

Versatile Alum Returns As School of Arts Prof

Artist, educator and philosopher—all three terms can be applied to Edwin W. Zoller, a native of Pittsburgh newly-appointed teacher of painting in the School of the Arts.

Zoller, who began his duties on campus this fall, is continuing an association with the University that started when he was an undergraduate here more than 30 years ago. He has been connected with the University centers throughout the state as a teacher and administrator since 1927.

Zoller has gained recognition as an artist through his oil paintings which have been exhibited in places ranging from New York and Pittsburgh to Paris and Florence.

Refuses Labels

He refuses to pin a label on his painting methods and likes to describe his work as experimental in character. He says he is continually "exploring new ways of communicating directly by visual means."

As a teacher of painting at the University, he is conducting oil painting classes this semester and also is teaching courses in design and color theory. Zoller is continuing his own artistic pursuits on campus, specializing in oil and water color media.

He was graduated from the University in 1921 after attending the University of Pittsburgh for two years. He taught art at Allegheny High School in Pittsburgh from 1921-24 and did part-time teaching in the College of Fine Arts of the Carnegie Institute of Technology during that same period. Four years as head of the art department at Perry High School and two years in a similar position at Latimer High School followed.

Long University Association

Zoller's long association with University centers began in the summer of 1927 when he taught fine arts at the Altoona Summer Session. He served as lecturer and instructor in fine arts at the Pittsburgh Center from 1929-33 and was administrative head and art instructor at the Sayre-Towanda Center for two years. From 1935-42 he was administrative head and assistant professor of fine arts at the DuBois Center.

A veteran of both world wars, Zoller served in World War II with the army engineers from 1942-46 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was appointed an associate professor of fine arts at

the Altoona Center in 1946, a position he held until he came to the campus this fall.

Studied Abroad

The artist studied abroad on several occasions. He spent a year in Paris in 1928-29 studying at La Grande Chaumiere and Colarossi and traveled extensively in Spain and North Africa. Deeply interested in Italian Renaissance painting, he spent four months in Florence, Italy, in 1924, studying that subject. He gave a series of 15 radio lectures on paintings of the Italian Renaissance when he returned to Pittsburgh. Zoller also studied art in Mexico in 1950.

He is a participating artist in the Pittsburgh Plan for Art, supported by the Ford Foundation, which fosters the showing of contemporary artistic works for purchase by the public.

Zoller has been represented in many exhibitions, including the Annual Exhibition of American Art in New York, Creative Galleries, New York, Pennsylvania Academy, Butler Institute of American Art, and the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh.

Hit-Run Driver--

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charges of entering the room of a student while he was home for the weekend. Both were previous offenders.

Two Students on Probation

Two other students involved in the same incident were placed on office probation.

Tribunal had recommended that the first student be suspended until the spring semester, but the subcommittee deferred this action, which will continue until the end of his academic career.

The four students were charged with entering the room, cracking a window, breaking a light, spilling coffee on linen and bedding, smearing jelly on text books, spilling cookies on the floor, spraying shaving cream about the room and pulling a brass plate from the door.

IM Boxing--

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verdict from the tough 165-pound Teke.

In a 145-pound indie scrap, Fred Knipe used a left jab to good advantage in taking a decision from Bob Wands. The fight lacked action as both men put on a fine show of defense.

In a 155 pound fight, Joe Nock of Alpha Chi Sigma eked out a close triumph over Phi Kappa Sigma's Dick Spitko. The battle was marked with closeness all the way.

A 165-pound independent fight acted as the evening's finale. Dick Conway won the scrap from Harold Clark by virtue of expert and tactful infighting.

Marriage Prof Cites Lack of Objectivity

The biggest stumbling block in teaching marriage courses is getting the student to think in broad terms and forget his personal problems, according to Dr. William M. Smith.

Dr. Smith, professor of family relationships, said that too often a student brings into the classroom only his own problems in the hopes of finding a solution. What he should do is learn the basic concepts in marriage relationships and work from there, he said.

Marriage Objectives Cited

The main objectives of a marriage course, according to Dr. Smith, are:

1. To help the student realize the inadequacy of his beliefs about family relationships. People tend to think that their own family is a reflection of all families.

2. To help the student shift from praise and blame to broader concepts through descriptive formulas. The course does not give "right and wrong" answers, but helps to develop a point of view where an individual doesn't blame others for conditions.

To Aid Students

3. To help the student develop his own way to look at marriage and think problems through to answers. This is done by acquainting the student with sources of information and by developing a criteria for what they read.

These teaching methods have been proven effective by surveys, Dr. Smith said. One of the most

effective proofs is the detection of changes in attitude in students, he said.

Smith Relates Story

Dr. Smith relates the story of one engaged couple enrolled in his course who always sat together and worked on joint projects. At about the middle of the semester, he noticed that they no longer sat together. By the end of the course the engagement was broken and the young man was engaged to one of his classmates.

In a survey of Wisconsin high schools where marriage courses are required, the illegitimacy rate fell off 18 per cent, and there is less divorce and less syphilis.

Construction--

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ment of Home Economics South. The Navy research building will be constructed on Curtin Rd., opposite the University flower gardens.

All construction begun in November of 1957 and January of 1958 is scheduled to be completed in July of 1959 and ready for use in September of 1959.

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