DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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A Report from the Chairman—Dr. Cady:

We of the chemistry staff take pride in you, our graduates—our most valuable product—and we are happy to send our greetings with best wishes for the future. This newsletter will give some impression of departmental events and plans. We hope that you will be interested and that each of you will take time to respond by telling us what has happened to you. We hope, too, that you will visit us when you come to Seattle.

We and the rest of the University seem always to be changing. Students come and go, new discoveries come from laboratories, new construction is in progress near our building and major additions and improvements in our own building are about to start; new members are added to our staff, and old friends leave.

"Tommy" Thompson, affectionately remembered by his former students and colleagues, retired two years ago and soon thereafter was stricken by creeping paralysis. He passed away in August, 1961.

Paul Cross, our capable Executive Officer, resigned in the summer of 1961, and on September 1 started his duties as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa. We regret the change very much, but feel that the Institute deserves sincere congratulations for its choice.

Professor Wiiberg finally yielded to one of the many good and well-earned temptations which have been coming his way and accepted a professorship at Yale.

In other cases we have been more fortunate and have been able to hold members of the staff against really strong competition from other schools. We regard the efforts of these schools as real compliments to our staff and expect that it will not be long before similar substantial praises are received by the newest members of our faculty. Professors Pocke, Slutskey and Vincow are first-class additions to the Department. Another improvement in the staff is the addition of Frank Selver as Manager of Administrative Services.

An "inside job" has been done in appointing a new head of the Department. He intends to do his best to fill the shoes of Paul Cross and to maintain the growth and improvement which has existed in the past. He feels fortunate to have as colleagues men who are dedicated to excellence in teaching and research and to doing each day's work better than the last.

Paul has left things in good shape, and we intend to keep them that way.

George H. Cady
Chairman.

A BACKWARD LOOK

Department History

The Department of Chemistry had its beginning in 1885 when courses in the natural and physical sciences were first taught at the struggling young school. The years since then have brought a steady growth in the range of subject matter taught, and in the size of the staff and enrollment as the department kept pace with the total development of the University. This year there is a faculty of 24, with over 50 teaching assistants, serving 2,700 students, including 180 undergraduate and 142 graduate majors.

An independent department of chemistry was organized in 1896 under the direction of Dr. H. C. Myers. A reorganization just three years later resulted in separate departments of pharmacy and chemistry, with chemistry being headed by Dr. H. G. Byers from Johns Hopkins University. Under Dr. Byers' administration a curriculum in chemical engineering was added about 1904. Following Dr. Byers' resignation in 1919, Dr. H. K. Benson was named head of the Department, an appointment that was to continue until his retirement in 1947. Professor Benson was succeeded by Dr. H. V. Tartar, and from 1949 to 1961 Dr. Paul C. Cross held the office.

The original Bagley Hall, now called the Architecture Building, was constructed for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Chemistry occupied this building until 1937, when both the name and the department moved to the present site.

The first Ph.D. awarded by the University was in chemistry—Frank A. Hartman in 1914. Since then nearly 300 graduate students have completed work in the Department for the Ph.D. degree, and included among them are many of America's outstanding scientists.

ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. John F. Voeks (Ph.D. 1951), who has been Senior Research Chemist in the Pittsburg Research Department of Dow Chemical Company, recently was promoted to the position of Associate Chemist. He is the second person to receive this advancement in the Western Division of the company.

Dr. John F. G. Hicks, who received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the U. of W., and his Ph.D. from Berkeley, was appointed this year to the position of Associate Director, Battelle Memorial Institute at Columbus, Ohio. His superior is another UW man—Dr. B. D. Thomas (Ph.D. 1933), President of the Institute.

Dr. Clinton M. Kelley (Ph.D. '41) is returning to the University of Denver as Chairman of the Department of Chemistry. For more than ten years he has been at the Stanford Research Institute in California.
Research, Teaching, Professional Activities

Professor Arthur G. Anderson, Jr. studied and worked on research problems at the Chemical Institute of the University of Heidelberg during the last school year under a National Science Foundation Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship. In addition, Dr. Anderson lectured at the Universities of Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Zurich and Marburg, and at several major European industrial plants. Mrs. Anderson and their three daughters accompanied him during this European sojourn. Dr. Anderson resumed his place in the Department in September. Azulene and other nonclassical aromatic systems are Dr. Anderson's main subject of investigation.

Professor George H. Cady recently was made Chairman-Elect of the Division of Inorganic Chemistry of the American Chemical Society for 1962. His research deals with compounds of fluorine, the most interesting of these being several covalent hypofluorites. He has lectured about this work to an international congress in Munich, to the Chemical Society in London, and to many local sections of the American Chemical Society.

Associate Professor Alden L. Crittenden and Eloise Snyder were married in 1958, and now have a daughter born last spring. He assisted Professor Lingafelter in managing a five-week institute for high school chemistry teachers during July and August of last year. His research deals with quantitative electrode processes.

Professor Paul C. Cross guided the Department in its efforts to keep up with the increase in student registration, growth of science and changing approaches to teaching. Staff, physical plant, scope of research interests and national status of the Department increased notably under his direction during the twelve years of his leadership. In fact, he did so well that unfortunately we lost him! (A letter from Dr. Cross will be found on page 3.)

Professor H. J. Dauben, Jr. has attended a variety of symposia, and presented papers on several occasions. At the ACS meeting in Chicago he spoke on Linear Aromatic Systems, and gave a research talk on "Strain Energies" at the dedication of the new Evans Laboratory at Ohio State University. During spring quarter he will be on leave to Cornell University as Visiting Research Lecturer and will also give research talks at Harvard University and at the Philadelphia Organic Chemists' Club. He plans to attend the ACS meeting in Washington, D.C., this spring.

Associate Professor D. F. Eggers, Jr. heads a research group working on infrared spectroscopy. In June he went to Columbus, Ohio, to present a paper at a symposium on molecular structure and spectroscopy. His research is supported by grants from the U.S. Air Force and the National Science Foundation. Dr. Eggers is another of our faculty men who take considerable interest in the Boy Scouts. Last summer he took a group on a week's hike in the mountains.

Carbon-14 Dating

Associate Professor A. W. Fairhall came to the University in 1954 from M.I.T. His time is divided between chemistry and the cyclotron, through the Department of Physics. He is becoming well known for his work on nuclear fission and on dating archeological remains from the Pacific Northwest as far back as 40,000 years ago. Since 1958 he has developed a carbon-14 dating laboratory, financed by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The age of wood samples from sequoia trees, which live as long as 3,000 years, can be accurately determined from counting growth rings of tree stumps. By using these results as standards of comparison, the ratios of C-14 to non-radioactive carbon in different samples can be correlated with age of the sample. This has given interesting results on the age of trees killed by lava flows, of Indian relics, and prehistoric animal and plant remains from both land and marine sources. In 1959 Professor Fairhall gave an invited paper at the International Congress of Pure and Applied Science in Brussels, Belgium, and in August of the same year he presented an invited paper at the West Coast meeting of the American Physical Society, held in Honolulu.

Professor N. W. Gregory sharpened up his spoken German, and flew to Germany during September 1959 to attend a meeting of the International Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry. He acted as Chairman of a session, and gave an invited paper on his recent work on vaporization processes. In April of last year he was in charge of arrangements for a conference here on the campus of more than 100 college and university teachers from fifty institutions, who met to discuss common problems. He has recently been awarded research grants from both the National Science Foundation and the Army.

Professor George D. Halsey, who joined the staff in 1951, has recently received research grants from the Sloan Foundation, the Air Force and American Petroleum Institute. These and another award from the Petroleum Research Fund, given jointly to him and to Dr. Cross, currently support his work on statistical mechanics and adsorption.

Professor E. C. Lingafelter was appointed Associate Dean of the Graduate School on a half-time basis in the Autumn of 1960. His main responsibilities there are in relation to research projects, research support and graduate school fellowships. He divides his time between the Administration Building, Bagley Hall and the Computer Laboratory, where he and his graduate students have staked out an extensive claim. He was in charge of an NSF Summer Chemistry Institute for high school teachers that was held on the campus during July and August of last year. In recent years he has lectured at similar institutes held at Montana State College in Bozeman. In the summer of 1960 he gave a paper at the International Crystallographic Congress in England. He continues to be active in Boy Scout circles.
PAUL C. CROSS

Writes from the Mellon Institute

Many of you know by now that I have left the University of Washington to become President of the Mellon Institute. This was indeed a grim decision because I had twelve very rewarding years as Executive Officer of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Washington. During this time, two-thirds of you received your degrees at the University.

Also, during this time, I have continually thought I was on the verge of getting off to you another news letter. This turned out to be a "manana" job, because my record reads: one news letter in 1951, a letter about the H. K. Benson Scholarship in 1955, and one list of alumni addresses in 1957.

I was expecting somewhere along the line to remind you of the fact that much effort had gone into procuring the financial support which enabled you to complete your graduate studies, and to suggest that contributions to the support of the Department would be welcomed by the staff here and would give you certain inner satisfactions as well as certain income tax advantages. I have hesitated to do so from a reluctance to interject such monetary aspects into what has always seemed to me to be warm personal friendships. Now, however, that I am no longer officially connected with the Department, and thus not passing my own hat, I have no hesitation whatsoever in reminding you that your contributions now will benefit the current generation of graduate students. There are many circumstances in life where our debts of appreciation can only be liquidated to the benefit of a younger generation, and this, I believe, is one of them.

There are very few of you whom I do not know personally and so I wish to close by saying to one and all, "Best of luck, and I'll be seeing you at a social hour sometime, I hope."

Paul C. Cross
President,
Mellon Institute

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PROFESSOR W. M. SCHUBERT was on leave in Germany during 1960-61 school year. His trip was financed by a Fulbright Travel Grant and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Most of his time was spent at the Technische Hochschule in Stuttgart, studying electronic effects of molecular grouping in certain aromatic organic substances. He visited England, Holland, Sweden and Switzerland before returning to Seattle last fall.

PROFESSOR W. T. SIMPSON received in 1960 a distinguished award from the California Section of the American Chemical Society. This medal for outstanding research in chemistry is presented annually to a scientist under 40 years of age from one of the thirteen western states. Dr. Simpson has made important contributions to the understanding of molecular structure and the energies of electrons within molecules through his study of electron-state spectroscopy, working with polarized light and dye substances. He was on leave to the University of Florida for winter quarter of last year.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR VICTORIANA SILVERTZ is chairman of the University's Junior College Committee, and is in charge of the interviewing and employment program for the Department. In addition to his usual teaching duties, he coordinates undergraduate advising, assignments for teaching assistants and other aspects of the undergraduate program. He continues to be active in the Boy Scouts.

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FACULTY NOTES

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Assistant Professor George Hugh Stout joined the staff in 1957 after receiving his Ph.D. at Harvard and studying in Europe for a year. His research interests are in the structure and synthesis of alkaloids and natural coloring materials. He has recently determined the structures of three natural products with the aid of X-ray crystallographic techniques. His wife, Virginia Faulk Stout, received her Ph.D. at the University last June, working under his direction. She is now employed at the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in Seattle.

Research Continued

Dr. Herman Vance Tartar, who retired from teaching in 1952, has continued to be active in research work, and his efforts have been reported in a series of publications. Dr. Tartar has achieved a record of research productivity that may well be unique, and is certainly unusual: on the fiftieth anniversary of his first appearance as a speaker before the American Chemical Society he was invited to present a paper at the spring meeting of the Society, held last March in St. Louis, Mo. His first lecture, presented in Indianapolis in 1911, was entitled "A Comparative Study of Chemical Methods for the Determination of Hard and Soft Resins in the Hop." It was later published in the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry. The paper presented in March of this year was given at the symposium on micellar solutions, and dealt with "The Effects of Salts on the Critical Concentration of Solutions of Paraffin-Chain Salts." Dr. and Mrs. Tartar make frequent trips to visit their children and grandchildren, and other relatives living in Oregon, but retirement for Dr. Tartar has meant an opportunity to continue with the activity he loves most—research in chemistry.

Professor K. B. Wiberg, who has been at the University of Washington since 1950, has accepted a position at Yale University, starting with the autumn of 1962. For the present school year, he is on leave from this Department and will spend his time mainly at the Technische Hochschule in Karlsruhe, Germany. A Guggenheim Fellowship was awarded to Professor Wiberg to finance this opportunity for study and research.

Two persons were appointed to the staff in 1960, with the rank of Lecturer. Dr. Frank Wark, who previously taught in colleges in Pennsylvania and the Midwest, is supervising freshman laboratories. Mrs. Helen Pearce, with the Department in various capacities since 1944, is assisting Dr. Sivertz in undergraduate advising and in the employment program, as well as serving as pre-medical and pre-dental advisar in the Arts and Sciences College on a half-time basis.

New Faculty Appointments

Professor Yashawu Pocker joined the organic division in November. Professor Pocker holds the M.Sc. degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and the Ph.D. (1953) and D.Sc. (1960) from University College, London. He had been a lecturer at this latter institution as a physical-organic chemist and has done advanced work on mechanism of reactions. He has over 40 publications to his credit.

Assistant Professor Leon J. Slutsky, who received his Ph.D. from M.I.T. in 1957, came to Washington from the University of Texas, where he was an Assistant Professor. He is a physical chemist, interested particularly in lattice dynamics, heat capacities and reaction thermodynamics, and more lately in statistical mechanics of solids, and in adsorption.

Assistant Professor Gerrish Vin- cow, after receiving his Ph.D. in 1959 from Columbia University, spent some time as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Hebrew University, Jerusalem. While there he worked with Professor William Low on paramagnetic resonance of ions in single crystals. Just prior to coming to Seattle, he was a Research Fellow at the California Institute of Technology.

Frank J. Seifel recently retired as a Colonel from the Air Force, where his position was Director of Science at the Hq. Air Force Systems Command in Washington D.C., came in July to assume the varied duties of Manager of Administrative Services for Bagley Laboratories and part-time lecturer in chemistry. He will be in charge of coordination and administration of non-academic services, including stock rooms, shop and secretarial services, thereby relieving the Chairman of direct supervision in these areas. While in the armed services, he had graduate training in chemistry.

New Text Joint Effort

A new textbook of physical chemistry, written jointly by Professors Eggers, Gregory, Halsey, and Rubinovitch, was used in mimeograph form for the first time last year. The development of the subject requires a more extensive knowledge of calculus than was previously required. The authors plan to publish the final version following a testing period.

Non-Academic Personnel

As the research load grows, non-academic personnel play a larger and larger role in the work of the Department. Ray Newbury devotes his full time to glass blowing for Chemistry. William "Tony" Antonius is being assisted in the shop by Ralph Swanson, Charles "Chick" Arnold and Robert Oliver.

Bernard "Barney" Nist operates and maintains the mass spectrometer, the NMR spectrometer and other instruments. Bill Jensen and Marie Akers run the stockroom system and are assisted by Tom O'Brien, Hugo Kopta and Frederick Nelson at the windows. Carl Pitman takes care of electrical instruments and he and Charlie Meacham maintain and operate the pool for instruments and research equipment.

LeRoy Hornbeck prepares lecture demonstrations and makes up special materials required for the general chemistry laboratories.

The secretarial staff, headed by Mrs. Helen Lea, includes Mrs. Elizabeth Draper, Mrs. Phillippa McClure, Joyce Proctor and Pauline Werth. This staff is hard-pressed to keep up with the secretarial work of the Department. Perhaps one measure of the change which has occurred is that in 1940 the combined Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering had only one secretary.

Many of you will remember Louis McVicar at the freshman stockroom window. The Department lost a valued member of the staff when Louis suffered a fatal heart attack on October 24, 1961.
Bagley Hall Slated for Lab Expansion

A consequence of growth in undergraduate enrollment and expansion in contract research is that the number of graduate students has greatly increased. When Bagley Hall was built, there were about sixty-five graduate students in chemistry and chemical engineering. Now there are 202 graduate students in the two departments and of these 163 receive financial aid in some form from the University. There are also ten post-doctoral research men. As a result of these factors, things are extremely crowded.

The University recognizes the situation and is on the point of starting construction of laboratories on the fourth floor (above the area occupied by the College of Pharmacy). There is available $1,340,000 by the state of Washington appropriation and $300,000 from the National Science Foundation. Until the bids are in, it is not certain that this will be enough to buy all of the laboratories that are planned. If it is, we shall have an additional 28,000 square feet of space which will almost double the area available for chemical research. A part of the state appropriation is to be used in remodeling certain parts of the original structure.

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