Expansion Plans Revealed

President Stassen outlines "a plan for a generation." The closing of certain streets is visualized as well as razing of several buildings to make way for new structures. Thirty-five acres to be added.

The University has announced far-reaching plans for the development and expansion of its campus.

The plans, made public by Harold E. Stassen, president of the University, call for the addition of 35 acres to the present 113-acre West Philadelphia tract. The closing of several streets, including five blocks of Woodland Avenue, is visualized as well as the razing of several university buildings to make way for new structures.

The University ultimately would cover the area bounded on the east by 32d Street; on the west by 40th Street; on the north by Walnut Street. Hamilton Walk, below Spruce Street, would be the southern boundary. The University would retain athletic fields and school buildings now outside this area which include River Fields on the Schuykill; the University Museum; the Medical, Veterinary and Dental School properties; the Zoological and Botany buildings, including the Botanical Gardens; the Provost's House, Army R. O. T. C. Building, and the Law School.

Drive for $32,000,000

To finance at least part of the program, the University is conducting a $32,000,000 Development Fund Campaign. Thomas S. Gates, Jr., son of the late chairman of the University, is chairman of the campaign.

In outlining the sweeping changes, Stassen said they would make the University "one of the most beautiful metropolitan campuses in the world."

"Everyone recognizes," he continued, "that the campus needs more room and facilities to fulfill its mission and to reach its full potential.

"The plan will result in a campus that is both utilitarian and beautiful. It will make a real contribution to the development of West Philadelphia and fits in with the city's own interests in the Convention Hall area and the medical center formed by the Philadelphia General Hospital, our own institutions and the proposed new Veterans' Hospital."

No Timetable Set

Nothing approaching a timetable has been drafted for the program, Stassen said, nor has the complete overall cost been ascertained. Some of the work, he said, will be under way shortly where the necessary ground is available.

He described the overall program as "a plan for a generation."

The changes envisioned are the most ambitious since the University established itself on the present site in 1872. It had then a student body of 896 and a faculty of 64. Only the Market and Chestnut Street bridges crossed the Schuylkill and street cars crossed them only once every hour.

Some of the buildings scheduled for demolition under the plan came into being about that time.

Four Given Priority

Stassen explained that four building projects have been given priority. These are a new Wharton School, a new physics building, a new University library and two additions to the hospital.

Locust Street would be developed through the campus as a wooded mall, closed to vehicular traffic from 36th Street to 40th. Where Locust Street now crosses 36th, a multiple-story "University Tower" would be the focal point of the campus and house all administrative offices.

The tower would be the highest building on the campus.

All of the proposed new buildings, Stassen stressed, would be in the traditional style to preserve the atmosphere of the University. Adherence to this style, he explained, was recommended by a special architects committee which drafted the master plan development. Red brick and limestone will be used for exteriors.

No Skyscrapers

In their report, which has been approved by the University trustees, the architects said they had discussed the possibility of skyscraper buildings, but had decided against them. One reason, they said, was that they would have to house more than one department which would result in confusion.

The report also stated that the committee had "reasonable assurance" that the necessary streets can be closed to traffic and removed from the city plan when the building progress requires. In drafting all plans, the committee said, they kept in close contact with the City Planning Commission.

The city has failed to agree, however, with the University's proposal that the municipal government should acquire the tract between 32d and 34th Streets and from Walnut to Chestnut and operate it as a parking lot. Stassen, in discussing this phase, noted that the area is in need of traffic congestion relief and pointed out that such a lot would serve the entire area, including the 30th Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

New Physics Building

A new building for the physics department would be located near 33d and Walnut Streets and would replace the present Randall Morgan Laboratory. On this site are several dwellings not owned by the University, but...
which they said could probably be acquired through condemnation as part of the municipal redevelopment program.

For the new physics building, the Development Fund is seeking $1,500,000, with an additional $500,000 for endowments.

For the new Wharton School, a site on the south side of Locust Street, between 36th and 37th, has been chosen. The site is already owned by the University and is almost clear of buildings.

"Construction on this site could be started immediately," the report noted.

Logan Hall, which now houses the Wharton School, was erected in 1874. The architects found that it has too few classrooms and offices and that these are too small and overcrowded. The Development Fund is seeking $2,000,000 for the new building.

When the new Wharton School is erected, plans call for the present structure to be renovated to serve as an administrative office building. The Hare Laboratory would also be used for this purpose.

**Library to Be Replaced**

The present library building, erected in 1891, will be replaced by a new structure at 36th and Walnut Streets. The Fund goal for this building and for library endowments is $6,000,000.

The University has pointed out that the present building was erected when the library consisted of 100,000 volumes. The school now has more than 1,000,000 and cites the need for a structure with attractive reading rooms, good lighting and storage space for 2,000,000 volumes.

The planned expansion of the University Hospital contemplates two new buildings for which $8,500,000 is being sought. One building, eight stories high, will house the outpatient department and will be named after the late Thomas S. Gates. It will face on Spruce Street. The other building, adding to the hospital bed capacity, will front on 34th Street at the site of the present nurses' home, which will be replaced.

**Extension of Campus**

As outlined by Stassen, the plans also visualize westward extension of the campus to provide space for the...
College of Liberal Arts for Women, now housed in Bennett Hall. It would cover the area between 38th and 40th Streets and Walnut and Spruce.

Buildings would provide accommodations for about 1,200 women students. The University pointed out that the city plans to convert 38th Street into a cross-town highway wider than Broad Street, and that it would serve to separate men's undergraduate colleges from the proposed women's college.

As a centre for women's athletics and other extra-curricular activities, the plans also call for a building which would be erected on the west side of 39th Street. Dormitories for women would be on the north side of Spruce Street between 38th and 39th Streets.

As visualized by the architects for the University the enlarged campus would cover approximately 148 acres. The University's present holdings within the plan, combined with the holdings of fraternities on or adjoining the campus, total 113 acres.

Of the additional 35 acres essential to fulfillment of the plans, about 23 acres would have to be acquired by purchase, while approximately 12 acres would be made available through the widening and closing of streets.

The plans do not visualize immediate removal of any fraternities in the campus area, except those which may be in the path of early construction work. The architects recommended, however, the ultimate relocation of men's social fraternities to sites west of 36th Street; professional fraternities to areas west of 39th and women's fraternities to a site immediately adjacent to 38th and Walnut Streets.

Although there is "reasonable assurance that a number of streets can be removed from the city plan when the University acquires the surrounding properties," only in a few instances do the University's plans call for locating new structures in the path of existing streets, it was pointed out.

This policy was followed by the committee of architects because of the assumption that funds for these particular buildings would not be available for some time to come, thus providing ample opportunity for solution of any problems involving existing thoroughfares.

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than the oldest man in the Polit-

bureau, older than the oldest Com-
munist in Russia. Older, even, than
Karl Marx.

A threatened sorry result of the
whole thing is that liberal students,
fearing the opprobrium of the accusa-
tions and the associations, will know
that they are skating on thin ice, and
will head from their place in the cen-
ter and steer over toward the edge, an
area which is always more crowded,
being safer and therefore more com-
fortable, and thus the confusion which
causes the fear may cause liberal
minded students—Democrats, Repub-
licans, and the rest—to give up any
independent thinking in favor of
"popular" thinking, a practice some-
what inconsistent with the ideals and
the creed of our educational insti-
tutions.

Gilbert Sandler, '49 C

Associated Clubs Conference
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during its sessions, the papers and talks
scheduled in the program for these meetings.
They have been of high order and have con-
tributed greatly to the understanding of the
work and policies of our University and for
this we are grateful.

V. Resolved, That the Associated University
of Pennsylvania Clubs wholeheartedly endorse and
approve the plans of the University for the
development campaign involving the rais-
ing of $32,000,000 for improving the facilities
of the University now under way.

VI. Resolved, That this Conference receives
with deep interest and approbation the an-
nouncement by Chairman McClelland of the
new Department of Religious Thought about
to be installed because it believes that the
University has a great and continuing responsi-
bility to its students and to our State and
Nation for the spiritual development of our
people and for the maintenance of high moral
standards in both public and private life and
that such a department may contribute much
in the solution of the problems faced by our
students incident to adjustments in a rapidly
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The conference officially adjourned
at 5:10 p.m. on November 12th to be
reconvened in Los Angeles on March
21, 1949.

No record of the 35th annual con-
ference would be complete without a
word of praise for those members of
the Harrisburg Alumni Club who were
responsible for its successful execution.
Particular mention should be made of
the work of Fred C. Mergenthaler and
Ralph H. Alexander, who served as
co-chairmen of the Conference Com-
mittee. Associated with them were
Milford H. Patterson and H. A. Corbe
acting as secretary and treasurer re-
spectively. Other personnel of the
committee consisted of the following:
John M. Keefer, finance; Mark T.
Milnor, publicity; Milton M. Strouse,
banquet; Clarence A. Frankenberg,
registration and tickets; Milford H.
Patterson, program and printing; Dr.
Park A. Deckert, entertainment; John
L. Harrison, luncheons; Emlen C.
Heidelbaugh, hotel; George W. Quig-
ley, transportation; Horace J. Selig,
Schuyler C. Enck, Jr., and T. J. Kean,
Jr., advisory.

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In presenting their plans, the com-
mittee of architects expressed the be-
ief that their proposals offer much
flexibility and room for expansion
without upsetting the basic elements.
"Although it may become desirable
eventually to replace some of the old
buildings, it is only necessary to
demolish the present Library building to
make a start towards accomplishing our
objectives," the committee's re-
port states.

"It is true that a number of build-
ings may depart quite radically from
traditional forms, while others may, to
some degree, reflect the past. But we
believe that if we adhere generally to
red brick and limestone for exterior
materials, a color harmony will ex-
ist throughout the campus that will
make for sufficient continuity."

Members of the committee of archi-
tects, all of whom are graduates of the
University's Department of Archi-
tecture, are James R. Edmunds, Jr.,
Baltimore; James K. Smith, of the
firm of McKim, Mead and White,
New York; John Harbeson and Roy
F. Larson, of the firm of Harbeson,
Hough, Livingston and Larson, Phila-
delphia; Grant M. Simon, Philadel-
phia, and Sydney E. Martin, Philadel-
phia. Martin serves as chairman of
the committee.