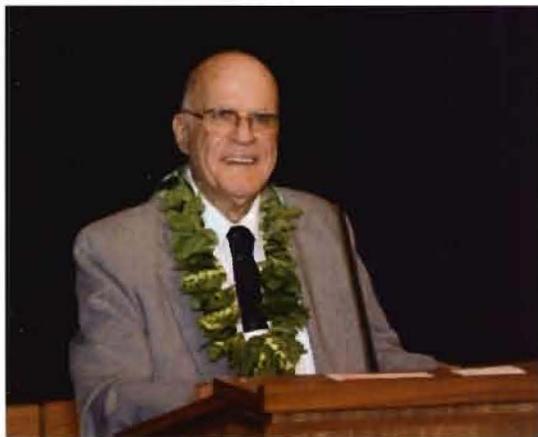


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Howard C. Brown (OH '43), dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture and former head of the Ornamental Horticulture Department, died Jan. 13 in San Luis Obispo.

He served Cal Poly for 40 years, from 1943 until 1983, garnering affection and admiration from all who knew him.

"Howard Brown will be missed on campus, in the community, throughout the state and beyond," said Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker. "He was the consummate educator, horticulturist, advisor and friend. He passed on his enthusiasm for the horticulture industry to literally thousands of people, young and old, and that passion will thrive for generations."

Others remember him with equal fondness. "Howard was an amazing man who touched many lives," says Environmental Horticultural Science Professor Emeritus Steve Angley. "If you were to poll a thousand people in the horticulture industry in California, and ask them what one person has had the greatest influence on our industry and profession, you would hear Howard Brown's name again and again," Angley says.

Professor Emeritus Joe Sabol calls Brown "a great teacher and leader for Cal Poly," who "clearly knew the importance of Cal Poly's history and wanted all of us to appreciate the traditions and early challenges that faced the college and university."

Larry Rathbun, former head of the Agricultural Education Department and associate dean of the College of Agriculture, said Brown was "a role model in connecting student learning with contemporary industry practices. His service on many state and national industry and professional committees provided fresh stories and illustrations for our students. Internships and employment opportunities grew from all his contacts. Howard was a teacher without equal."

Alumna **Jacqueline (Jacquie) Williams Courtright (OH '70)** remembers the dean well. "Dr. Brown's intuitive nature, remarkable memory and great communication skills served us all well. He coached us and challenged us. You simply wanted to do your very best for him. He would bring lessons to life with his personal experiences. He instilled in me a love of learning."

More than 250 former students, friends and colleagues paid tribute to Brown last fall at Howard Brown Appreciation Day on campus.

Ever the horticulturist, his obituary in the local newspaper read: "Dr. Brown requests that in lieu of a gift to your favorite charity flowers are acceptable." ■

ENGINEERING DEAN PETER LEE TO RETIRE



(Photo by Dennis Steers)

Peter Lee, dean of the College of Engineering since 1987, will retire at the end of summer quarter, or upon the appointment of a new permanent dean.

The College of Engineering, with 4,850 students, is the largest college on the Cal Poly campus and the largest in the region west of the Rockies. It has been ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best public, primarily undergraduate engineering schools in the nation.

"We've overcome many financial challenges in the last 18 years thanks to the support of alumni, friends and industry partners who have contributed approximately \$100 million to three major fund-raising campaigns," Lee said. "And the college has advanced in many other ways."

Enrollment has grown by 20 percent in the past two decades, and applications have increased 80 percent. Nearly 100 new faculty members have been recruited, and college programs have grown from nine to 12, along with the development of new master's degree programs in nearly every major.

During his tenure, Lee has overseen the development of several new engineering facilities, including the Advanced Technology Laboratories, Engineering III and IV, the Bonderson Student Projects Center and Engineering Plaza, all of which are proceeding on track. ■