

## campus bids babbidge farewell

formal ceremony at gulley 'something for everyone' to commemorate president

Storrs will wish President Homer D. Babbidge, Jr. happy birthday and farewell today in a formal ceremony near Gulley Hall at 11 a.m.

University employees will be released from work to attend the ceremony and the Provost's Office has "urged and encouraged" faculty members to cancel 11:00 o'clock classes.

All activity at the University will cease during the program on the lawn East of Gulley Hall in order to promote attendance by members of the entire University community.

### Band Featured at Ceremony

The University Marching Band will play before the platform activities, which will feature presentations by representatives of the Professional and Classified Staffs and students.

Professor of History Fred Cazal, Jr. is Chairman of the morning event, which is part of the day-long program to honor Babbidge.

The band, directed by Allan Gillespie will begin a lawnside serenade at 10:40 a.m. while the President and an escort party gather inside Gulley Hall.

The party will march to a stage near the front steps of the home economics building.

Cazal will introduce both the occasion and the ceremonial greeters. The greeters (Allan Arnaboldi of the Speech Center, Celie Terry of the Classified Staff, and student Paul Devine) will wish President Babbidge "happy birthday" and "thank" him for the contributions to their particular constituencies which he has made during his presidency.

### Babbidge to Speak

Babbidge and his wife will be introduced by Cazal, and then

Babbidge will respond to the presentations.

After a formal recessional, Babbidge will meet for lunch with members of the University of Connecticut Foundation.

### by Paul Devine

The evenings festivities planned for Babbidge Day were designed with theme of "something for everyone" according to student members of

the planning group.

"It should be a family-style event," said student organizer Barry Berman. "Faculty, professional staff, and classified employees should be able to go home from work, take a shower,

have supper and a couple of beers, then bring their wives and children back to the campus."

Dave Hawlett, President of the Student Union Board of Governors, arranged exhibits which will speckle the Student Union Mall.

"A lot of the exhibits here are for children," Hawlett said, "There'll be a fire engine for kids to climb on, baby animals for them to pet."

The musical entertainment is also of a comprehensive nature. Offerings will range from hard-rock bands in Towers and Alumni Quadrangle, to ragtime in the Jorgensen Auditorium with *Your Father's Mustache*.

Additionally, WHUS staff members Barry Berman and Les Morrell will host a record hop on the Student Union Patio, featuring great hits of the 1950's.

"The Fifties was the Golden Age of Music in America," said Morrell, who is President of the Ancient Archives Club a fifties-music-lovers organization for "stood-up, broken-hearted, shot down, used, abused, confused, refused, dumped-on, jilted, dropped, and untrue people."

### Dorms Plan Activities

Many dorms around campus are planning shoots, mixers, and parties to coincide with the Babbidge Day festivities this evening.

Members of the Babbidge Day planning committee contacted dormitory social chairman and urged them to plan dorm parties for the evening. By general agreement, the music will stop and the parties end when the Marching Band passes. All the party-goers will fall in behind the Marching Band and follow along to the Student Union Mall.

In addition to dormitory parties, there will be bands playing block-party-style in Towers Quadrangle and under Ryan Refectory.



## 'babbidge day'-schedule of activities

Schedule for Morning Ceremony  
10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
On the Lawn to the East of Gulley Hall

10:40 Selections played by the University Band.

11:05 Processional from Gulley Hall to platform on the lawn.

11:08 Invocation by Reverend Winthrop Stone.

11:10 Introduction by Professor Fred Cazal, Jr.

11:15 Greetings from the Professional Staff (represented by Allan Arnaboldi), from the Classified Staff (represented by Celie Terry), and from the Students (represented by Paul Devine.)

11:27 Introduction of the Babbidges by Professor Cazal.

11:30 Response by President Homer D. Babbidge, Jr.

11:40 Introduction of A.J.R. Guttay, Chairman

11:43 Introduction of H.G. Hewitt, Chairman.

11:45 Recessional.

Schedule for the Evening's Frivolity  
7:00 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.

Throughout the Campus

7:00 Exhibits open on the Student Union Mall: - "The Babbidge Years" A Photographic Exhibition. - Baby Animals - Fire Engines.

7:00 - Shoots and Mixers begin at many dormitories around campus, and continue until the arrival of the Marching Band.

7:00 - 11:00 William Benton Museum of Art remains open throughout the evening hours, allowing viewing of the Exhibit "Henrick Goltzuis and the Printmakers of Harlem."

8:00 - 10:30 Comedian George Carlin and a back-up band, appearing in the ROTC Hangar through the courtesy of the Board of Governors.

8:00-10:30 Rock bands playing in the Towers Quadrangle and under J. Ray Ryan Refectory.

8:00-10:30 "Your Father's Mustache" playing music, serving refreshments, and showing old-time movies in Albert N. Jorgensen Auditorium.

9:40-10:35 Marching Band starts at Towers and marches around the campus while party-goers fall in behind. Band

picks up President Babbidge and his wife at Jorgensen and proceeds to the Student Union Mall.

8:00-10:30 A golden Oldie Record Hop with WHUS' Barry Berman and Les Morrell on the patio in front of the Student Union Building.

10:40-11:00 Student program on the steps of the Castleman Building.

11:00 Grand Finale

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### farewell to a friend

*At a time in history when university and college presidents are being critically scrutinized for implementing outdated and archaic policies in our sophisticated and often confusing higher educational systems, the University of Connecticut is taking time today to commemorate our beloved president, Homer D. Babbidge.*

*At some state universities, presidents are more figurehead entities, remaining oblivious to student activities and therefore not responding to student needs.*

*Paradoxical as it may seem, the university president we know is not an insensitive and bureaucratic person who segregates activities within his office from students.*

*Homer D. Babbidge represents the epitome of the spirit of learning. He can be found at times dining with students in their respective dormitories. He engages students to talk and to discuss transient developments of value changes and cultural changes.*

*As a teacher, he's taught us a great lesson - that to instruct students, one must learn to achieve this goal from the student's perspective. Important as our academic institution may be, Babbidge has never neglected human needs, making him powerful in our hearts as well as in our minds.*

*Yet, he is also a man of ethics, adhering to principles at times when values broke down and the integrity of institutions severely questioned.*

*He stood firm during the precarious days of the late 1960s, when "radicals" demanded the university alter its course to suit their "mandates." He spoke in defense of academic freedom and the autonomy of the university.*

*When university presidents across the nation folded under the pressure and issued proclamations condemning their own universities, Babbidge made no such proclamations. He protected the University of Connecticut and its claim of being a place where students of the fine arts can freely incorporate their thoughts with the ideals upon which we rely on as learning men and women.*

*We don't have to ask ourselves why so many students gathered on that October day to make a plea to Homer D. Babbidge to rescind his resignation. And we don't have to ask why we are gathering today to bid farewell to him. For the answer has come to us each time the name Babbidge was uttered at UConn.*

*Let our gathering today at Gulley Hall be more than a symbolic expression of our gratitude for Homer Babbidge. Let it be a show of strength that the students at the University of Connecticut will never let the name of Homer D. Babbidge be relinquished from our hearts and minds.*

## homer babbidge's humor?

by Paul Devine

President Homer D. Babbidge, Jr. is known for his wisdom not only in Storrs, but throughout the state. He is as widely known for his acclaimed sense of humor.

Almost everyone who works with or around the Prexy has been touched by both his mirth and profundity, and is stocked with anecdotes from Babbidge's cellar. But Babbidge's wit and wisdom show through most clearly in his own words.

A reporter for one of Connecticut's major dailies said, "I heard Babbidge tell a story about a university president who died and went to Hell. The devil offered him the Presidency of the University of Hell. Assuming that his experiences on Earth had prepared him for the job, the newly-deceased academician accepted. Then the devil informed him that the University of Hell had two Medical Schools."

Speaking at a luncheon in Montreal once, Babbidge said, "I am accused on the campus of the University of Connecticut, of being aloof, remote and formal. I decided to ask my wife, at breakfast, if she thought I was aloof or remote and formal. I'm happy to say that she replied without hesitation, 'I don't think so, Mr. President.'"

"Recall a Homer Babbidge joke? Gee whiz, I don't think I could until after I had a couple of

drinks," quipped one UConn administrator.

Babbidge has a predictable fetish with jokes about college presidents. Speaking before a gathering of the UConn faculty, he recalled, "Clark Kerr's observation that a president's job is simply to provide athletics for alumni, sex for the undergraduates, and parking for the faculty. But as I told the student body the other evening, their aggressive interest in parking this fall causes me some concern: does it mean that the faculty is going to get interested in sex?"

Babbidge is fond of telling two stories about Arthur Twining Hadley, President of Yale earlier in the century. One tells of the occasion of the birth of President Hadley's son. "The nurse said, 'Congratulations, Mr. Hadley, you're the father of a healthy boy.'"

"Only one," he asked. "Were you expecting more?" "Well, to be honest with you, nurse, Mrs. Hadley and I were naughty twice."

The other recounts how some years later the young Hadley boy disappeared one evening, and President Hadley went looking for him in the alleys off Chapel Street in New Haven. "In one of the alleys," said Babbidge, a twinkle in his eye, "stood a young lady, clad in a flimsy negligee, who called out, 'Are you looking for a naughty

little girl?'

"Well, no," he said, "I'm looking for a naughty little boy." And she called him a dirty old man."

Babbidge has reportedly worked as a humor writer for the comedy team of "Burt and I", best known for the Down-East record produced for a baked bean company.

The UConn Prexy has often spoken of writing a book to be titled "The Lower Side of Higher Education," and managed to have a magazine article on the subject printed.

Yet his sense of humor has not obscured his sense of mission in his post at the helm of a major modern multiversity. "As President of the University of Connecticut," he said, "I must believe that this institution deserves to be preserved, that it embodies essential values which must endure. I regret, of course, that I cannot, in the pursuit of my duty to preserve and strengthen the University, to be anybody's hero. I regret that I cannot give emotional satisfaction to those of you who want me to lead the protest or to those of you who want me to squelch it. My job is to keep the doors open - to treat with decent respect the views of protestors and squelchers alike - and to try to keep either one or both from destroying the institution and the institutional values I am pledged to serve."

To a fellow broadcaster who has helped to make WHUS Radio the number 1 college radio station in New England!

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on your Birthday!

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and  
the entire management and staff of

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# connecticut reclaims an adopted son

When Homer D. Babbidge Jr. became the eighth president of the University of Connecticut in 1962, the State reclaimed an "adopted son" who long ago had earned his "citizenship" papers. Although he came to Storrs directly from the nation's capitol, where he had served as vice president of the American Council of Education, he had completed his Connecticut residency requirements some three decades before. Born at Newton, Mass., May 18, 1925, he had come to Connecticut with his parents the year before the "Great Crash", settling in New Haven where he began his formal schooling.

After attending high school at Amherst, N.Y., he returned to New Haven and received his bachelor's degree from Yale College in 1945. He later acquired two more academic degrees and an honorary LL.D. at Yale and held an assortment of staff posts there before moving to Washington, D.C. as an assistant to U.S. Education Commissioner, Samuel Brownell, in 1955-56.

He next became assistant to the secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (1957-58) and subsequently became assistant U.S. commissioner of education and director of the Division of Higher Education (1959-61). President Babbidge received HEW's Distinguished Service Medal in 1961.

During the year he served as vice president of the American Council, President Babbidge became particularly aware of the great diversity which is the genius of U.S. higher education. The Council serves more than 1,000

campuses and 150 national organizations in the field of higher education.

## Babbidge Dreams of Home

But Homer Babbidge long dreamed of one day returning to his adopted land of "steady habits." An historian by training (he's also a history professor at Connecticut), he was particularly attracted by the dynamic past and exciting future of Connecticut's State University.

Since his doctoral thesis at Yale focused on the history of one academic institution, it was quite natural that he would seek to preserve "the flavor of the past" when he became president of the University of Connecticut.

He has done this through numerous actions and gestures.

Of course, his principal energies have been devoted to the present and future of a realatively young university which, in 1971, celebrated its 90th birthday.

## Strives for Excellence

As president he gave new impetus to the institution's quest for academic excellence. While indices of qualitative progress are legion and defy encapsulation, a few milestones do stand out.

Thus, in 1970 the University Library system acquired its millionth volume. In 1968 the first medical and dental students enrolled at the University's new Health Center. In 1970 the University awarded its 1,000th Ph.D. pointing up a new emphasis on graduate education at Storrs. During the sixties the University also vastly expanded its commitment to the fine arts, establishing a Museum of Art and a string quartet-in-residence.

Also during this decade the

Babbidge administration stressed inter-departmental studies modeled along the lines of the University's extremely successful Institute of Cellular Biology. Cross-disciplinary programs emerged in materials science,

nutritional science, oceanography, international studies, urban research, water resources, Italian studies, medieval studies, etc. Centers for black studies and social science data gathering were created.

Under President Babbidge new departments were launched in biobehavioral sciences, genetics, linguistics, metallurgy, anthropology, sociology, foreign languages. Reorganization of the

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## Retrospect!

a final listen to the THE GARDEN festival, 1972."



Bull Durham, a country-western band from Storrs was taped on Revox equipment Saturday afternoon at the Children's Fair -- Mirror Lake, University of Connecticut

Sound Engineer: Gerry Pechie

The radio show is produced by: Joseph Tiernan, Inner Tooth Productions

This program is dedicated to President Babbidge. The Experimental College would like to thank Dr. Babbidge for all that he's done for this university and its students. We wish his continued success in all his endeavors.

Live music on WHUS FM-Thursday at 11 p.m.



# his name, prominently strewn across nation

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Schools of Pharmacy, Business and Education led to the establishment of 15 departmental units.

Two new branch facilities -- one in Torrington and the other at Groton -- expanded opportunities for freshmen and sophomores. An arboretum was acquired in Stamford.

Soaring applications forced higher admissions standards at both the graduate and the undergraduate levels. Parallel qualitative strides were taken in faculty recruitment as the University hired dozens of superior scholars in many fields.

Despite the increasingly selective forces at work on admissions, Dr. Babbidge has fought vigorously to preserve the populist profile of the student body. And one of his greatest satisfactions came from his efforts to preserve the free tuition principle at Connecticut.

As a scholarship student and longtime financial aid officer at Yale, he acquired special insights into the economic obstacles that so often deny, or discourage, pursuit of higher education, for so many.

## President of Political Union

During his undergraduate years he was president of the Yale Political Union, chairman of the student radio station and a member of the undergraduate Board of Deacons of the Church of Christ at Yale University. He was also a member of the Fence Club, Elizabethan Club, Aurelian Honor Society, and Scroll and Key.

After receiving his B.A. in political science, he immediately accepted a post in the Student Appointment Bureau at Yale and began graduate studies on a part-time basis. In 1948 he was awarded a master of arts degree and five years later was awarded his Ph.D.

His doctoral dissertation was a history of the founding and early years of Swarthmore College. He subsequently taught for several years in Yale's Department of American Studies. His continuing work in the

Student Appointment Bureau, of which he became assistant director, led him to a post as director of the University's Division of Financial Aids.

During his years at Yale, President Babbidge also served as head resident counselor of freshmen and Executive Fellow of Pierson College. Today he is an Associate Fellow of Pierson College. In 1948 he was a co-founder of the Yale Program of American Studies for Foreign Students, a program that continues.

Nationally, the UConn President is a member of the American Studies Association; the American Historical Association; the Council of Advisors, National Scholarship Fund for Negro Students; National Board of Advisors, National Association for Retarded Children; Education Commission of the States; and trustee, the Frank Gannett Newspaper Foundation, Inc. and The Hazen Foundation. Also, member, Board of Directors of Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. and Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation.

Elsewhere on the educational scene, President Babbidge is a member of the Connecticut Educational Television Corp., the Ray School, East Haddam, and the Noah Webster House Foundation, Inc.; a director of the University of Connecticut Foundation; honorary chairman, Marine Historical Assn., Inc., Mystic; a member of the Advisory Board, South Arsenal Neighborhood Development Corp.; a member of the New England Board of Higher Education; member, Connecticut Council on Higher Education; chairman, Connecticut Education Council; and a director of the Center for Environment and Man.

In the health field, President Babbidge is a director of the Hartford Hospital and the Institute of Living, Hartford; and a corporator of the St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, and Windham Community Memorial Hospital, Willimantic; and was the 1970 Honorary Sight-Saving Chairman,

Connecticut Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

On the federal level, the UConn President is chairman of the U.S. Advisory Commission on International Education and Cultural Affairs and a consultant to Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Elliot L. Richardson.

His activity in the business community includes service as a director of the Hartford National Bank, the Security Corporation and Northeast Utilities.

He also is a member of the Urban League of Hartford, the Monday Evening Club, the 20th Century Club of Hartford and the Century Association of New York City.

## Babbidge: The Author

President Babbidge is author of *Noah Webster: On Being American*, published by Praeger Co., 1967, and is coauthor (with Robert M. Rosenzweig) of a book entitled, *The Federal Interest in Higher Education*, published by the McGraw-Hill Book Co. in 1962. In 1960, he published *Student Financial Aid: A Manual for Colleges and Universities*. He served as chairman of the Committee which in 1961 published the booklet *A Federal Education Agency for the Future*. He is a frequent contributor of articles on education in various professional periodicals.

President Babbidge was married in 1956 to the former Marcia Adkisson of Seattle, Wash. They have two daughters, Amy Allison, born May 30, 1960 and Sandra Allalee, born August 30, 1961, and a son, Alexander Adams, born March 22, 1963. President and Mrs. Babbidge are jointly the inventors of a political game, *Convention!* first marketed in 1960 by Games Research, Inc. of Boston, Mass.

The U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce designated President Babbidge as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Nation in 1959 in recognition of his work. In 1969 he received honorary degrees of Doctor of Law LL.D. from Yale University and Trinity College.



PHOTO BY NOEL VOORBA

AT THE HEART OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Doubling as an auctioneer at the recent Campus Community Carnival record auction, President Babbidge commands a convincing sales pitch as a university spokesman as well as friend of students.

## DR. BABBIDGE ,

We hear it's hard  
for someone from UCONN  
to get into YALE!  
But you did it !!

Congratulations!

Thank you for your help  
and dedication and good  
luck WHEREVER YOU GO!

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AT THE A.S.G.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Babbidge

Best  
Wishes

The Student Union Board of Governors extends its thanks to President Homer D. Babbidge Jr. for his hard work towards the improvement of and for his devotion to the University of Connecticut over the past ten years. UConn has seen many changes under Dr. Babbidge's Administration, changes that have raised the standards of UConn, improved education, and structured the University into a complete educational experience.

The B.O.G. urges all students, staff, and faculty to participate in "Happy Babbidge Day" to say thank you, happy birthday, good luck, and goodbye to our beloved president. He who knows President Babbidge, knows that this tribute is well deserved: Babbidge Day is a chance to express one's gratitude.

See you there.