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## Germer Named 15th OU President

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Ottawa University has named a new president. The University Board of Trustees announced on April 24th, that Harold D. Germer will be the 15th president following the retirement of Wilbur Wheaton on June 30, 1992.

Making the announcement of the presidency was board chair, James O'Dell of Brighton, Colo. Along with the announcement came a new organizational plan for OU developed by the Board of Trustees over the last four years. With the new plan, the University President will be responsible for overseeing the wide operations of OU, developments, planning, finance, alumni and board relations. A campus Provost will take control of the University's day to day operations.

The involvement with Ottawa University reaches many years into the past for the newly elected president. From 1969 to 1973, Germer was the Assistant Professor of religion. Then he moved on to be Dean of the College from 1974 to 1977. Germer then traveled on to Phoenix, Arizona, in

1977, to establish the OU Center. While there, he served as Dean until 1981. Upon his return in 1989, Germer has since served as the OU Executive Vice President.

As Executive Vice President here at Ottawa University, Germer has been responsible for a variety of duties. His duties have included supervision of the Provosts at the University's Kansas City and Phoenix Centers, all off campus adult programs, and the direction of the international degree completion program outreach to Hong Kong and Malaysia. Along with his involvement with the off campus programs, Germer has also been responsible for long term planning and further development of off campus programs, which included undergraduate and graduate degree programs and specialized courses.

Along with his new position, comes a few concerns for Germer. "My major concerns will be stewardship of university resources, recognition and support to persons who help the university succeed in its mission, and taking advantage of opportunities to im-

prove and expand our educational programs."

Germer has also stated that he realizes that being the President of Ottawa University will be extremely demanding. "The Ottawa University Presidency is very demanding because of the expanding scope of university programs and operations in recent years. It is essential that all parts of the university be supported and encouraged in accomplishing their best effort on behalf of our students."

When asked how he perceives the campus facility at Ottawa, in the scheme of the whole university, based on one of his statements that he intends to make off-campus expansion a priority, he responded, "Our most important next step is the selection of a Provost for the Ottawa Campus. An Advisory Committee including faculty, staff, trustee, student and local Ottawa representatives is already at work on that. Beyond that, I am seriously interested in the three task forces working on program improvements for the campus, as well as recruitment and retention."

