

DR. LESLIE C. WEATHERHEAD

Another of the outstanding international leaders to visit the campus of the College of Puget Sound was the Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead, Pastor of City Temple in London. Dr. Weatherhead had been a personal friend of Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, Dean of Drew University. Dean Hough was very instrumental in my entering the educational field. On many occasions Dr. Hough preached at City Temple in London. Those of us who were students wondered about this for it was certainly great recognition of Dean Hough's ability as a minister as well as an educational leader in the world. On one occasion, Dean Hough wrote me and said that Dr. Weatherhead, who had a Ph.D. in Pastoral Counseling from the University of London, had a son by the name of Kingsley Weatherhead. He said Kingsley had a Master's degree in English and English History from Cambridge University and would be a very great addition to any faculty. He wondered if I would be interested in having him at the College of Puget Sound. Because Dean Hough had been helpful in my career and I had such a high regard and affection for him, I told him to have Kingsley come and we would use him on the English faculty. He came. He was tall, good looking, and a typical English professor. He was a most outstanding teacher - one of the best we have had at the University. His ability to quote endless passages of poetry, dialogues from Shakespeare, and the great English

poets added much to his ability and the high regard and affection which students had for him.

Interestingly enough, there was a young lady in our student body by the name of Ingrid Lien, who was from Norway. She was a very brilliant young girl and she was in his class. He gave her a B in the course and she went in to see him and evidently told him what she thought of his ability at grading for she had had straight A up to that time at the University. It was one of those fairy-tale situations in which ultimately they ended up being man and wife.

He stayed with us a number of years and then transferred to the University of Oregon where he is now assistant to the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts. Here was another case where a wonderful teacher became an administrator to the loss of students.

Dr. Leslie Weatherhead came to the United States at the invitation of Dean Hough of Drew. I invited him to address the 1954 graduating class. He did and at that time we gave him an honorary degree. It was a gala moment because he was one of the outstanding ministers in the world and his experience at City Temple during the War was most outstanding. City Temple was bombed out three different times during the War and each time he moved his congregation to another hall and ultimately City Temple was reconstructed because of the fact that it was one of the great churches and great congregations of the world.

We had a wonderful time with Dr. Weatherhead. We took him to the mountain. We took him to Vancouver and other places and it was a great moment for the University and for the student body to sit at the feet of one of the world's great leaders.