

Dean W. D. Bemmels Will Devote Full Time To Teaching Duties



Dr. W. D. Bemmels, Dean of the College and head of the Physics and Mathematics Department at Ottawa University, is relinquishing the deanship in order to give full time to teaching and departmental affairs. The change, requested by Dr. Bemmels, will be effective Sept. 1.

Bemmels came to the faculty in 1941 and became dean in 1949. He is completing 19 years in the important academic position.

In announcing the change, President Peter H. Armacost commented, "We dislike losing Dr. Bemmels as Dean, but we are delighted that he will remain on the faculty. He has been an able administrator, a wise counselor and a trusted friend and we will frequently call on him in his new capacity for assistance in our program development considerations. As the Dean of the College he holds the respect and admiration of both faculty and students as well as his administrative colleagues. In my one year of work with him I have formed a very high opinion of his ability and his scholarly approach to the duties of the deanship. Our loss in the dean's position is a gain for the Physics and Mathematics Department. The record of his former students and the testi-

mony of our alumni in a recent 'talk-back' exercise are ample evidence of Dr. Bemmels' outstanding ability as a classroom teacher."

In a letter to Dr. Armacost stating his desire to make the change, Bemmels said, "Although I have enjoyed many of the activities and responsibilities which have been mine over the past 19 years as Dean of the College, my interests in teaching in my academic area have been very strong. I have often felt that I really have received more self-satisfaction in teaching than in administration.

"This has not been an easy decision to make. You have certainly given me every possible support in my work as the Dean, and I have felt our personal relationship to be a very warm one."

Faculty Committees In Research Projects

MOVE OTTAWA TO THE FOREFRONT is more than a slogan. Faculty-student committees are intensively at work, examining not only the O.U. program but also looking into other college plans. In April, two committees made visits to other institutions.

Dr. Wayne Angell, Dr. W. D. Bemmels, Dr. Lewis Spencer and students Ronald Dunham and Jon Kirby took much of their spring vacation to visit Beloit College in Beloit, Wisc., and Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Mich., studying the academic functions and projections.

Another committee—Angell, Dr. Horton Presley, Prof. Robert Pringle and students Sue Adams and Lorraine Harring on April 14 to 18 visited Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, N. Car., and Southwestern College in Memphis, Tenn.

Other committees are continuing the visits to such schools as St. John's College in Maryland, Antioch College in Ohio, University of the Pacific in California, University of California at Santa Cruz, Florida Presbyterian College and Stephens College in Missouri.

The continuing research of the faculty and students is developing excitement on the campus about the potential of the University to move forward. As committee members look at other programs and examine the Ottawa base they become eager to move ahead.