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Dr. Cletus C. Chudd, S.M., University of Dayton professor who has headed the department of chemistry since 1955, is stepping down from the chairmanship. Succeeding him will be Dr. John J. Lucier, S.M.

The shift in administrative responsibilities was announced by University President Father Raymond A. Roesch.

Father Roesch said that Brother Chudd "has asked to be relieved of the chairmanship and its many organizational and administrative responsibilities" so that he might devote his full time to the classroom and laboratory.

"His contributions to the department of chemistry, one of our oldest academic units, have been really outstanding," Father Roesch said. "Of note are his leadership in the chemistry building program and in our entry into graduate work in chemistry." It was also during this period that the department was certified by the American Chemical Society.

Brother Chudd headed the committee which planned Wohlleben Hall, built in 1957 after a successful public subscription drive to house the departments of chemistry, chemical engineering, and geology. (Sherman Hall of Science also was made possible by that campaign.)

He led his department into a master's degree program which got underway in 1961 as one of the first science departments to begin graduate offerings.

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Brother Chudd has been on the UD faculty since 1947, and was promoted to the top rank of professor of chemistry in 1961. His degrees are from UD (B.S., 1935) and Western Reserve University (M.S., 1948; Ph.D., 1952).

Brother Lucier joined the department of chemistry in 1945 as an instructor. He became an assistant professor in 1952, an associate professor in 1957, and professor in 1962. In addition to his teaching duties, he's served as vice-chairman and chairman of the Faculty Forum and as a member of the Academic Council.

Both Brother Chudd and Brother Lucier are actively engaged in research work on the campus. Brother Chudd has been investigating base catalyzed polymerization of unsaturated esters, and Brother Lucier has been doing work in the infrared spectrum.

The change of command will take place in September with the opening of the 1964-65 academic year, U.D.'s 115th.