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DR. KENNETH E. YOUNG, 1922-

SIXTH PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE (1964-1968)

A graduate of San Francisco State College, Dr. Kenneth E. Young received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Stanford University. He has served on the faculties of San Francisco State College and California State Polytechnic College (San Luis Obispo). His administrative assignments have included positions as acting dean of arts and sciences at Cal Poly (Pomona), dean of the faculty, University of Alaska; and executive vice president, University of Nevada. He also had a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for the Study of Higher Education, University of Michigan.

Dr. Young was youngest president appointed to the college, and took office in July, 1964. During his four years in office, the College moved through a period of transition from a teachers college to a college of arts and sciences.

While at Cortland, Dr. Young saw enrollment increase to 3,600 students while the faculty and staff grew to 740. The campus enlarged to 145 acres, and the College acquired the 145 acre Hoxie Gorge Natural Preserve. The Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake has expanded to 400 acres. The College was in the final phase of a thirty-million dollar construction program when he resigned.

Dr. Young was proudest however, of the College's academic achievements during his administration. The institution's long-range academic plan has been regarded as one of the best of its kind and colleges throughout the country have requested copies. New approaches to self-directed study, study-abroad center, honors programs and master of arts and master of science degrees are among the many innovations introduced under Dr. Young.

He also completely reorganized the administrative structure of the College, brought in new leadership, and encouraged the strengthening of the roles of the faculty and students in decision-making. Under his leadership, the College developed an office of institutional planning and a learning resources center; enlarged and improved the office of public relations, the continuing education program and the computer center; and fostered a reorganization of the Alumni Association, the Faculty-Student Association and the College Development Foundation.

In 1968, Dr. Young announced his resignation, effective August 31, 1968 to accept a position as vice president and director of the Washington, D.C. office of the American College Testing Program.

To quote State University Chancellor, Dr. Samuel B. Gould, "He, (Kenneth Young) has served as president during a difficult period in the academic and physical development of the institution. The College has made remarkable progress under President Young's able leadership and he can take great pride in the many tangible evidences of achievements that have been recorded on the Cortland campus during his administration."