

# *Epilogue*



**“It was beyond imagination** that I would get to be president of the University of Oklahoma,” said William S. Banowsky. OU’s 10th president served from 1978 to 1982 – uniquely, in two terms separated by five weeks when he resigned to become president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce before realizing it was “the stupidest thing I ever did.” Once described by a newspaper publisher as “a motivator, a spellbinder, a preacher, a politician, a visionary, an idealist – and a fund-raiser deluxe,” Banowsky oversaw some of OU’s most dynamic growth in fundraising, enrollment and faculty salaries and is credited with the genesis of the OU Energy Center, the Doris M. Neustadt Wing of Bizzell Memorial Library, and the OU President’s Associates program. Banowsky died April 28 at the age of 83.