

DR. AND MRS. RAYMOND SEWARD

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Seward were very much a part of the history and development of the College of Puget Sound and later the University of Puget Sound.

As a young man Dr. Seward came to the College of Puget Sound as head of the Physic's Department. He had graduated from Pomona College, where he was a popular student and a varsity member of the football team. Dr. Seward held the Southern California pole vault championship for several years. He sustained an injury in a football game which caused him to limp in his later years. He was always interested in athletics. He was an avid tennis player. At the College of Puget Sound he coached track and assisted with the football team. I remember him as always a time keeper at the games and meets.

He was an excellent teacher and was much beloved by his students. Dr. Seward had the unusual ability to discover students who had great potential and counsel with them and guide them to great scientific careers. His relationship was such that he could get any student he recommended into any graduate school usually with an excellent fellowship or scholarship.

Personally, he had an excellent sense of humor. I can see him in my memory telling amusing stories, his eyes twinkling, and a smile across his entire face. His rapport with his students was most excellent and until the day of his death many students called on him because of their love for him and the great respect they had for one of their finest teachers.

His father was a Congregational Minister. When he joined the College faculty, he became a member of the First Methodist Church and served on many of its committees. His religion was profound, practical, and meaningful.

Miss Olive Brown was Dr. E. H. Todd's secretary. She came from a prominent early family in this area. She and Dr. Seward became close friends and were married. They became very influential leaders in the faculty and the University. Mrs. Seward was very helpful to Dr. Todd in his many financial campaigns. During the later years of his presidency she was a great strength to him because, being an alumna of the University and having been identified with it for many years, she knew its inner workings.

When I became president in 1942, she was a most wonderful aid to me. She could furnish excellent information about alumnae, faculty, and students, as well as the traditions of the school.

Mrs. Seward was kind, sensitive, and one who held to the highest standards in her own life, in her workmanship, her dedication, and her total relationship to the University.

The University was greatly blessed when they decided to name Seward Hall at the University. Mrs. Seward was hesitant about being named in the dormitory dedication. I suggested that it be named for both of them because they both had had such an important influence in the University's life and development. The young people who have lived in Seward Hall are very proud of it and on occasion had the Swards as guests to acknowledge their appreciation.

After Dr. Seward's death, Mrs. Seward decided to honor his wonderful career as a teacher and family leader by endowing a scholarship in his honor. It is now in the process of being established and will carry on his outstanding influence in training excellent students in the study of physics.

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