



Elam J. Anderson



George H. Armacost

Hoover was out, Franklin Roosevelt was in, silent films were gone, and talking pictures were here to stay. President Duke died suddenly and left a campus in mourning but a campus intact and vigorous. The Thirties brought a close campus rapport, and influx of educated, bright and challenging faculty, and Clarence Howe Thurber became the third president. Thurber brought with him the air of cosmopolitan East, a highly charged academic commitment, and a determination to make Redland's students "not leaners but learners." The depths of the depression were reached in 1936, and it proved that Redlands was no camelot either. Thurber

resigned and the University was vying within itself for a sense of direction.

When he said to the selection committee, "Do you think I am the man for the job?" it was clear that in Elam J. Anderson the University would have a president of singular determination and will. Anderson minced no words. He was aware of the religious beginnings of the University, and he was also committed to its academic excellence. He was not afraid of trustees, and he defended many of his faculty in a sensitive time of transition from a regional university to a university with national outlook. Anderson spoke well and often and expanded the University's image.

WORLD WAR II AND A NEW SPIRIT

Who would have thought that the 1940's would bring even more calamity into a world already besieged with problems. World War II profoundly changed the University. With Elam Anderson's sudden death in 1944 and with the V-12 units taking classes at Redlands, the school was in for a new phase in its growth. With the building of a new commons and the coming of a new president from the East, George H. Armacost, a new phase of university life began. It would be a time of continuity, new social life developments, a vigorous building campaign, and an increase in the endowment. Those post-World War II years saw veterans returning as students and the dorms nearly burst their seams.

THE NOT-SO-SILENT 50'S

For reasons not readily apparent the quiet 50's were not that. Peppery Harry Truman left office and was replaced by a general named Ike. McCarthy and the black list, Korea, and A-bomb testing did not a quiet environment make. At the University more dorms were built, facilities were enlarged, and a maturing had taken place based on the skein of commitment to mind and heart begun 50 years earlier. The University, enhanced by its capacity to change and grow, responded to the needs of its students with new academic innovations.

George Armacost ultimately concluded 25 years as president, (retiring in 1965). During his tenure enrollments were up, the pool of students high, government money for higher education plentiful. As a result, academic achievement, sporting achievements, and student living innovations excelled at a high pace.

REACTION AND REUNION: THE 60'S

It was a small military coup in 1963 in South Vietnam. No one

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Chapel and Navy V-12