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Union Building entrance on a wintry night.

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Sooner Magazine presents this month a discussion of the University's budget request for the 1939-41 biennium. Because of space limitations, the discussion consists largely of generalizations and no attempt is made to break down the budget request into various items.

However, as this magazine went to press, University officials were completing a detailed presentation of facts upon which the budget request was based. In this presentation, almost every conceivable question about the budget request is answered, and supported by definite facts and figures.

This detailed information is available for anyone interested.

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Dr. Charles M. Perry, head of the Philosophy Department in the University, was afraid that the title of his article on "The University as Intellectual Leader" in this issue of *Sooner Magazine* might sound too highbrow.

We considered various other titles, but finally came back to that one. After all, that is what he discusses in the article.

But what we started to say is that the article *isn't* highbrow. It is an interesting discussion of certain ways in which the University serves the State.

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Bill Green, '29, who wrote the article on Hiram Impson, '15, newspaper publisher and postmaster at McAlester, is on the editorial staff of the *McAlester News-Capital*. He cut his eye-teeth as a reporter on the *Norman Transcript* when he first got out of school.

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An alumnus who is on the University staff stopped us in the hall at the Union building to compliment us on the January issue. Then he added that he hadn't had time to read the contents, but it looked mighty nice. Sometimes we wonder. We are thinking about running a nice flashy cover picture on every page some month, and skip the reading matter.—R. C.

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## White Collar Workers

It appears probable that when the University's budget request is discussed by the Legislature, one of the arguments against any increase will be that the State already has too many so-called white collar workers.

It seems evident that more vocational training is needed, to give the majority of young people some definite means of making a living. Some educators believe this kind of education should be given in high school and some favor concentrating it in junior colleges.

But the point about the University is that the recent increases in enrolment have not been in the occupational or professional fields where there is a surplus of white collar workers. Chief increases, for example, have been in engineering and business administration. The rapidity with which the graduates of these two colleges find jobs after graduation shows that there is no surplus of competent men in these fields.

The law of supply and demand operates here. Young people, unless they have a deep interest and some special abilities in a certain field, are likely to select some occupation that presents good opportunities after graduation. They are very cautious about entering a field of work that is reputedly already overcrowded.

## Sooner Governor

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The events of the first two weeks of the administration of Leon C. Phillips, '16law, as governor of Oklahoma brought almost universal acclaim from the newspapers and general public of Oklahoma.

The major appointments made by the first O. U. alumnus to become governor of Oklahoma were commended as wise selections. The state reform measures suggested in his inaugural address and his message to the Legislature were generally approved.

The Legislature quickly passed measures to revamp the State Highway Commission and State Tax Commission to enable the governor to reorganize the work of these highly important divisions of the State government. It appeared likely that the governor's proposal to combine all relief agencies into a single unit for greater efficiency and economy would be put into effect.

Best of all, perhaps, close observers pointed out that the new governor was showing himself unmoved by patronage demands or by the selfish desires of various politicians and pressure groups. His inclination to weigh every issue in terms of actual facts and the interests of the State as a whole was praised.

Since a university is inevitably judged largely by the quality of public and community service rendered by its alumni, O. U. can well rejoice that the first Sooner graduate to become governor of Oklahoma has started his administration so impressively.