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TRUSTEES SELECT NEW PRESIDENT

New Officers



NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT are pictured above, left to right, Dr. Eldon L. Johnson, newly selected head of the University and Mr. Edward D. Eddy, Jr., elected to the newly created post of Vice President and Provost of the University. Dr. Johnson will arrive on campus in August to assume the duties of his new position, meanwhile, Mr. Eddy will continue as Acting President.

Welcome

We receive the welcome news of the selection of the new President with a great deal of pleasure and relief after waiting these rumor-filled months. News of the Trustees' selection of Dr. Eldon L. Johnson as President resolves the campus mystery of the year.

As Mr. Frank W. Randall, President of the University Board of Trustees, has so accurately pointed out, the University is experiencing one of its most critical phases. We are facing vital large scale expansion; in which it will be imperative that the proper leadership is realized. We sincerely believe the Trustees' selection is one which will be highly expedient.

We offer a heartfelt vote of gratitude to Mr. Edward D. Eddy, Jr. who has served admirably in the exacting role of Acting President. We believe that the combined efforts of he and Dr. Johnson will be the solution to the University's future problems; problems which will require the wholehearted support of the entire student body, which we're certain they have.

Dr. Eldon L. Johnson Named Prexy; Mr. Eddy Is New Vice President

Past Presidents

Dr. Eldon Lee Johnson's appointment to the Presidency of the University lists him as the thirteenth man to head the school since its departure from Hanover, as first New Hampshire College and then the University of New Hampshire. He joins a distinguished list of scholars and administrators who have guided the school to its current high standing. They are as follows:

Asa Dodge Smith
Samuel Colcord Bartlett
Lyman Dewey Stevens
Charles Sumner Murkland
William David Gibbs
Edward Thomson Fairchild
Ralph Dorn Hetzel
Edward Morgan Lewis
Fred Engelhardt
Harold Walter Stoke
Arthur Stanton Adams
Robert Flint Chandler, Jr.

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The House Appropriations Committee has reported House Bill 285, an act authorizing the construction of a new library at the University of New Hampshire and the remodeling of the present library, as "ought to pass." A technical amendment has been added. The next action on the library will be taken soon by the full House of Representatives.

University of New Hampshire Trustees announced today the election of the institution's two top officers. Dr. Eldon L. Johnson, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and of the Graduate School at the University of Oregon, has been selected as 13th President of the University. At the same time, Edward D. Eddy, Jr., a member of the University of New Hampshire's faculty for the past six years and currently Acting President, has been elected to the newly created post of Vice President and Provost of the University.

The announcement was made by Frank W. Randall of Portsmouth, President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Randall stated that Dr. Johnson is expected to arrive on the campus to assume his new position around August first. In the meantime, Mr. Eddy will continue to serve as Acting President.

In commenting on the announcement Mr. Randall stated, "After a long and thorough search, the Trustees have found a man of vigor, experience, and great competence to head the University. We are proud that he has accepted. The University faces one of its most critical periods of development. Dr. Johnson is admirably fitted to guide us in this important time."

Speaking of the newly created position of Vice President and Provost, Mr. Randall stated; "The Trustees have been grateful, indeed, to Mr. Eddy for his splendid achievements this year and his willingness to lay aside his personal plans in order to serve as Acting President. The University has made substantial progress under his able direction. We are fortunate to have a man of his ability to serve in this new and highly important position." At the request of Mr. Eddy, the Trustees have granted him a leave of absence for part of next year, so that he may complete his study of land-grant colleges as a part of his doctoral dissertation.

Dr. Johnson, 46, a native of Indiana, has been Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and of the Graduate School at Oregon since 1947. Previous to that, he served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Political Science at the University of Oregon from 1945 until 1947. During the war years, he was National Academic Director, Pre-Meteorology College Training Program of the Army Air Force. From 1941 to 1945, he served as Director of the Graduate School of the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington. He holds degrees from Indiana State Teachers College and the University of Wisconsin. His experience includes high school teaching in English and history and college instruction in Political Science. He is married and the father of two daughters.

Mr. Eddy, 34, joined the staff of the University of New Hampshire in 1949 as Assistant to the President. Previous to this he served as Associate Director of the Inter-faith program for students at Cornell University. In 1952 the Trustees appointed him Director of University Development in addition to his executive responsibilities. He became Acting President of the University at the time of the resignation of Dr. Robert F. Chandler, Jr., in June 1954. He holds degrees from Cornell and Yale Universities and is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church. He is married and the father of one son and two daughters.