

FUND RAISING BEGINS

Dr. Knopf asked me if I could be vice president of the University because he was not particularly adept at raising money. My first assignment was to appear before the City Council of Salem and ask for money to help celebrate the Centennial of Willamette which was coming along. I did this, and while they offered us \$1,000 as a gift from the City, I was able to get the grant up to \$3,000.

As a part of this responsibility, I asked to see Mr. Everell S. Collins, whose office was in the Terminal Sales Building in Portland and who was one of the trustees of Willamette University and also a trustee of the College of Puget Sound. He was most gracious and we talked considerably about Willamette, student attitudes, faculty attitudes, the need for Christian higher education and his unusual dedication to the Church and to the cause of missions. In this conversation during the time when I was vice president of Willamette, he said, "I am on both boards of trustees and I would be remiss if I didn't say that the College of Puget Sound has a very great and tremendous future. I think it has a greater future than Willamette in many ways. Willamette has the historical heritage and is much older, but the potential for development at the College of Puget Sound is incredible. Dr. Edward H. Todd is President and he has done a phenomenal job and built a good foundation, but someone will come along and build the College, and all it needs is leadership and time."

I was somewhat sensitive to this statement, because I had such great

regard and affection for Mr. Collins and also such respect for his judgment. I did not know then that this, too, would enter into the vital decision I would make, ultimately. Mr. Collins was most gracious and gave the Collins Library at Willamette and he was also very much interested in aiding in the development of the endowment fund at Willamette.

COLLINS FAMILY

The Collins family was made up of Mr. Collins, Sr., and his wife, who lived to be in her late nineties and left the University of Puget Sound \$20,000 in 1975 in her will. Mr. Alton Collins was on our Board of Trustees for a number of years, although he was not able to attend the meetings very often. He was eager to launch out on his own and spent part of his money in gold mining stocks which was not appreciated by his father, who said he must recoup his losses from the gold mining stock before he would receive any inheritance. Mrs. Grace Goudy was very influential in many aspects of Willamette University, from which she graduated, and she was also very interested in the University of Puget Sound. Truman Collins was the youngest of the three and he graduated from Willamette and was on their board but he was most influential and helpful in my early career at the College of Puget Sound.

Because Mr. Alton Collins had not recouped his losses at the death of Everell S. Collins, the new will which would have given the University of Puget Sound considerable more money was not signed, although there was a bequest in the original will, which came to us. Mr. Truman Collins called

me and I went down to Portland. He said they knew it was the intent of their father to help the University of Puget Sound and for that reason they would carry out the stipulations of the new will, even though it would cost them tax money to do so. From that came the major gift which gave us the Everell S. Collins Memorial Library. The Collins family came up for the dedication and seemingly appreciated it very much. Each year the Collins family have made contributions to various projects of the University of Puget Sound, i.e., various buildings, the endowment fund and other needs. They have been very much interested in the University and even now still help in its development program.

Mr. Truman Collins died very suddenly of a heart attack when he was quite young and because of his unusual interest in Willamette and because the family was very much given to helping Willamette, they established the Truman Collins School of Law and built the new building which is adjacent to the campus in Salem. Truman Collins left a foundation, but unfortunately, the laws of the State of Oregon are such that gifts from the foundation cannot be made outside of the State of Oregon. For that reason, their gifts have been limited to amounts that the companies could give to the University of Puget Sound, and much of their gifts have been made from the Ostrander Timber Company and from other outside interests. They were part of the bonding factor that helped George Atkinson be one of the prime contractors for the federal government in Pakistan and also during the Vietnam crisis.