (solid state), mathematicians and chemists to fill openings in plants at Cleveland, New York; New Haven; East Alton, Illinois; and Pisgah Forest, North Carolina. Olin Mathieson offers management and technical training programs and direct placement to prospective employees.

On Tuesday, March 29, Mr. J. W. Jekes and Mr. J. A. Byars of the Ware Shonks Division of the Riegel Textile Corporation will interview in the Chemistry Department. They are particularly in-

terested in talking with mechanical engineers and chemistry majors. However, they are also interested in any other seniors who feel that they would like to qualify for work in Riegel's various manufacturing operations.

Representatives of the Celanese Corporation of America would like to talk with electrical and mechanical engineers and chemists on Thursday, March 31. They would like to talk with graduates in business administration who may be interested in possible employment with Celanese. These interviews will be conducted in the Department of Chemistry.

Help Week Finds Frat At Y Camp

The fall pledge class of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity recently did landscaping work around the R. G. Bell Memorial entrance to the Y camp. The service was part of the fraternity's "Help Week."

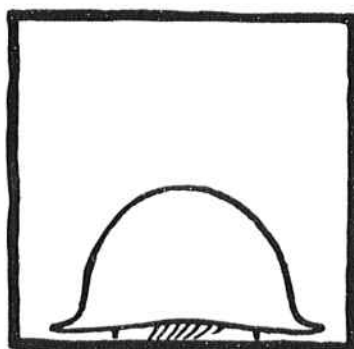
Pledges who took part in the work were Philip Koetsch, Fred Wigfield, Pete Andrews, Robert Bingham, Philip Edwards, Pete Williams, James Spearman, Michael Windus, E. Edwards, Charles Krick, F. Sperrell, Ben Gilham, Albert Perrella, Walter Mergner, Ed Prettyman, William McLenn, Barton Hill, William Hill, Dale Hawkinson, and Robert Sigg.

Sigma Alpha Sigma Holds Banquet

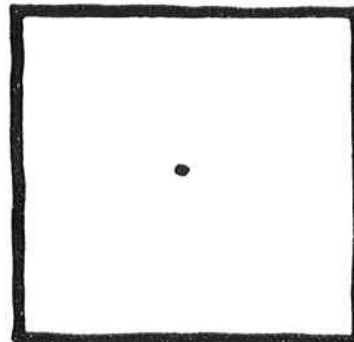
The annual banquet of Sigma Alpha Sigma, honorary secretarial science fraternity, was held on Tuesday evening, March 8, at the Green Derby Restaurant.

The guest speaker was Mr. John Steigler, assistant vice-president of Colonial Life and Accident Insurance Company. His topic was "The American Business Woman." Initiation of new members was also held.

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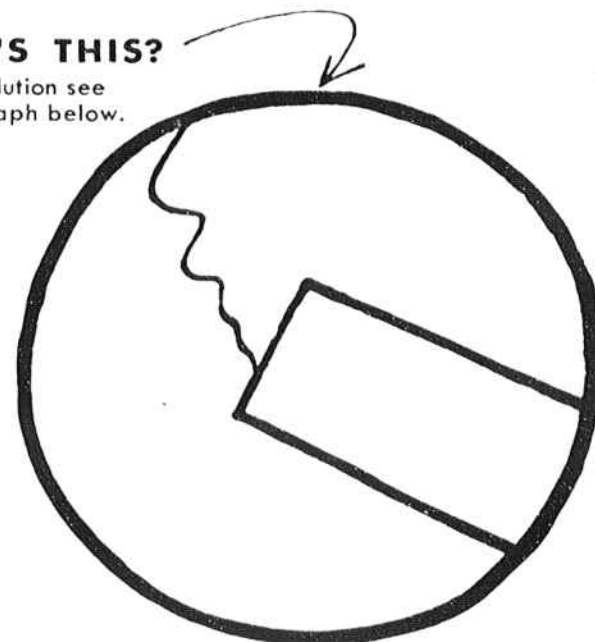


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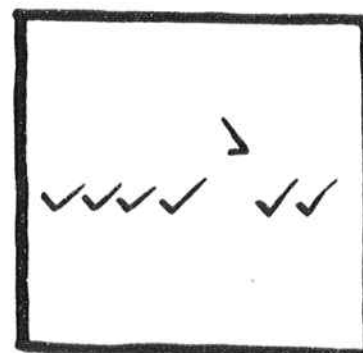
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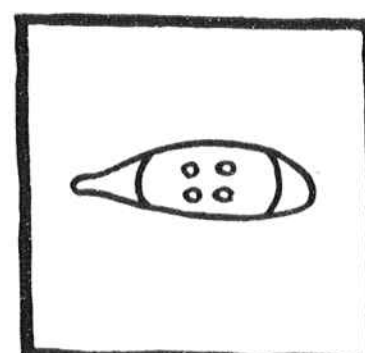


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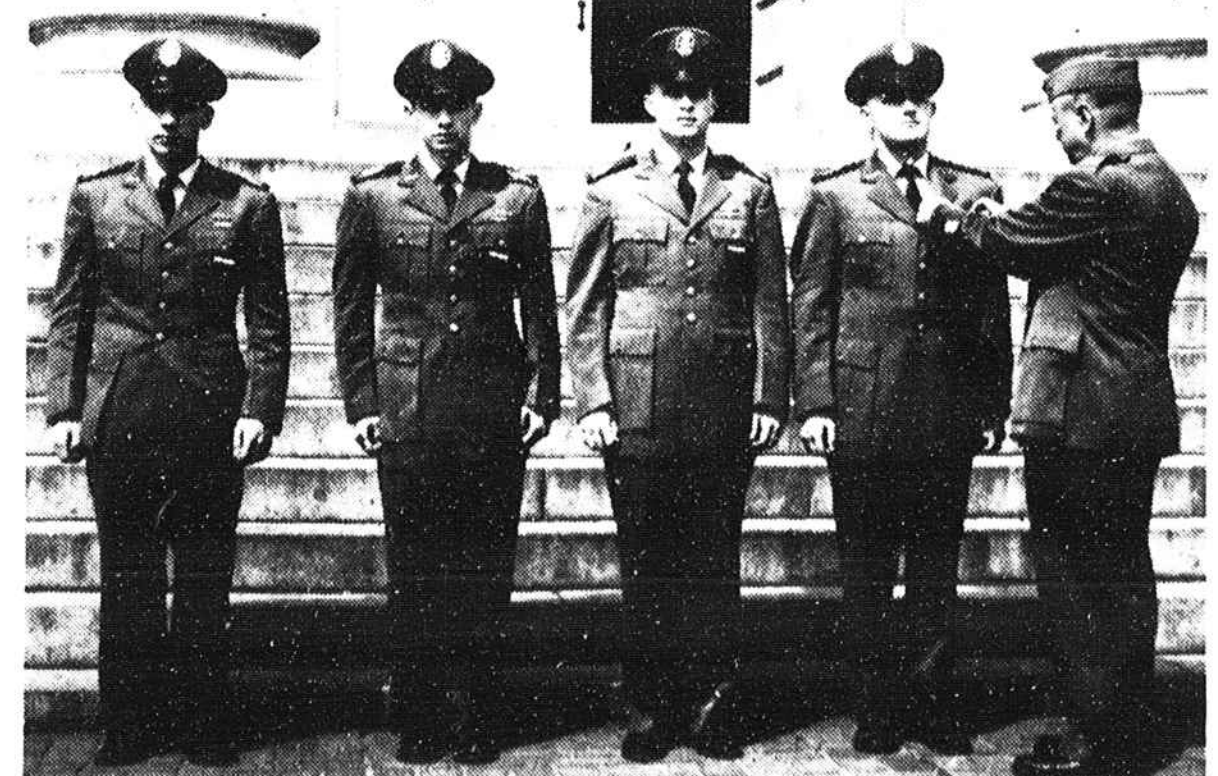


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