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SHELDON HACKNEY Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities

As a scholar, an author, a teacher and a university administrator, Sheldon Hackney has compiled a distinguished record of achievement and leadership during a career that has spanned more than three decades.

Before becoming chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities in August of 1993, Dr. Hackney served for 12 years as the president of the University of Pennsylvania, which has an enrollment of more than 22,000 students and employs more than 4,200 faculty members. Under Dr. Hackney's leadership, Penn conducted one of the most successful fund-raising campaigns in higher education history — generating more than \$1 billion in less than four years. During Dr. Hackney's presidency, minority enrollment at the school grew from 13 percent to 30 percent, international enrollment jumped from 1.2 percent to more than 10 percent, sponsored research doubled and the endowment quintupled.

An award-winning author on the history of the South, Dr. Hackney regularly taught undergraduate courses at Penn. Among his books is *Populism to Progressivism in Alabama* (1969), which won the American Historical Association's 1970 Albert J. Beveridge prize for best book on American history and the Southern Historical Association's 1970 Charles Sydnor award. He is the author of *Populism: The Critical Issues* (1971), co-author of *Understanding the American Experience: Recent Interpretations* (1973), and co-editor of *Partners in the Research Enterprise: University-Corporate Relations in Science and Technology* (1983).

Among his many articles published in newspapers, journals and magazines is "Reinventing the American University: Toward a University System for the Twenty-First Century," which appeared in *Universities and Community Schools* (Fall-Winter 1994).

He has served on numerous boards, including those of the Afro-American Cultural Museum in Philadelphia; the American Council on Education; the Association of American Universities; the Campus Compact Executive Committee; the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (chairman); the Committee on Rights of Historians of the American Historical Association (chairman); the Committee to Support Philadelphia Public Schools; the Consortium on Financing Higher Education (chairman); the Educational Testing Service; the *Journal of Southern History*; the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund Inc., Philadelphia Committee; the National Collegiate Athletic Association Presidents' Commission; and the Rockefeller Commission on the Humanities. From 1986 to 1988, Dr. Hackney chaired the board of the Consortium on Financing Higher Education, and from 1991 to 1992, the Council of Ivy Group Presidents.

Before going to Penn, Dr. Hackney served as president of Tulane University for five years. From 1965 to 1975, he was on the faculty of Princeton University, serving as provost from 1972 to 1975.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1933, Hackney took his B.A. at Vanderbilt University and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Yale. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1961, spending three years at sea and two years teaching at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Sheldon Hackney is married to Lucy Durr Hackney, an attorney. She is founder and president of Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, an independent, nonpartisan, statewide advocacy research and resource center. The Hackneys have three grown children: Virginia, Fahn and Elizabeth.

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