

# Convocation honors academia

Fall event called 'intellectual celebration' of new year

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A crowd gathers in the EMU ballroom. As the room fills there is a sense of excitement and anticipation.

But this is not just any event.

For people connected with the University this is a special occasion. The excitement is about learning — the purpose of the University and the students who have just started classes.

The second annual Fall Convocation will open the academic year Oct. 3, with Peter Pouncey, who was recently selected as president of Amherst University, speaking about "Humanistic Imperatives in a Technological Society." Pouncey is currently with the classics department at Columbia University.

"The convocation is the academic, intellectual celebration of the beginning of the school year," says Dick Hill, vice president for academic affairs and provost. "It simulates a significant portion of faculty and students to

think about an important theme.

"It's an opportunity to take time to recognize and celebrate the intellectual actions that are central to the University and a rededication to school and learning," says Hill. "It's very exciting."

In bad times for the University, an event like the convocation is even more necessary, says University Pres. Paul Olum.

"When things are going badly — the budget is awful and we are barely pulling through — it is time to show we are alive."

Planning for the convocation has been going on since April.

Pouncey was selected to speak because he is a brilliant speaker, Olum says.

Dick Hersh, dean of the graduate school, and Bob Berdahl, dean of the arts and sciences college, heard him speak recently and were very impressed. It was also fitting to select Pouncey, a classicist, because last year the keynote speaker was a scientist, Olum says.

Pouncey's speech will be follow-

ed by two sets of one-hour seminars presented by University faculty.

In order that all students may attend, classes will be cancelled beginning at 1:30 p.m. Classes at 12:30 p.m. will be held as usual.

"We are not calling off afternoon classes to give students a vacation," says Olum. "It's an excellent academic activity to celebrate the purpose of the University and students should be part of that."

## Piano classes to be offered

Creative piano study will be offered this fall to children and adults through the Piano Preparatory Division of the University music school.

Classes for children, teenagers, adults and senior citizens range from pre-piano to advanced levels.

Registration has already begun for fall term.

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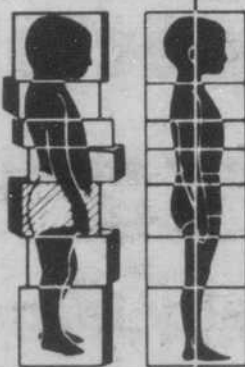
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