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Dr. Milton Froyd

"inspirational leader"

By Bruce Underwood

Dr. Milton C. Froyd upon accepting the responsibilities of interim president of Ottawa University, pledged his best efforts to this position. He saw his major responsibility as galvanizing the trustees, faculty, students, staff and supporting constituencies, and drawing forth the latent energies, concerns, and loyalties into a major thrust of action to deal with the enormous tasks facing private liberal arts colleges today." Dr. Froyd has been making good his pledge since he and Mrs. Froyd's arrival in the fall. They continue to endear themselves to students and faculty alike. Their giving of themselves wholly to the tasks at hand and to larger goals has been evidenced by their willingness to make time for faculty and student concerns, and the achievement of larger goals previously thought impossible.

Dr. Froyd has brought and is bringing insight, wisdom, caring, receptivity and professional experience to his leadership role. He has been dean, professor and Director of Educational Research at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School where he served for twenty-one years. He has served as Director of Educational Research for the American Baptist Board of Education and recently he has been Director of Institutional Research and Planning at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Froyd received his baccalaureate degree from Gordon College. He holds the Masters and Doctoral degrees from Columbia University. Dr. Froyd has been connected with Ottawa University numerous times throughout his career. He has spoken to Ottawa University students through convocations held on campus and has also been a good friend of Dr. Martin, president emeritus, for many years. Most recently, Dr. Froyd was Director of Development during the 1974-1975 school year here at OU.

Dr. Froyd and his wife Mildred have two sons who are both married. One is an administrator who lives in Denver, Colorado and the other is a

plant pathologist who works for Eli Lilly in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Through the positions and experiences held Dr. Froyd makes it clear that he has a commitment to Christian higher Education and the Liberal Arts. Dr. Froyd speaks of this commitment that "came out of an experience of growth - the reality of God in my experience knowing who Christ was". He speaks of God through Christ as being real and intense, where we all are understood and loved and cared for in ways not previously comprehensible. Dr. Froyd sees his task in higher education as helping people to understand the relationship of the gospel to the lives that they live in this world. Knowing that God, through Christ cares about us and our world in an ultimate way, Dr. Froyd, too, has been compelled to care. He has done this through his vocation as an educator. He sees the Liberal Arts as being the freeing arts, as the "truth shall make you free".

Mrs. Froyd, in speaking about their life together in Christian Higher Education and about coming back to Ottawa, said, "Coming to Ottawa this

year has done something to us personally, strengthening our lives together — our work and religious life have taken on added caring." Mrs. Froyd brings a great deal of compassion, concern, and understand-

ing towards seeing Dr. Froyd as he is. Mrs. Froyd expressed her husband's main concern as, "seeing that young people are getting the basic training for

their future life. He makes this a priority and carries it out." She said further that they came to Ottawa to, "give of ourselves and our time to stabilize

and restore Ottawa out of concern for the relationship between the church and the University."

Dr. Froyd is spoken of by faculty, students and staff as being a listener - one with whom they could share their concerns. Mark Lambertson commented that, "He is really in tune with the purpose and traditions of Ottawa University." Sherry Black said, "He really listens and listens well." Denis Greene sees Dr. Froyd as, "A great inspirational leader. A personal inspiration. A man with great insights into man."

The person who schedules his appointments and is his secretary, Dorothy Hewitt says, "He always makes time to hear people's concerns." Esther Bemmels, Alumni Secretary,

said, "He has a real sense of humor." Bill Ballinger spoke of Dr. Froyd as one who seeks reconciliation the common ground upon which we stand.

Bill sees him as understanding through social barriers and listening with equal value to each person.

Dr. Froyd is a very personable man who seeks to understand you, where you are, and where you are going. He seeks that we look to what God has called us to become in our lives. He understands openly people's hopes and dreams for the future.

Seek out Dr. Froyd for yourself. He himself expressed that his greatest regret is, "not having enough time to meet with faculty and students." Yet Mrs. Froyd tells a story of Dr. Froyd urging parents to tell their children at Ottawa to go in and make an appointment.



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