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David Horace Bishop

My association with Professor David Horace Bishop is one of the rich experiences of my life. As a freshman in the University, I knew him as a distinguished professor of English, who demanded the highest standards of performance from his students. Later, the excellence of his scholarship and teaching and the encouragement and sympathy which he gave his students were important factors in my decision to select the teaching of English as my profession. Professor Bishop spent many weary hours directing my master's thesis so that I might produce the best paper of which I was capable. He was never satisfied with the second best for himself. I shall always be grateful that he applied the same standards to his students. My feeling is shared by all the hundreds of students who have studied under Dr. Bishop, and I should like to quote from many of them, but there is room here to include the tribute of only one, Stark Young, who has written to express his "great respect for Dr. Bishop" and his "devotion to and admiration of him."

Professor Bishop's courses in Shakespeare, the Romantic Poets, and the Victorian Poets were somehow more than courses—they were integral parts of life itself, real experiences in which the art and the ideas of men fired the imagination and thereby created something new in the mind and in the spirit.

A thorough scholar, a master teacher, and a keen judge of men, Professor Bishop developed over the years an outstanding Department of English at the University. As Dean of the Faculty and Chairman of the Library Committee, he never lost sight of the primary importance of books and scholars in the life of the University.

Professor Bishop laid the firm foundations of scholarship, integrity, superior teaching, and a scholarly faculty on which the present doctoral program in English is based. Without his significant contributions, the second half-century of the University of Mississippi would not be so distinguished nor prospects for her future so bright.

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Professor of English*