

## NOTES AND NEWS

### DR. STEWART APPOINTED HONORARY MEMBER OF AAOS

Robert E. Stewart, D.D.S., retired Director of the former Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service, Washington, D.C., has been awarded honorary membership in The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. The award was made on January 20th, 1974, in Dallas, Texas, at the Academy's annual meeting.

Along with Dr. Stewart were two other awards of honorary membership: M. A. R. Freeman, M.D., of London, England, and John C. Kennedy, of Canada.

### M. ROBERT BARNETT RETIRING FROM AFB

Executive director of the American Foundation for the Blind and the American Foundation for Overseas Blind for 25 years, M. Robert Barnett, will be retiring around January 1, 1975. The announcement was made recently by John S. Crowley, President of the Board of AFB and AFOB.

Mr. Barnett will establish a residence in Florida, his home state, however, he will continue his identification with AFB and AFOB as an international consultant.

During his 25 years as executive director, Mr. Barnett has been deeply involved not only in virtually all areas of national development in the blindness field, but he has devoted considerable energy to the international field of work for the blind as well.

Some of the most important accomplishments the Foundation has pursued under his leadership have included: the integration of blind children into public schools alongside their sighted peers; the beginning of Recordings for the Blind, a volunteer agency which records special books (such as text books) for blind readers; the establishment of the Commission on Standards and Accreditation which developed program and service standards for agencies and schools for the blind and its successor, The National Accreditation Council which administers these standards; the mobilization of forces to provide comprehensive services and programs for aging blind persons; the consolidation of teacher training programs and special curricula for technological developments, especially sensory aids, designed to help blind persons all over the world to lead more independent lives.

Mr. Barnett currently serves as vice president of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind for the North, Central and South American regions, is a member of the organization's Executive Committee, and is active on several subcommittees. In addition, he is a member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and the Canadian Council for the Blind as well as an advisor to the Blinded Veterans Association.

#### FIRST FORMAL UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED COURSE IN PROSTHETICS TOOK PLACE IN SPAIN

Jointly undertaken by the faculties of the University of Madrid and New York University, in cooperation with the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, the first formal university-sponsored course in prosthetics offered in Spain took place in Madrid from January 4-11, 1974. The course was attended by more than 100 students.

The course was part of an effort to raise the level of prosthetic services throughout Spain, and practicing prosthetists were required to attend this course in order to obtain government certification. Included were demonstrations of modern methods of fitting, fabrication, and alignment of the patellar-tendon-bearing below-knee prosthesis as well as lectures on anatomy, normal locomotion, biomechanics, and checkout procedures.

New York University faculty members included Norman Berger, course coordinator, Richard Hanak, Herbert Kramer, Director of Prosthetics and Orthotics at the Hospital for Special Surgery, and Herminio Flores of the Veterans Administration. The latter two instructors are part-time faculty members of the NYU prosthetics and orthotics program. Also participating was Casimiro Carlos, Director of Prosthetics and Orthotics at the Rehabilitation Center at Estoril, Portugal.

Additional courses in above-knee prosthetics, upper-limb prosthetics, and various aspects of orthotics are currently being planned.

#### DESIGN TRAINING PROGRAM IN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

The Department of Industrial Engineering at the University of Missouri-Columbia has received a renewed training grant award from the National Center for Health Services Research and Development of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to support a Ph. D. program in Health Care Systems Design. This grant provides additional resources to support the Department's extensive current commitment in this area. A vital feature of the program is the unique collaboration between the University School of Medicine and the College of Engineering. The program emphasizes industrial engineering analysis tools,

as well as medical diagnosis and treatment practice, health care organization, and methods of health care systems evaluation. These areas of emphasis are applied in a series of design experiences. The program culminates in an original research dissertation.

A limited number of openings for admission and financial support are available to highly qualified persons with medical, paramedical, engineering, and science backgrounds, who have a professional commitment to research, design, or management of health care systems. Persons with a strong quantitative background who are interested in the program may write for more information to Louis E. Freund, Ph. D., Assistant Professor and Director, Health Care Systems Design Training Program, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

**STORY OF RICHARD KINNEY,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HADLEY SCHOOL**

“Through the Rain and Rainbow” is the story of Richard Kinney—worldwide lecturer, poet, and educator who is also Executive Director of The Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka, Illinois, the only correspondence school for the blind in the world.

Blind at age 7 and deaf at 20, Richard Kinney spent his childhood and teenage years adjusting and overcoming his handicaps. With the aid and counsel of Helen Keller and other leaders in the work with the blind and deaf-blind, Richard Kinney graduated summa cum laude from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, to become only the third person in history to earn a degree while deprived of sight and hearing.

Kinney hears and sees through his hands, translating messages tapped in the manual alphabet or reading Braille. He returns the communication with his laughter and jokes, and with his Tella Fouch machine. He is the author of four volumes of poetry and teaches a course in verse writing for The Hadley students, reading the correspondence student's poetry in Braille and typing his messages of encouragement in return. This is the story of an interesting man who happens to be deaf and blind as told by Lyle M. Crist.