

*Biography*

LAWRENCE VAN KIRK APPOINTED TO PITTSBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

Lawrence Van Kirk, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh, has been appointed to a six year term on the Board of Education of Pittsburgh. The appointment became effective on November 10.

Dr. Van Kirk, an honor graduate of the University of Pittsburgh dental school, is a member of the International Association for Dental Research and has served for many years as editor of the Pittsburgh section of the association. He organized the dental department of the Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, and is chief of staff of that department. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and a member of the American Association of Dental Editors.

Dean Van Kirk recently was elected to the board of trustees of the tenth district of the Pennsylvania State Dental Society. He served as president of the Odontological Society of Western Pennsylvania during 1946, and is chairman of the law enforcement committee and a member of the committee on dental education of that society.

In November of the past year Chancellor Rufus H. Fitzgerald appointed Dr. Van Kirk as chairman of a committee to recommend a long range policy for the School of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh. In July of this year, Dr. Van Kirk was appointed to his present position as dean of the school.

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He was also elected President of the Pittsburgh Young Men's Christian Association. January, 1948.

### INTRODUCING ANOTHER PSI O DEAN

The College of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh, has been presided over for more than half a century by our late lamented H. Edmund Friesell, who is now succeeded by two other Psi O's in the persons of Dr. L. E. Van Kirk as Dean and Dr. Wm. F. Swanson as Associate Dean.

These two gentlemen are well known in the profession generally, and particularly within the Fraternity. Both of them have made valuable contributions to the social and professional life of their community and to the professional world outside.

Dr. Van Kirk served the school as lecturer in Principles of Medicine, and jointly with Dr. Swanson, conducted researches on the Properties of Streptococci Found in Pulpless Teeth. This research project was used as partial fulfillment of requirements for the degree of Master of Science. Both men have contributed much to the school, although Dr. Van Kirk had retired from school activities. He gave much of his time to youth work in the city of Pittsburgh through the Y. M. C. A. and other institutions interested in youth. Dr. Swanson is well known as one of our most worthy Deputy Councilors, having done a magnificent job with Nu Chapter.

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