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*Unique 'ILA' is ready to award its first Ph.D.*



I.L.A.'s Philip M. Allen

EMORY'S unique Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts, an organization within the University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, is preparing to award its first degree. The recipient will be Philip M. Allen, a native of Pennsylvania who is now with the U. S. Foreign Service in Washington.

This month Mr. Allen will complete all requirements for the doctorate in "ILA" and he will receive the degree as of December 1956. It will not be formally conferred, however, until next June, when Emory's next commencement will take place.

The Graduate Institute, offering the first university program of its kind in the country, was organized in 1952. Its director is Dr. Ernest C. Colwell '23-'27T-'44H, vice-president and dean of the faculties of the University, and it has as its secretary Dr. George P. Cuttino, professor of history.

ILA offers work leading to the doctorate by combining the disciplines of liberal learning and pooling the University's scholarly resources (chiefly in the humanities and social sciences) normally compartmentalized in separate traditional departments. Its program is rooted in the belief that each of the humanistic disciplines has something in common with all others and that all of them have a common responsibility in modern society.

Primarily the Institute aims at training prospective college teachers who show a mature concern for the advancement of humanistic studies and whose interests demand training in more than one special area of the humanities or the social sciences. Its faculty is made up of about 20 professors, drawn from the Graduate School, the College and the School of Theology.

Up to now Emory has conferred 58

doctor of philosophy degrees in eight subjects or fields: chemistry, biology, history, English, biochemistry, psychology, anatomy and basic health sciences. The doctoral programs in biochemistry and anatomy have now been discontinued by reason of having been merged with the newer basic health sciences program. Besides Mr. Allen, four persons have passed their preliminary examinations for the doctorate in the Graduate Institute and have only to complete their dissertations before being eligible to receive the degree. Some of them probably will be graduated in 1957.

THE trail-blazing Mr. Allen was born in Philadelphia and received his secondary education in schools of that city and in Chester and Swarthmore, Pa. After being graduated with first honors from Swarthmore High School he entered Swarthmore College on an open scholarship which he held for his four years there. In college he majored in English literature, minored in history and philosophy, and wrote an undergraduate thesis on "Aesthetics and the Interpretation of Literature."

In his junior year Mr. Allen entered the Swarthmore honors program. He won election to Phi Beta Kappa and in June 1953 was graduated with highest honors. His extracurricular activities included membership in Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, the vice-presidency of the Interfraternity Council, working as an editor in the college news bureau, writing poetry and stories for the college literary magazine, and covering sports for the *Chester Times*.

The Pennsylvanian in 1953 entered the Graduate Institute at Emory because its broader program in the humanities appealed to him. At Swarthmore he had been a student of Dr. Cuttino, who had left the Swarthmore faculty to join Em-

ory's in 1952 and who had helped organize the Institute.

In order to be admitted to the ILA a student is supposed to have an A.M. degree or the equivalent. Mr. Allen had had no graduate work, but because of his superior undergraduate record he was admitted anyway and his Ph.D. program charted to cover three years instead of the usual two. He devoted the years 1953-55 to ranging through courses, seminars and tutorials offered by the Institute and by the University at large.

He had little time for anything else, but he did indulge his love for music and drama by appearing (with brilliant success) in play-readings, attending concerts, and writing for campus and Atlanta publications. In August of last year he married Miss Eleanor Shelby Williams, of Philadelphia, a Middlebury College graduate who is now in the process of obtaining her master's from that institution.

From the summer of 1955 to that of 1956 Mr. Allen lived in New York City, using Columbia University library facilities in preparing his doctoral dissertation on "The Sociology of Art in America." His Emory faculty adviser is Dr. Helmut Schoeck, assistant professor of sociology and a member of the ILA faculty.

The Allens moved to Alexandria, Va. this July, and he immediately began work in the Foreign Service, in which he has the rank of foreign service officer, Class 8, and the title of vice-consul. After receiving training in the Foreign Service Institute, he began in mid-September an assignment in the Office of German Affairs in Washington. The first ILA graduate finds the Foreign Service congenial and stimulating. Just now, he plans to make it his life's work. If he changes, it probably will be to go into the field of college teaching.