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The New University President Is a Man of Action

Dr. Peter H. Armacost on August 1 assumed duties as the twelfth president of the University and immediately plunged into a series of administrative tasks related to the immediate and future plans of the school.

He recognizes and already takes pride in the accomplishments of the University. That is probably one reason why he is here, the solid nature of the school. He also agrees with others that now is the time for Ottawa to make great strides forward.

There will be changes in the academic program and in the administrative plan. These changes, whatever they may be, will be developed in faculty and staff sessions after thorough examinations of higher education trends and needs in the nation.

He is a personable man, a hard worker, cooperative and decisive at the right times. In modern administrative language, he is a team man, depending heavily upon his staff for information, opinions and performance. Gradually, the administrative staff will be expanded to accelerate the pace of the university.

One of the first moves by Dr. Armacost will be to employ a vice-president for development to direct the efforts of the University in gaining greater financial support. Other moves will be made as quickly as possible.

Dr. Armacost will tackle various academic problems with the aid of the faculty. Since the members are accustomed to probing examination of curricula and methods and to mak-

ing changes annually, they will not drag their feet in making developments to meet present day needs.

The new president is in an able position to guide the University in adjusting to modern trends. He has been Program Director and has held other responsibilities for the Association of American Colleges. Thus he has observed at close hand the educational work of colleges and universities throughout the land.

His president-to-student relationships are apt to be excellent. Much of his Ph.D. work at University of Minnesota was in this field. He was also dean of students at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He has already expressed his willingness to see the student point-of-view and to work

as closely as possible with people on the campus.

This attitude and ability should be of great value to the University in these days of student restlessness.

It is only natural that faculty and students wondered in the spring as to the kind of a man chosen by the Board to be the University leader. Quickly now, confidence is growing that here is the right man to direct affairs in the opening years of the second century. And at this point, it seems that it will be a pleasant experience for all concerned.

We should mention that Mrs. Armacost and the four children are rapidly finding a place for themselves in the community and in university circles. The family lives at 27 Rockwood Drive, just a mile from the campus.



The Conference Method

As Dr. Armacost plunged into administrative tasks, it was quickly evident that he will use the conference approach to securing information and suggestions upon which decisions will be made. In the picture above

he talks with Dean of Men B. Boucek and Dean of the College W. D. Bemmels.

In the very few months since his appointment to the presidency in January, he has already probed deeply into the nature of the University.