

OUR university is not the only state university facing the stern crimp of the depression. Returning from the annual meeting of university presidents in Chicago last November, President Bizzell brought the discouraging news of the situation many universities are facing. It is a rather bleak outlook for higher education.

"Practically all the universities are facing the same situation and no satisfactory solution for the problem has been advanced," declares President Bizzell. "Economic conditions, apparently, have increased considerably the demand for higher education, on the whole. Much of this demand is manifest through extension classes and summer sessions but resident enrollment is increasing at many schools. Louisiana State university is a striking example, with its report of a forty per cent enrollment increase in the last year."

Several universities like Louisiana State and Arkansas are continuing their building programs in spite of the depressed economic outlook.

The problem facing universities was never greater than now. "As a matter of fact," President Bizzell says, "we believe the need for adequate higher education is greater than at any other time, because of the need for training people to lead the way out of the present economic and social difficulties."

Universities generally have made the mistake in past years of emphasizing the fact that an education is a training for making a better living instead of a training for life and citizenship. Success has been measured principally in terms of dollars and cents. I know of a number of men on the university campus now who gave up good, steady positions to return to the university either for graduate work or to complete work on their degrees.

These men are preparing themselves to be better men, better citizens. That is the great service of education. Colleges do not educate. They point the way to the greater education life holds. They open up the avenues for such education. Making a living is a necessity for any man. Ability to gain the full richness of life is the service of education. Usually, the well educated man as a result advances far more rapidly, because he has a genuine sense of social solidarity, of the intrinsic worth of people.

The much touted football game between Oklahoma City university and Oklahoma has become a reality.

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It was based on the plea of contributing to charity. Its real purpose, as a sports writer who had advocated the game ceaselessly, admitted, was to see a test between the two teams. The difference in athletic requirements of the two schools is so great that just who should play became the subject of rather forceful pourparlers. These differences were satisfactorily reconciled. From the standpoint of a spectacle, the game should satisfy football lovers. And since football is a spectacle, let 'er blow!

The Thanksgiving dinner of our Association board and of the Oklahoma Aggies former students' board promises to become a pleasant annual custom. There are many problems common to both associations. Discussion helps clarify them.

Some word of explanation on the delayed Buchanan Memorial Foundation is desirable. All plans for approaching alumni had been completed when the depression entered its beginning phase. Later, other events disrupted the completion of the campaign and the committee of which Paul Walker is chairman, is waiting a more favorable time for beginning the collection of money. There is some money on hand already, which is being kept on deposit.

Certainly, our alumni must carry this Foundation to a successful completion. James Shannon Buchanan was one of the great Sooners. Hundreds of alumni have entered the larger phase of life better men and women as a result of his long work in the university. The Foundation, with its annual lectures, is the most suitable, the most adequate, memorial a grateful alumni can establish.

Time is about ready to draw the curtain over the year 1931. We can say of the late year that it was eventful. The year ends, with our university still a strong, vital institution in the southwest. The program of President Bizzell has met with the approval of a practically new board of regents. That board has announced its intention of continuing our forward march.

As alumni, it should be our purpose to help in the extraordinary progress our university has made in its forty years of existence. We need whole-hearted loyalty from everyone. Given that loyalty, our university must continue its path of progress. This is our hope for the new year 1932.