

The man who feels the pulse of the university is one who does it with a smile. He is Emil R. Kraettli, ex '18, secretary of the university and secretary of the board of regents. Every detail of departmental budgets is scrutinized by him in the preparation of the university's budget. As secretary of the Lew Wentz Loan fund Mr Kraettli's warm sympathy and friendship for students has brought encouragement to more than one student who felt that he had come to the end of his rope.

The right hand of three presidents



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IF you want to know any detail about the University of Oklahoma—about any of its many departments and colleges—you will usually find the answer in that encyclopedia of the university, Emil R. Kraettli, ex '17.

Mr Kraettli, secretary of the university and secretary of the board of regents, has that rare and happy faculty of remembering details and what those details signify. He has been the sure right arm of three University of Oklahoma presidents.

An unflinching sense of humor, a genuine sympathy for the problems of others, infinite patience and tact, an understanding of the real goal of the university—these are attributes that have made him a vital force in the building of the university for the past eleven years.

Mr Kraettli handles the details of the university's budget. Last year he prepared eight different budgets for the university. Each budget involved hundreds of minutely figured details. When the board of regents ordered a revision of the seventh, Mr Kraettli came from the meeting of the board, philosophically prepared to make the eighth. No impatience did he show. It is that characteristic which makes him a balance wheel of the university.

It was as a stenographer in the office of Errett R. Newby, then secretary-registrar of the University, that Mr Kraettli first came to the campus back in 1913.

In July 1916 he was appointed secretary to President Brooks, a position which he held until 1919 when he accepted work in a new field. For the following year he was in the personnel department of the Marland Refining Company at Ponca City, in charge of the group insurance for employes.

On January 1, 1920, following the resignation of Mr Newby, Mr Kraettli returned to the university as secretary to Doctor Brooks and secretary of the university. In 1927 the title was changed to the one he now holds, secretary of the university and assistant to the president.

He has served under three university presidents, Doctor Brooks, Mr Buchanan and Doctor Bizzell.

He has been secretary of the board of regents since its organization in 1919. In this capacity he keeps all records of the activity of the board and in addition signs all certificates and diplomas, all pay rolls and claims for salaries for the university, university hospital and crippled children's hospital. He has been secretary of the administrative council since 1920. He is secretary of the Student Loan Aid Association and of the Lew Wentz Foundation Fund. He serves on the board of governors for the Oklahoma Union and is a member of the board of directors of the Stadium-Union Corporation.

Mr Kraettli is a life member of the University of Oklahoma Association and a member of the Faculty club.

As if his university activities were not enough to satisfy the executive and secretarial urge he devotes his energies to numerous civic organizations.

He served as president of the Norman Lions club for 1928-29, as deputy district governor, 1920-30, and for seven years has been a member of the board of directors of the local chapter of the club.

He served on the board of directors of the Norman chamber of commerce for two years and on the executive committee one year. He is also a member of the board of stewards of the McFarlin Memorial Church and was chairman of that board in 1929-30.

He is a Mason and a member of the Acacia fraternity.

Mr and Mrs Kraettli have two children, Virginia, a freshman in the university, and Kenneth, a freshman in the university high school.

"Hope they will succeed and make their parents famous some day," their father says of them as his face breaks into one of his generous smiles.

The Kraettli's are one of those families complete within themselves. They love to

do things together. The four of them are usually seen together at university entertainments. Young Kenneth looks so much like his father that one wonders if there won't be mistaken identity mix-ups within the next few years.

Mrs Kraettli is ready with a quick reply when asked about her husband's hobbies.

"He would rather fish than eat," she says. Which would seem to be a splendid arrangement for the family when they are on one of their vacation trips.

These trips have included New Mexico, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park, Canada, Niagara Falls, Monumental Valley, tour of the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, and various trips through Colorado.

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The College of Fine Arts is resuming its series of monthly Sunday afternoon musical programs in the university auditorium. These presentations were greatly appreciated last year and the first program this year, November 15, was well attended. Lewis Salter, B. M. '12, B. A. '17, professor of music education and piano, is chairman of the program committee which selects appropriate music for the month in which each program is given.

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As a climax to observations of health week sponsored by W. A. A., Y. W. C. A., and W. S. G. A. a stunt contest was held November 18 in the Women's building. Alpha Omicron Pi was awarded a plaque for presenting the best health stunt. Other entries placing were Delta Delta Delta, second; Alpha Gamma Delta, third; and Hester Hall, fourth.

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President W. B. Bizzell attended the inauguration of James Monroe Smith as president of Louisiana state university, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 12.