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Mr. Walter Bareiss has been appointed Chairman of the Junior Council of the Museum of Modern Art, it was announced today. Mr. Bareiss, who lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, has been a member of the Junior Council since 1950. He succeeds Mrs. Donald B. Straus, who has been named Honorary Chairman. The Junior Council, a group of about 50 men and women interested in the program of the Museum, was formed ten years ago by the Museum's trustees. One of its major continuing activities is the operation of the Art Lending Service. Recent Sculpture USA, the third exhibition in a series initiated by the Council several years ago to explore recent directions in the work of American artists, opens at the Museum on May 13.

Mr. Bareiss is a well known collector of modern art. A selection of paintings, sculpture, drawings and prints from his collection was presented as a benefit exhibition by the Junior Council in 1958.

Mr. Bareiss was born in Tuebingen, Germany, in 1919. He came to the United States in 1937 to enter Yale University, where he majored in applied economic science. After he was graduated in 1940, he studied one year at Columbia Law School and then served in the U.S. Army. Since 1947 he has been active in various phases of the textile business--manufacturing and selling here and abroad.

Although Mr. Bareiss' interest in collecting art was encouraged by his father who has a collection of old masters, the fine arts courses which he took while majoring in economics at Yale provided an important stimulus. His first purchases were made while still an undergraduate.

Mr. Bareiss is a trustee of the Associates in Fine Arts of Yale University and a member of the Museum of Modern Art's Collection Committee. From 1951 to 1956 he served as Chairman of the Junior Council's Art Lending Service. He is married to the former Molly Stimson and is the father of five children, a daughter and four sons.

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