

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

WILLIAM T. JEROME, III

Biographical Sketch

Dr. William T. Jerome, III, formerly the president of Bowling Green State University, serves as Consultant and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Florida International University.

In this position, Dr. Jerome is primarily involved in assisting the new state university in the academic area, including preparation of the academic programs, development of the master plan, and recruiting academic deans and the faculty.

Dr. Jerome has had broad experience in a variety of educational fields--as teacher, administrator, research associate, lecturer, writer, consultant to business and government, college trustee, and board of education member.

The new Vice President was Dean of the School of Business Administration at Syracuse University from 1958 to 1963 and was president of Bowling Green from 1963 to 1970.

Dr. Jerome is a magna cum laude graduate (1941) of Colgate University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He attended Yale Law School and earned master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University. He was awarded a doctor of laws degree (1963) by Middlebury College, Vermont, a doctor of humanities degree by the University of Toledo (1968), and a doctor of public service degree by Bowling Green State University (1970).

His career in educational administration began at Middlebury College where he was assistant to the president and a faculty member from 1946 to 1950. He was named associate professor of business administration at Syracuse University in 1953 and, also, director of Syracuse's Army Comptrollership School.

As Dean at Syracuse, Dr. Jerome, in cooperation with the U.S. Agency for International Development, helped establish a college of business and finance in Medellin, Colombia. This new institution, the first business school in the South American country, was part of this nation's participation in the Alliance for Progress in Latin America.

Among Dr. Jerome's publications is a volume entitled, Executive Control--The Catalyst, published in 1961. He also contributes periodically to various professional journals.

His memberships include Delta Kappa Epsilon, social fraternity, and Beta Gamma Sigma, business honor society. He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and Presidents and Deans of American Colleges and Universities." He serves on the board of directors of several small businesses and on the Board of Trustees of Clear Water, Inc., which is dedicated to improved water management in Ohio.

He is one of the founders of the Environmental Conservation for Ohio (ECO), a group of Ohions whose aim is to solve that region's environmental problems, such as air and water pollution and accelerating urbanization.

During Dr. Jerome's tenure at Bowling Green, the university built eleven buildings, costing more than \$35 million, including a 640,000 volume ultramodern library. Also, initiated at Bowling Green under his leadership were a University Honors Program, designed to give top-ranked students the opportunity for independent study outside the classroom, and a semester-abroad program to put language students in direct contact with the people and culture of the country they are studying. Enrollment increased from 8,200 to 14,000 during his stay.

Dr. Jerome's wife, the former Jean Bewkes, is a daughter of the president emeritus of St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York. Mrs. Jerome is a graduate of Radcliffe and presently is a graduate student at the University of Miami.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Jerome are golfing and platform tennis enthusiasts, and included skating and skiing among their favorite sports. Dr. Jerome has won a number of golf championships, including the Vermont State Amateur, and in 1966 was a semi-finalist in the Ohio Amateur.

There are four Jerome children, Jennie (Now Mrs. Robert Farnsworth), William IV, Lawrence, and Kate.

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