

Comes As Surprise

# *Faculty Motion Recommends Dr. Barnard For Honorary Degree*

A motion passed at a general meeting of the faculty Tuesday afternoon recommending to the Honorary Degree Committee that former faculty member, Dr. Ellsworth Barnard be made a recipient of one of the honorary degrees given at mid-year commencement ceremonies next weekend.

Barnard was an active participant in the McClellan controversy last year, submitting his resignation

at the height of the conflict at the end of the second semester.

His re-application for a position at the University next year was turned down because there were no senior positions available in the English Department at this time. It was pointed out by his department chairman, Dr. Arthur Pennell that although he had hoped Dr. Barnard would be returning, there were "simply no funds available."

Presently he has taken a full-time tenure position at the University of Massachusetts where he is a visiting professor this year.

Dr. Michael Shapiro, apparently to nearly everybody's surprise, placed the motion to recommend Barnard for an honorary degree with John Frye adding the second.

Various individuals spoke in Barnard's behalf, pointing out his

excellence as a teacher and outstanding individual character.

There were very few negative votes on the motion, although an estimated one-third of the faculty present abstained. Also, according to the Faculty Senate, Dr. Donald Baker, there was "considerably less" than the entire faculty present.

The recommendation now goes to the Honorary Degree Committee of which Dr. Richard Sonderegger is chairman. Dr. Sonderegger was not available for comment because of illness but Dr. Baker commented that the action taken at the general faculty meeting had already been made known to him.

According to Dr. Baker, "There is no question at all that they (the committee) will be taking the recommendation very seriously."

