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The University of Toledo Board of Directors today (June 1) accepted the resignation of Dr. Jerome W. Kloucek as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective September 1. The Board also named Dr. Noel Leathers, current chairman of the department of history, as acting dean, also effective September 1.

Dean Kloucek, in asking to be relieved of his administrative position, said he had been considering the move for two years.

"For my part," Dean Kloucek said, "I have served eight years in the college office, two as assistant dean, one as acting dean and five as dean. Never having considered myself a career administrator, I am most reluctant to undertake another five years, particularly when my physician warns me about deteriorating health.

"I have served eight years willingly because I firmly believe administrators should be chosen from the ranks of the faculty, but I also believe the corollary holds that the administrator should not remain in office so long that he loses touch with his teaching profession. It was for this reason I initiated the policy of five-year terms for department chairmen, and I believe it should hold for deans as well."

Dr. Kloucek will assume his faculty position as professor of English when he steps down as dean. The Board today also granted him a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 1967-68 academic year.

He was appointed assistant dean in 1959, acting dean in 1961 and dean in 1962.

Under his direction the College grew in size and in strength. As of March, the faculty totaled 235 members, or about half of the total faculty in all colleges at TU. More important, Dean Kloucek emphasized, it is a quality faculty. The faculty has been

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the determining factor in the establishment of seven doctoral programs in the college. Long planning and study, as well as upgrading of faculty, library holdings, and equipment and facilities went into the doctoral programs, Dr. Kloucek said. The first two Ph.D. programs, in mathematics and physics, were approved in 1965, and psychology in 1967. Since then, applications for four more Ph.D. programs -- in English, biology, chemistry, history -- are pending approval before the Ohio Board of Regents.

The College, in 1962, embarked upon an Honors Program for superior students. The first students to spend four years in the Honors Program will be graduated on June 8. In 1962, Dean Kloucek also initiated a major reorganization of the College, establishing three divisions -- humanities, natural sciences and mathematics, and social sciences -- under the supervision of three associate deans. Also established were two assistant deanships, for undergraduate and for graduate studies in the college.

In 1964, the college began an experimental integrated program in liberal education designed to provide students with a broad background of knowledge in the liberal arts through interdisciplinary offerings in general education.

"The College of Arts and Sciences," he said, "is a completely different kind of institution from what it was in 1961. It has now reached a stage where the faculty and administration must begin a five-year study of its future development. I believe a change in leadership now can help emphasize the importance of this challenge."