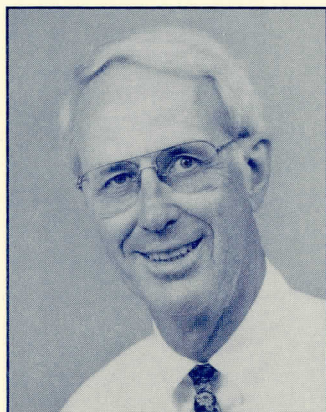


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Dick Stewart's 37 years of service to Allegheny have indeed been distinguished.

A graduate of the class of '56, he returned to his alma mater as an assistant director of admissions in 1960. He rose through the ranks to become director in 1972, then dean in 1980. During those years, he established a national reputation for the quality of the Allegheny admissions program. Current Dean of Admissions Gayle Pollock remembers, "When Charlie and I were still just planning to come to Allegheny, we looked forward to working with someone so highly respected in the admissions profession. Dick's professional stature in turn brought extraordinary stature to Allegheny." Susan Garrity '82, now director of admissions at Tufts University and a member of Dick's staff for six years, says, "He encouraged involvement in the profession, and really gave people a sense that what they were doing was important. *Everything* that I have achieved in my career is a direct result of what Dick Stewart taught me and inspired me to do."

In 1989, Dick left admissions to serve the College as dean of off-campus and special programs. At the end of that year, the post of director of alumni affairs fell vacant. When Dan Sullivan announced, "I can't think of a better person to lead our Alumni Association," it didn't take people long to guess whom he meant. Dick has ministered to the needs of the Allegheny flock of almost 20,000 alumni (over half of whom he admitted as undergraduates) since January of 1990.

It is impossible to estimate how many Alleghenians' lives have been fundamentally changed for the better because of their contact with Dick Stewart. Whether counseling a student, advising a colleague, or hosting an alumni event, he brings to every encounter his own inimitable style of civil discourse — listening attentively, advising wisely, and maintaining at all times his sense of humor. Says Terry Giffen '73, director of college counseling at Choate Rosemary Hall, "From the first day that I interviewed here as a prospective student, through the years that I have known him as a friend and colleague, Dick's support has shaped my life. He is a very, very special man."

