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Probably few people, even those actively involved in the many planning committees, have read "The Future of the University" in its entirety.

In more than 200 pages it dissects the University and re-structures it in a multitude of ways different from what has gone before. It is by no means a complete report of the efforts of every committee. Such a report would have resulted in a mountainous book that would boggle any mind.

What the report is, however, is a guideline for development. In the months since its completion some of those recommendations have been implemented — some quietly, some with considerable fanfare. Others have been discarded as unworkable in practice. Still others have encountered stumbling blocks that have impeded or halted entirely their progress.

Whatever anyone feels about the plan; whatever their opinions about what it portends, the University is undergoing change. In the beginning there was a body called the University of Oklahoma. It was in good health, it was exhibiting growth, but that growth was willy-nilly. It lacked the firm hand of the planner. Now the plan exists, and it is interesting to see just what has been accomplished under that plan.

One of the more fascinating concepts in the plan is the idea of the small college devoted to limited disciplines. These small colleges would work together yet separately offering the student maximum ability to cross departmental and college lines to take a full range of courses toward a truly liberal education.

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where it's at,
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