

# Lecture Series to Open Term Causes Exhaustion With MacLeish Tonight

By ROCHELLE MICHAELS

Archibald MacLeish, the second major poet to appear on campus in the last two seasons, will read selections from his works at 8:30 tonight in Schwab.

MacLeish's appearance will mark the opening of the 1961-62 University Lecture Series, Nina Brown, administrative assistant for the series, said yesterday. "He is certainly the most well-known artist we have had since Robert Frost read his poems here two years ago," she said.

Both student and general admission tickets are still available in limited quantities, Mrs. Brown said. They may be picked up from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m. today at the Hetzel Union desk "as long as they last."

Each student is entitled to one free ticket upon presentation of his matriculation card. General admission tickets for non-students are \$1.25.

MacLeish has not yet announced which poems he will recite, Mrs. Brown said. She said she did not think he would do any "lecturing." "Unless, of course, he chooses to comment on some of his selections," she added.

MacLeish has won three Pulitzer prizes in poetry and has served as the Librarian of Congress. "J.B.," a poetic play based on the Book of Job, won MacLeish his most recent Pulitzer prize. The touring company of this play presented two performances last spring on campus.

In 1949 the poet was invited by Harvard University to become the Boylston professor of rhetoric and oratory, one of the oldest and



ARCHIBALD MACLEISH

... appearing in Schwab tonight

most honored professorships offered by an American university. He teaches a course in expository writing, one in poetry and another in creative writing at Harvard.

By DAVE BOLBACH

The 4-term system has led to an increasing number of students becoming emotionally and mentally exhausted, Dr. Mary K. Helz, physician at the Ritenour Health Center, said recently.

"The students who scheduled a lot of credits are having the most trouble," she said, "and it's happened because they didn't expect so much material pushed into ten weeks."

Dr. George M. Lott, University psychiatrist, said, however, that he hasn't noticed a particular increase in the number of students with disorders, but that the influx is coming at a different time than under the semester system.

"Under the semester system the biggest group came in early in January right before finals," he said, "while under the term system they're coming in now because finals are over before Christmas."

Lott also said that the effects of the term system on a student depends upon the student's emotional makeup.

"The sincere, conscientious student tends to have more trouble because of the increased pressure," he said, "while the student who needs a challenge in order

to work up to capacity is helped." Both Dr. Helz and Lott agreed that the trouble has occurred because students were not forewarned about the increased pace of the term system and tended to neglect their work too much at the beginning of the term.

This has been followed by excessive studying in an attempt to catch up and has resulted in students exhausting themselves to the extent that they can't absorb anything.

"If a student tries to drive himself too much, he just comes to the point where he can't learn the things that are to be learned," Dr. Helz said.

These students are usually recommended to the Division of Counseling or the mental health department where their schedules are lightened and they are taught better study habits, she said.

Although there has been an increase in students having difficulty this term, Dr. Helz emphasized that the term system should eventually prove better than the semester system.

"Students will be aware of the increased pressure in the future and will choose their courses better," she said. "The term system provides more flexibility because it allows students more chance to pick up extra credits. And

there's no time wasted as there was under the semester plan," she added.

Lott also said that the advantages of the term system outweigh the disadvantages.

"A period of change is always hard," he said. "Students who tend to blow up under pressure may have difficulty at first, but it should be better when they become accustomed to it."

He added, however, that except for unusual cases, students should not try to complete their education in three years.

"In most cases, it's a hazard to go all year round," he said. "Most students just can't study effectively for that long a period."

"The term system was designed to handle 25 per cent more students if each student takes one term off a year," he said. "This also lessens the chances of stress and strain on the individual student."

## Bloodmobile Gains Quota

The Red Cross Bloodmobile collected 350 pints of blood last week.

This represents an increase of about 85 pints over last year's total, Mrs. Walter Coult, executive secretary for the State College Red Cross chapter, said.

It also exceeds by 100 pints the minimum quota set by the Red Cross, she added.

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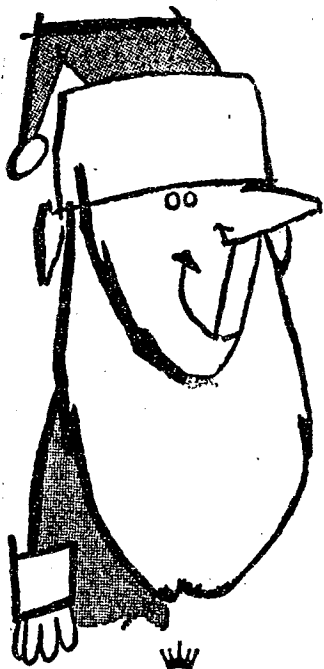
TELEPHONE MAN OF THE MONTH

## Blue Key Initiates Five

Five men were initiated into Blue Key, men's junior hat society, recently.

They are: Randolph Carter, psychology major from Philadelphia; Ralph Friedman, business administration major from Philadelphia; Robert Fisher, education major from Pottsville; David Katz, arts and letters major from Philadelphia; and Jack Sholl, journalism major from Harrisburg.

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