

Duluth — Professor Brand Blanshard, a philosopher and social commentator who has lectured widely in this country and abroad, will give two public lectures at UMD Nov. 7-8.

Dr. Blanshard will speak on "The Search for Sanity in Thought and Art" at 8 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 7) in the Humanities Auditorium at a meeting of the UMD chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

He will speak on the "Pros and Cons of Conformity" at a student convocation at 10:30 a.m. Thursday (Nov. 8) in Kirby Student Center ballroom, sponsored by the UMD Religious Council.

Dr. Blanshard currently is a visiting lecturer in philosophy at the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota. Until June of 1961, he was chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Yale University.

In 1952-53, he delivered the famous Gifford Lectures in Scotland, one of the few Americans ever selected. In 1959, he was named the Paul Carus Foundation Lecturer, thus sharing with John Dewey the distinction of being the only American philosophers to hold both lectureships.

Dr. Blanshard's two-volume book "The Nature of Thought", published in 1940, was rated as one of the ten outstanding works on philosophy produced in the United States since 1900. He is finishing the third in a series of volumes entitled "Reason and Analysis," "Reason and Goodness," and "Reason and Belief" — all resulting from his Gifford and Carus lectures.

Dr. Blanshard received a B.A. degree from the University of Michigan, a B.S. degree from Oxford University, an M.A. degree from Columbia University and his Ph.D. from Harvard University. During this period he was a Rhodes Scholar from 1913 to 1915 and again from 1919 to 1920. He also was a Guggenheim Fellow from 1929 to 1930.

Before joining the Yale faculty in 1945, he taught at the University of Michigan and Swarthmore College.

Both UMD lectures are open to the public at no charge.