

17th century statue is Museum's finest acquisition

The University has acquired a seventeenth century statue in wood of St. Jerome for its Museum of Art and Archaeology in the Kress Gallery on the fourth floor of the University Library. Dr. Saul S. Weinberg, professor and chairman of the Department of Art History and Archaeology, describes the acquisition as the most important purchase made for the Museum to date.

Funds for the purchase were provided by a grant from the Chorn Memorial Fund and from the University Alumni Achievement Fund. The Chorn Fund was established by Leland and Mary Hazard of Pittsburgh, Pa., graduates of the University, in honor of Mrs. Hazard's parents.

The statue stands more than 32 inches high including its original base. Beside the saint's right leg is a lion, the symbol of St. Jerome; an open book is beneath his knees.

"The style of the statue is clearly related to that of the great Roman sculptor, Bernini," Dr. Weinberg said, "and there are close comparisons with his large stone statue of St. Jerome in the Siena Cathedral; in many ways, but especially in the pose, there are marked similarities as well with Bernini's Daniel in the Church of S. Maria del Popolo in Rome.

"However, while there are many terra-cotta studies for and copies of the Bernini St. Jerome, Roman sculptures of the period of Bernini, about 1650-1670, and in the Bernini manner are now excessively rare."

The wooden statue now in the University of Missouri Museum is not a copy of Bernini's St. Jerome, Dr. Weinberg believes; rather, it is probably the creation of a sculptor working in Rome at the time of Bernini and in a style close to that of the master. It is thus an important product of Roman Baroque art which the Museum is fortunate to have obtained, he says.

St. Jerome, an ordained priest, was born near the



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border of Dalmatia about 340 A.D., and died in Bethlehem on Sept. 30, 420 A.D. Recognized as the great Christian scholar of his age and as a prolific writer, he is best known for his excellent translations of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. The title of Saint appears to have been given him in recognition of his great services to the Catholic Church rather than for eminent sanctity.

Gym facilities revenue bonds

Early in September sealed proposals were to be received by the Board of Curators for the purchase of \$375,000 Recreational Facilities Revenue Bonds of the Curators of the University. The amount would be applied to the construction of additional gymnasium facilities—principally two swimming pools—for which \$400,000 in state appropriations has been available for several years.

The project calls for a building of 27,900 square feet which will contain a 25-yard Olympic type pool with six lanes, two offices, dressing rooms for men and women, and bleacher seating capacity of 400. An outdoor pool will be 30 by 75 feet.

It is expected that the project will be completed for use in the school year of 1964-65.

M.D. DAY NOVEMBER 15-16

The annual M. D. Day program will be held on the campus on November 15-16, the weekend of the Oklahoma game. Faculty members from the University of Oklahoma will join those from M.U. in presenting the scientific sessions. The two-day program will close with a buffet luncheon at the Medical Center just before the Tigers' football game.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The 1963 schedule of Missouri's football Tigers: Games at home—Northwestern, Sept. 21; Idaho, Oct. 5; Kansas State, Oct. 12; Nebraska (Homecoming) Nov. 2; Oklahoma, Nov. 16. Games away—Arkansas at Little Rock (night), Sept. 28; Oklahoma State, Oct. 19; Iowa State, Oct. 26; Colorado, Nov. 9; Kansas, Nov. 23.