

Dept. of Psychology

Psychology at the University of Illinois has had a long and distinguished history. A Psychological Laboratory was established in 1892 with Dr. William O. Krohn, Assistant Professor, in charge. Psychology, as a department separate from philosophy, was established in 1893. In 1897 Dr. John H. Hylan, in charge, made pioneer laboratory studies on the fluctuation of attention, studies which helped place the entire subject of attention on an experimental basis. In 1899 Dr. Edwin G. Dexter, then in charge, called attention to, and made some interesting studies of, the relation between conduct and weather. Dr. Stephen S. Colvin was in charge during 1901 through 1912. Colvin's prominence arose chiefly from his studies on school children. He was also the instigator at Illinois of work in animal psychology. Dr. Madison Bentley, in charge of the Department from 1912-1928, was an editor of distinction and also well known as a systematist stemming from his book "The Field of Psychology". Dr. Bentley was elected President of the American Psychological Association for the year 1925. Dr. Herbert Woodrow, who became head of the Department in 1928, carried on extensive researches in the fields of experimental and quantitative psychology and was starred in American Men of Science. His chief contributions deal with the measurement of attention, time and rhythm, quantitative methods, and effects of practice, particularly as related to individual differences. Dr. Woodrow was elected President of the American Psychological Association for the year 1941. Dr. Elmer Culler founded the Animal Hearing Laboratory, supported in part by the American Otological Society. He made important contributions to psychophysics, the physiology of hearing and the physiological basis of the conditioned reflex. Professor Paul T. Young, now Professor Emeritus,

came to the University of Illinois in 1921. He has made important contributions to the psychology of feeling and motivation. In 1950 Dr. Lyle H. Lanier became Head of the Department of Psychology. In 1959 Dr. Lanier became the Dean of the Liberal Arts and Sciences College and in 1960 became the Vice-President and Provost of the University of Illinois. Professor Lloyd G. Humphreys became Head of the Department in 1959 and continues in that position.

Over the last five years there has been more than a 50% increase in registrations in psychology courses. The total for both undergraduates and graduates reached almost 6,700 in 1962-63. Persons affiliated with the Department holding rank of instructor or higher number approximately 70. Included in this figure are many full time University employees who are only part time in the Department, temporary research associates and a few temporary people who are part time in both the University and the Department. The "regular" or permanent staff numbers approximately 50 persons. Professor Charles Osgood is the current president of the American Psychological Association and past presidents who are still active in the Department are O. H. Mowrer, J. McV. Hunt and L. J. Cronbach.

Under the direction of Assistant Professor Morton Weir, a program of undergraduate research participation sponsored by the National Science Foundation was initiated this year. Students were selected on the basis of research promise and ability. The first year was a very successful one and an increased number of able and research oriented undergraduate majors and minors can be anticipated as a result. The National Science Foundation also approved a matching grant of approximately \$25,000 to equip three undergraduate laboratories. A training grant in Child Psychology from the Public Health Service was added to continuing grants in clinical psychology and psychological measurement. Progress was made during the year on the development of a new children's center to support

the department's clinical training and research. A matching grant from the National Institute of Mental Health was awarded in the sum of one million dollars to build a research building that Psychology will share with other departments.

During the past year seventeen M.A. and nineteen Ph.D. degrees were awarded. The size of the first year graduate student class was approximately fifty-five, which is about the level of the year before. The total number of active graduate students in 1962-63 was 161. In support of graduate training primarily, the Department has the guidance of three division heads. Professor Harold W. Hake is head of the Experimental Division; Professor Fred E. Fiedler is head of the Social and Differential Division and Professor Donald R. Peterson is head of the Clinical Division.

The request for a training grant in Child Psychology which was approved during the year by the National Institute of Mental Health will enable the Department to offer the Ph.D. with a concentration in Child Psychology. The Department now offers specialized training at the doctorate level in Clinical and Counseling Psychology, School Psychology (a joint program with the College of Education), Personality, Social, Measurement, Industrial, Psycholinguistics, Applied Experimental (Human Engineering), and General Experimental. Specialized laboratories that support graduate instruction include the following: Personality Assessment and Group Behavior (Cattell), Group Effectiveness (Fiedler), Training Research (Stolurow), Aviation Psychology (Adams), and Comparative and Physiological (staff in general experimental).

At the present time, active discussion is going on within the Department concerning setting up special curricula and degrees for service oriented psychological work. The clinical area has been of major concern in this regard. The Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Illinois is now more than

ever a Ph.D. in Psychology emphasizing research and scholarship. Since the University of Illinois is a land grant University, the Department feels a responsibility for the provision of mental health services as well. After considerable discussion, including the organization of a conference in Chicago on April 26th, sponsored by the Committee on Institutional Cooperation and attended by representatives of most of the Big Ten universities, the Department voted to proceed with plans for increased service training, possibly leading to a professional doctorate. Agreement has been reached in principle with several other departments as to the desirability of this move and this department has established special curriculum committees to make proposals in this area.

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