

# The «resigning» rumor

**D**oes President Bizzell intend to resign?

This is a question that newspapers of the state have been bandying back and forth for several months. Today, they quote Governor Murray as indicating that he wants a change in administration at the university; tomorrow, they quote "offers" from other schools that are expected to lure the president from Oklahoma.

Another version of the rumor is that President H. G. Bennett, M. A. '26, of Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college of Stillwater, will be President Bizzell's successor.

Again, when it was advocated that the salary of the presidents of the state university and of the state agricultural college be reduced, it was "rumored" that President Bizzell would resign in protest.

President Bizzell has authorized *The Sooner Magazine* to make this statement regarding these rumors:

"I have no intention of resigning. I am not considering offers from other schools. Regardless of whether such offers exist, my duty to the state demands that I see this most crucial crisis in the history of the university, to a successful conclusion. I do not know the source of these rumors but I wish to state that they are entirely false as far as they concern any contemplated action of mine in quitting the university in the midst of this fight to retain its standards."

"The university is, of course, not my personal possession. I am an employee of the state. As such, it is my duty to justify the position of the university before the citizens of the state, who are the sole proprietors of the university."

"And it is a pleasure to me to state that the university has never in its history been in better condition than it is now. For the first time, the university will end the biennium without a dollar overdraft. New recognition has been gained for the university in the nation during the past biennium. The great increase in graduate students is the finest tribute to the high standards of scholarship this university holds in the nation."

"I have no apologies whatever to offer for anything concerning the university. As a custodian for the people of Oklahoma of their state university, I am confident that I can give an accounting of my service that will meet with their utmost approval, if I am given a hearing by the people and their accredited representatives."

There is apparently little foundation for

the rumor of change in administrators at the university. Despite that, however,

tremendous harm is being done the university by such unfounded rumors and continued publication of them. Newspapers publishing the rumors refuse to reveal the "source" of the gossip. In the meantime, national educational circles are beginning to wonder if Oklahoma is joining the educational outcasts of Mississippi and Texas. The latter state, to its credit, is making great strides in correcting the abuses the Fergusons made to the state university.

# Count Sforza's program

**D**ates have been announced for the lectures of Count Carlo Sforza, distinguished Italian statesman, who will come to the University of Oklahoma March 3 to spend a month as a visiting professor, sent by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace to lecture on political topics dealing with postwar European problems. The university is one of three in America selected for Count Sforza's lectures this spring.

President Bizzell has emphasized that alumni should make arrangements to hear these lectures about present problems and situations in Europe. A faculty committee headed by Professor Jerome Dowd has arranged the following program:

LECTURE 1 Tuesday, March 3, 4:00 p. m.

"The end of Austria-Hungary and the responsibilities of the World War."

LECTURE 2 Thursday, March 5, 4:00 p. m.

"The end of imperial Turkey and the beginning of republican Turkey."

Friday, March 6, 9:00 a. m.

Round Table discussion of the two preceding lectures.

LECTURE 3 Tuesday, March 10, 4:00 p. m.

The treaty of Versailles; the new European states.

LECTURE 4 Thursday, March 12, 4:00 p. m.

"France and Germany after the war."

Friday, March 13, 9:00 a. m.

Round Table discussion of the two preceding lectures.

LECTURE 5 Tuesday, March 17, 4:00 p. m.

"The other European problems; France and Italy, Italy and the Balkans, the Roman church and European politics."

LECTURE 6 Thursday, March 19, 4:00 p. m.

"The Russian problem."

Friday, March 20, 9:00 a. m.

Round Table discussion of the two preceding lectures.

A varied diplomatic career has been the Italian count's. Though primarily employed now as a lecturer for the Carnegie Peace Endowment, he is still a member of the Italian senate. He worked for economic and moral reconciliation in Europe following the war when he represented his country at the Spa, London and Paris conferences. In his time he has been ambassador to France, has served in the embassies at London and Paris, has been minister to China and Serbia.

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## Editors pledged

Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, announces that its alumni have elected to associate membership the following state newspaper men: Walter M. Mills, editorial writer and columnist for the *Oklahoma City Times*; Carl Magee, editor of the *Oklahoma News*, C. S. Storms, editor of the *Waurika Democrat-News*, and L. N. Nichols, editor of the *Bristow Record*.

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## Omicron Nu prize

Omicron Nu, honorary home economics fraternity, has awarded its annual loving cup to Helen Frances Barbour, '33 home ec., of Norman. Miss Barbour had the highest sophomore grade in home economics.

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Dr Gustav Müller of the philosophy department, has an article in the January number of *Hochland* published in Switzerland on "Henry Adams, an American philosopher of history."