

'Congenitally Lazy' Dean Still Young, Active At 68

Dean Charles W. Stoddart, who retires July 1, describes himself as "congenitally lazy", yet the School of Liberal Arts has mushroomed from a unit of 421 students and 82 faculty members to become the largest School at the College during his 25-year regime.

Statistics fail to back up his claims to laziness, for when Dr. Stoddart became head of the liberal-arts in 1920, the school ranked fourth in enrollment; and, in his words, was "a hang-out for funk-outs" from other schools.

Believing that students always want something which is hard to get, his first action was to raise academic standards. His theory must have been good because the LA School has ranked first in enrollment for the past 15 years.

In 1940, the last prewar year, there were 1552 students and 160 faculty members. Today, Sparks building serves as headquarters for 1008 civilian students and 156 professors. In addition it services approximately 600 military trainees.

Other landmarks of Stoddart's reign were separation of the School into lower and upper divisions, and establishment of the Speech Clinic, the Institute of Local Government, and the Bureau of Business Research.

Although the Dean holds three degrees, a B.A. from Columbia University, 1900; a M.A. from Columbia, 1901; and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, he has always insisted that his secretaries refer to him as "Mr." Stoddart. He is not the one to claim credit for others' accomplishments.

"My policy," he explained, "has not been to go out and do everything myself, but to back somebody who has a good idea."

When the College had a radio station, WJSC, Dean Stoddart ranked as one of its outstanding program contributors, frequently serving as master of ceremonies on the liberal arts broadcasts. He was the first president of the Centre Hills Country Club, a former director of both the Red Cross and University Club, and at one time he was simultaneously president of the Kiwanis and the Commerce Clubs.

In the interval between Presidents Sparks and Thomas and again between Presidents Thomas and Hetzel, he served as "one-third president" of the College. Dr. Stoddart, author of "Chemistry of Agriculture", member of the committee which recommended the College Senate, and chairman of the first committee on courses of study, was a member of the agricultural chemistry department from 1910 to 1920.

Charles Stoddart was born in Boscobel, Wisconsin, 1877, and spent most of his boyhood in Canton and Columbus, Ohio. He maintains membership in many organizations including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Alpha Zeta.

The Dean, who still rushes about his office an hour after

closing time, who laughs so easily, and solves problems with a flick of his cigarette, neither acts nor looks like a man about to retire.

"I want to retire," he said "while I can still move. I want to go out and do a lot of things I've been intending to do for the past 45 years."

These things include two months of rest and then quite extensive reading of ancient history, ancient drama, philosophy, and mystery stories, and perhaps even a little writing for his own amusement.

"My fingers are crossed, he added, "in the hope that I can spend the summer camping in the Adirondaks and the winter at our home in Alabama. That depends on gas rationing and the approval of Mrs. Stoddart."

Gardening is another possibility, but he's making not rash statements, because, in his own words, "I've got an aversion to labor."

Engineer Goes on Sale, Features Student Articles

The May issue of the Penn State Engineer will go on sale tomorrow, announced Dorothea Fischer, editor.

Feature articles in this month's issue are: "Progidy," by Pierce Robinson; "Daddy of Milling," by Marie Macario; and "Titanium," by Eileen Ershler. Also included are "Sly Drools," and "Talk of the Campus," which, according to Miss Fischer, is "bigger than ever."

The executive staff selected for the summer includes: Dorothea Fischer, editor; John Zozak, associate editor; James McMaster, business manager; Lawrence Schänstein, national advertising representative; Robert Yurkanin, managing editor; Elisabeth Griffiths, illustration editor; David Nalven, feature editor; Pierce Robinson, advertising manager; and Louis Parent, office manager.

Dean Offers Students Part Time Positions

Students who wish to work part-time at the Ordnance Research Laboratory project may do so by spending two-hour stretches or 15 hours a week minimum, Royal M. Gerhardt, assistant dean of the School of Engineering, announced this week.

Workers can be used from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and from 8 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, said Mr. Gerhardt. If under 18 years of age, work certificates will be needed and may be obtained in 203 Main Engineering.



FRED K. HOEHLER

College Alumnus To Open WSSF Campus Drive

Fred K. Hoehler, director of the division of displaced persons of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Administration, will open the campus World Student Service Fund drive at a mas meeting in Schwab Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Hoehler recently spent ten months in Europe, making plans for the feeding, clothing, and housing of war refugees. He will present a view of the present situation abroad, and the needs to be met.

The speaker was graduated from the College in 1915 with a bachelor of science degree in forestry. While in college he was a member of Alpha Zeta, Lions Paw, Skull and Bones, Friars, Sphinx, Student Board, Student Council, and was business manager of LaVie and the Penn State Farmer.

In 1940 he was appointed director of the joint Army-Navy commission followed by his State Department appointment in the UNRRA, under Herbert Lehman.

Following the meeting, solicitors for the drive will hold a reception in the State College Hotel. Students and faculty are invited to attend and talk with Mr. Hoehler.

George Paul Jones will act as master of ceremonies for the program, assisted by Barbara Ander-

Fletcher Plans To Fish, Write After Retirement

After 45 jampacked years as teacher, writer, researcher, and dean, Stevenson W. Fletcher, whose retirement as head of the School of Agriculture was announced recently, just wants to go fishing.

Wading the waters of Pine Creek, where he has a cabin, casting into the waters of Kettle Creek, where he usually fishes with his good friend Ralph Watts, who preceded him as dean, shooting rabbit and turkey, and camping and tramping in the Seven Mountains are part of the dean's retirement plans. His retirement, however, will not be devoted exclusively to fishing. The preparation of a book, "Three Centuries of Pennsylvania Agriculture," will engross his time for several years. He will also continue serving as a member of the Pennsylvania Postwar Planning Commission.

Dean Fletcher's career in education began in 1892 when he pocketed the \$54.60 he had earned picking berries and entered Massachusetts Agricultural College. In 1896 he obtained his B.S. degree. Cornell conferred the M.S. degree in 1898 and the Ph.D. in 1900.

The same year, Dr. Fletcher became professor of horticulture and horticulturist at the experiment station of Washington State College. In 1902, he resigned to fill a similar position at West Virginia University, and the following year returned to Cornell to become assistant professor of extension teaching in agriculture. He has also held a horticulture professorship at Michigan-Agricultural College and the directorship of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Agricultural Experiment Station.

In 1917 Dr. Fletcher came to the College as professor of horticulture. Ten years later he was made vice dean of the School of Agriculture and director of research, and was appointed dean in 1940.

The dean is the author of six books: "How to Make a Fruit Garden," "Soils—How to Improve

Them," "Strawberry Growing," "The Strawberry in North America," "A History of Fruit Growing in Pennsylvania," and "History of Fruit Growing in Virginia."

Professionally he has served as president of the Virginia State Horticultural Society, president and secretary of the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Committee on Manuscripts of the Journal of Agricultural Research, and chairman of the Council of Research of the College.

With his six sons, Dean Fletcher has built several cabins and camps. He now owns one in the Seven Mountains and another at Pine Creek near Waterville. Three of his sons are in the service, and a fourth, Ensign Emmett Fletcher, the youngest, was killed in action.

Dr. Fletcher is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Zeta, Sigma Xi, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Society of Horticultural Science. Despite these honors, the dean describes himself as "the lesser Fletcher," and refers to his brother, Senator Edward Fletcher, of California, as "the greater Fletcher."

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

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The next class will be admitted September 27, 1945. Only one class is enrolled each year.

Basic entrance requirements are intelligence, aptitude for nursing, and character. The academic requirements are 16 units of High School and at least one semester each of College Chemistry and Biology or Zoology. Annual tuition cost is \$100 and covers the cost of instruction and maintenance.

Duke University School of Nursing offers the B. S. in Nursing upon completion of the 3-year nursing course and 60 semester hours of acceptable College credits.

Duke University School of Nursing also participates in the U. S. Nurse Cadet Corps program. Under this plan, students who pledge themselves to continue in nursing throughout the war, receive free tuition, uniforms and a small monthly stipend.

Application forms and catalogue can be obtained from: Dean, Duke University School of Nursing, Duke Hospital, Durham, North Carolina.

X-G-I's Sponsor Dance

X-G-I Club is sponsoring an informal dance for all ex-service-men at the Elks Club from 9 to 12 p.m., June 1. The dance features Dick Berge and his band.

Reservations for the dance can be made by calling Dick Berge, 4425; Patrick Brennan, 2021; Mervin Wilf, 4933; William Deutsh, 2053; or any club officer.

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