Ex-Rally-Clubber Serves As New Dean Of Students

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Among the many new additions to the faculty is a new Dean of Students, Dr. Sanford W. Higginbotham, who replaces Dr. James R. Sims, chairman of the Civil Engineering Department.

Dr. Higginbotham will also be assistant to the President.

Dean Higginbotham, in a recent interview, noted that he was impressed with the enthusiasm and participation of the new freshman class in the lectures and discussion groups held during the orientation period. He also indicated that the new class seemed definitely to be very high in academic ability, about as high as any of the preceding classes have been.

While noting the problem of the perennial horror show of new TRG's, Dean Higginbotham expressed concern over a possible competition from the crop of TRB's. He said that he had never been in a college where there had been no complaining on this subject, and that the situation was analogous to expecting good food from a University kitchen.

Dean Higginbotham, a graduate of Rice University, Phi Beta Kappa, and Vice-President of the Rally Club of that era, expressed concern over the ultimate fate of this venerable institution. He said that he really didn't care for one of the parties held last year by the organization, and said that it should concentrate more on its service functions and emphasize good taste. When questioned on the activities of the Rally Club in his day, the Dean commented that, “We had our parties too . . .”

In the way of advice for the freshman class, Higginbotham voiced the words of Chancellor Croneis’s recent word to the new freshmen: “Keep up daily work.” The Dean also said that the student should shoot not at the grade, but at the course, “The problem of teaching,” said the Dean, “is one making the student develop interest . . . of associating the material with the student’s own background so that he understands.”