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Dr. Robert C. Gowdy, Dean of the College, has been associated with the University since 1902, with the exception of a few years spent overseas, and it is largely due to his zeal and effort that our engineering school has attained its present prestige. Dr. Schneider, founder of the co-operative system, and Dean Gowdy have worked together for many years in making the Engineering College one of the foremost in the world.

The engineering school celebrates this year its twenty-fifth anniversary, and it is fitting that we should look back over the twenty-five years of remarkable development which it has made and note the milestones of its progress.

In 1906 there were twenty-seven co-ops in the school, and one hundred and seven regular engineering students with thirty faculty members. The course then covered six years with the usual summer vacation.

In 1911 four co-ops formed the first graduating class.

In 1919 the College of Commerce merged with the College of Engineering.

In 1920 the regular four year non-co-operative course was discontinued and the course was made entirely on the co-operative plan. Women were from then on admitted to the college.

In June of 1930 one hundred and thirty-five men and six women graduated, and in September of 1930 there were one thousand five hundred and fifty-four men and eighty-nine women enrolled, representing all but two of the United States and eight foreign countries. The faculty has tripled in size and now has ninety-two members.

The first headquarters of the Commerce and Engineering college comprised two rooms in Hanna Hall, but in 1911 they were moved to the building now known as Baldwin Hall.