

MR. JOHN GOLDSBERRY

A few years after I became President of the College of Puget Sound I received a telephone call from Mr. John Goldsberry who was an attorney here in Tacoma at the time. His wife was outstanding in her leadership as president of the Tacoma Art League.

Mr. Goldsberry said he had a very wonderful idea concerning the College and thought probably it would be the most outstanding thing to happen to the College in a long time. I asked him what he had in mind and he said, "Come down to my office and I will talk with you about it."

With great anticipation, I went to his office which was located on the west side of Pacific Avenue and he took me to the window and said, "Do you see the barber shop over there?" which was about in the 900 block on the east side of Pacific Avenue. I told him I did and he said, "Do you see the wooden Indian in front of the barber shop?" I said, "Yes." He said, "I think if you ask them they would give the College that wooden Indian and I think it would be one of the finest acquisitions of the College in its history!"

Needless to say, I was somewhat stunned at the suggestion and asked, "Now, just exactly, what would the College do with a wooden Indian?" He said, "Well, I think it would be an outstanding contribution." I said, "Are you really serious?" He said, "Yes, I am."

We did not ask the barber shop for the Indian and, luckily, we never received it!

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