

ATHLETICS of various sorts in college are under more or less fire at many schools. It is pertinent therefore to quote the remarks of President Aydelotte of Swarthmore college, that it is the spectator more than the college that is responsible for modern day emphasis of athletics.

In this connection, the many Sooner admirers of Benny Owen, that great Sooner sport, will be sorry to learn that the athletic association is almost fifteen thousand dollars in debt; that the basketball team has to be transported by automobile (the trip to Ames was to be made in a closed and an open automobile).

Some recent distinctions in our Sooner family:

E. A. "Ted" Evans, ex '12, who has become editor of the *Columbus News*.

Carlton Weaver, ex '07, who has become speaker of the thirteenth house of representatives of Oklahoma.

W. B. "Bill" Stigler, ex '16, who has become speaker *pro tempore* of the state senate.

One Sooner who must feel particular delight and gratification in this legislature is Charles Memminger, '14 arts-sc., who has succeeded his late father as state senator and who has been assigned the seat in the senate his father occupied.

The university is growing older. Mr Memminger is with Morton Rutherford of Tulsa, the first son of a senator to be elected to the senate.

One justification of state supported schools is that they give, or should give, to their respective commonwealths a continuing stream of able men to help in governing. The presence of nine Sooners in the state senate and five in the house of representatives is a step in repaying the state.

There is a significant feature regarding the *School and Society* survey of American college enrollments. It is not that the university is the twenty-first largest

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in the land, although that is important, but that the university has the smallest teaching staff.

The university has in actuality a teaching staff adequate for a university with half its enrollment. How long we may hope to keep good teachers at salaries a thousand to two thousand dollars below the scale paid at similar ranking institutions, is problematical.

The enrollment — practically twice that of any other college or university in the state—indicates the national standing for quality of instruction the university enjoys. Much of this standing has come during the past five years, under the guidance of President Bizzell. Oklahoma is fortunate in having at the head of its state university a creative administrator.

When you get your invitation to contribute to the Buchanan Memorial Lectureship, be sure to give something. A dollar indicates a willing spirit. If you can spare more, then give more. But at least contribute, to help perpetuate the memory of this great Sooner and distinguished Oklahoman, James Shannon Buchanan.

And give promptly. The Association is undertaking the collection of funds without any additional help or financial assistance. And with the almost ten thousand graduates, not to mention fifty thousand ex-students, a solicitation campaign is a tremendous burden, particularly if it is long drawn out.

Every Sooner living near Norman should endeavor to attend some of the lectures of Count Sforza, to be given at the university during the month of March. Count Sforza is one of the men who helped make a part of our modern history. But apart from that, he is a man of courage and conviction, who prefers exile to sufferance of the Mussolini dictatorship. And a man of spirit is always worth hearing, no matter what his topic.