

Paul Dull never bored his students

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"Retirement can be a traumatic experience. When I walk off this campus, that's it," said Paul Dull.

Dull, a professor of history at the University, is retiring in June after 27 years at the University. He says he is not bored after teaching all these years, but he is ready for a change in his life.

The professor has wanted to be more involved with his students and at the same time carry out research in areas which interest him at the present. He is sorry he has been unable to tackle both of these interests during his tenure at the University.

Students who took the professor's classes in East Asian history found them anything but dull. His classes made the history, politics and intrigue of the Far East come alive.

Dull, a pioneer historian in the field of East Asian relations, was in East Asia — Japan, Manchuria, Korea, China — in pre-World War II years. One of the few westerners who knew the languages in those years, he was able to assimilate the political history and military involvement of the area.

His remarkable talent for teaching received notice at the University in 1958 when he was awarded one of the first Ersted Awards for Distinguished Teaching.

His classes always have had a large attendance and are expanded for at least two lectures each year. Not only do the enrolled students attend, but any extra space is filled by drop-in students who have heard the word.

When Dull arrived at the University in 1946 there was no East Asian studies curriculum. He built the field. The University was the first institution in the state to offer the studies, and remains the only place in Oregon where a student can get such training.

Dull has been teaching for a total of 37 years. He taught at the University of Washington and once at Stanford. He took time out to serve in the Marines during the war, and was assigned to duty in the Pacific Theatre because of his knowledge of East Asia and of the languages.

Those who know him agree that Dull is a character. He might even be called eccentric because of his fanatical regard for teaching.

"I put everything I have into my teaching," Dull says. He considers the profession to be one of "psychological warfare." He is concerned about how to instill what he knows into the students.

If he sees students sitting back in their chairs, he says, he knows he is losing. But if the students are sitting on the edge of their seats, listening anxiously, he feels like a winner.

"You have to have a love of your profession and you have to make it live," said Dull. He says he will "pull every trick I know to get the students interested and to get the knowledge I have into them."

Dull's retirement will be a scholarly one. He will write a number of books he has been wanting to write for some years but could not squeeze in with his teaching load.

Before he starts his research and writing routine, he and his wife will spend the summer in Eugene.

In September they will move to Watlington, England, which is close to Oxford University and libraries where he can do his research.

"I have about eight books I want to write," Dull says. "One will be a history of the Japanese Navy and battles in World War II, from the Japanese viewpoint. Then I'll write a biography of Japanese ships, and a book on the British navy in Asian waters."

Dull doesn't want to be writing constantly after his retirement, however. He plans to do some traveling as well.

"I'm not going to tell people I'm retired when they ask me," he says. "I'll just tell them I'm freelance living."

Dull says he reflects on his past years of teaching at the University with a deep feeling of satisfaction and relief.

"I've enjoyed tremendously my 27 years of teaching at the University. I've enjoyed the almost 10,000 students that I've had. I've enjoyed the company of my colleagues. It's been a great life. I'm glad I chose it. It's changing and I'm glad I'm getting out," Dull says.



Paul Dull

Photo by Pamela Fitzsimmons

ATTENTION MEMBERS University of Oregon Co-operative Store

(non-profit)

June 1st Meeting

A special meeting of the members is hereby called to be held June 1, 1973, at 12:30 o'clock p.m. at room 103 Fenton Hall, University of Oregon campus, Eugene, Oregon for the purpose of discussing the proposed following resolutions:

June 6th Meeting

In addition, a special meeting of the members is hereby called to be held June 6, 1973, at 12:30 o'clock p.m. at room 107 Lawrence Hall, University of Oregon campus, Eugene, Oregon for the purpose of voting on the proposed resolutions. Voting on proposals No. 1 and No. 2 shall be by mail ballot except that a member who has not cast a mail ballot shall be entitled to cast a secret ballot at the June 6, 1973 meeting at which the result of the voting is to be finally determined.

SAMPLE BALLOT

PROPOSAL NO. 1.

The Directors propose to the members that Article VI of the Restated Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI

In the event of dissolution or liquidation of the corporation, the entire assets and liabilities thereof shall be distributed exclusively to a non-profit corporation organized by the Board of Directors, pursuant to ORS Chapter 61, to receive such assets and thereafter to operate the general book and supply store as a nonprofit corporation for the benefit of the students and faculty of the University of Oregon. The Articles of Incorporation of the nonprofit corporation shall provide that in the event of its dissolution or liquidation, its net assets shall be distributed exclusively to the State of Oregon acting by and through its Board of Higher Education for the use and benefit of the University of Oregon for its unrestricted educational purposes.

Article VI in its present form provides that upon dissolution of the Co-Operative the assets would be transferred to the state of Oregon acting through the Board of Higher Education for the use and benefit of the University of Oregon.

Check One:

YES _____
NO _____

PROPOSAL NO. 2:

Upon the condition that Proposal No. 1 receives an affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast, the Directors propose to the members that the Co-Operative Store be dissolved effective June 30, 1973, and its assets transferred to and its liabilities assumed by a successor nonprofit corporation organized by the Board of Directors pursuant to ORS Chapter 61, to receive such assets, assume such liabilities and thereafter operate the general book and supply store as a nonprofit corporation for the benefit of the students and faculty of the University of Oregon.

Check One:

YES _____
NO _____

This Ballot, in order to be counted in the results of the election, must be returned to the University of Oregon Co-Operative Store not later than the time of adjournment of the Special Meeting of Members called June 6, 1973, at 12:30 P.M., PDT.



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