

Campus Review

Rumor

Only new development last month in the public discussion of the search for a successor to Dr. W. B. Bizzell as president of the University was an unconfirmed rumor that Paul V. McNutt, Federal Social Security Administrator was being discussed for the position.

Mr. McNutt is former dean of the Law School at the University of Indiana. Governor Leon Phillips and other members of the Oklahoma delegation to the Democratic National Convention supported Mr. McNutt for the nomination for vice-president of the United States.

Lloyd Noble, president of the University Board of Regents, commented only that the board had not discussed personalities, but had considered the type of man desired for the presidency of the University when Dr. Bizzell retires July 1, 1941.

Newspaper comments on the McNutt rumor was diverse in tone. The following appeared in the editor's column of the *Purcell Register*, published by State Senator James C. Nance:

The person, or the community, who profits the most from political strength and sagacity is usually the one who screams the loudest when some other person or community attempts to emulate their action. The *Stillwater Daily Press*, strong "Republican" daily newspaper, published at Stillwater, the seat of Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, states that "possibly it is a sad commentary on higher education in Oklahoma that a strong political background is the first requirement of a successful college president."

That comment was published in company with the mention of Paul V. McNutt as a probable president of Oklahoma University at Norman. The *Stillwater Daily Press* is only jealous. It cannot help but know that their own local college president, Henry G. Bennett, is the most tactful and successful politician in higher education. Mr. Bennett's political ability and contact have been the difference between success and failure at A. and M. Under Henry G. Bennett, the "political president," A. and M. has made the greatest and most durable strides in its existence. During Mr. Bennett's reign at Stillwater, A. and M. has received more appropriations from the legislature for buildings and other improvements than ever before in its history. For the first time A. and M. excels O. U. in buildings and that condition has prevailed almost from the day Bennett arrived in Stillwater. Other college towns feel that they, too, should have able and picturesque political presidents if their schools are to grow and prosper. Paul V. McNutt is about the only man in the middle west who equals Henry Bennett in ability and in educational and political sagacity. McNutt would make a great president for Oklahoma University.

The *Bristow Record* took a favorable viewpoint, also, saying that "The ap-

pointment would undoubtedly be good advertising for the state's big school and there is little doubt but what the Indiana man would grace the institution under any and all circumstances." The *Record* added the following comments:

Dr. Bizzell is a truly great educator, but he was unable to cope with the political angles of his job, so many of the alumni complained, and it was a standing joke he always took out when politics got complicated.

It is doubtful if McNutt would run from any political complication if he headed up the University management, and we are of the opinion he'd really reverse the order. Under his guiding hand the University might make its own sort of politics, and instead of being cuffed around by the politicians, it might make and unmake them. Providing, of course, it sought to take over in defense or offense. There are enough Sooner graduates in Oklahoma affairs, plus McNutt's long career with the American Legion to make a group that could take over and become a factor in the Oklahoma whirligig.

As an educator McNutt has taught a little law. As an executive and manager he has had a lot of experience. As a politician he is in the top bracket. That sort of combination might work for O. U. We would not be adverse to trying it. There are a lot of Oklahomans who would like to carry water for a political setup like is in the making if the McNutt talk is really serious. We'd be in for some political fun.

The *Tulsa Tribune*, on the other hand, was critical of the proposal. The *Tribune*, in an editorial headed "O. U. Deserves Better," commented as follows:

The University of Oklahoma is entitled to something better in the way of a president than a passing political fancy. If Mr. Paul McNutt must be taken care of somewhere, let Mr. Roosevelt attend to that. He doubtless is totally misplaced in the job he now holds as head of the Social Security Board. But that is no reason why a berth should have to be provided for him in our state university.

Our state schools have been pulled and hauled

too much by politics as it is. Why inflict upon the state university a sure baptism of fire by putting in the high office of president a man who had no scruples about building up a "two-per-cent" political machine in his state for his own advancement? It isn't exactly our idea of a scrupulously ethical university president.

Even at Chicago Mr. McNutt did his master's bidding and retired "gracefully" from consideration as a vice presidential candidate.

We think the great state of Oklahoma can do better than Paul McNutt.

Death Takes Pioneers

Five long-time residents of Norman whose names are well known to many alumni died in August and September. The five are James D. Maguire, pioneer Norman hardware merchant; Aaron McDaniel, early day Norman school teacher and for many years a real estate dealer in Norman; H. E. Walker, Norman business man; Frank M. Truby, a photographer in Norman since 1916; and Clarence L. Ireland, Oklahoma City photographer who formerly lived in Norman and has continued to operate a studio in Norman which has done much of the portrait work for the *Sooner Yearbook*.

Survivors of Mr. Maguire include Mrs. Maguire, who was an early-day faculty member of the University, and two sons and two daughters who attended the University. Mr. Maguire was a member of the committee of Norman residents who helped raise money to purchase land for the original site of the University and to raise the \$10,000 donation to the State which was required to bring the University to Norman.

Football Routes Ready

Football fans coming to Norman from various parts of the state this fall will find the highway approaches to Norman in better condition than ever before. Reconstruction and paving of eleven and one-half miles of Highway 9 from Tecumseh to the Cleveland County line has been completed. The road from the county line to Norman has been graveled and improved.

Highway 9 from Norman southwest to Chickasha will not be in first class condition until a new bridge is built over the Canadian River southwest of Norman, but automobile traffic has been fording the river without difficulty except when there is a sudden rise.

Highway 74, which leaves Oklahoma City for Norman on Western Avenue, is in good condition and paved all the way from Capitol Hill to Memorial Stadium.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- October 5—Sooner-Oklahoma A. and M. football game at Norman.
- October 14—Celebrity Series, Hal Kemp and his orchestra, Fieldhouse.
- October 16—Public lecture, "Changing Sculpture in a Changing World" by Joseph R. Taylor, Engineering Auditorium.
- October 19—Sooner-Kansas State football game at Norman (Dads' Day).
- October 25, 26—First Playhouse production "Pygmalion," Fine Arts Auditorium.
- November 2—Sooner-Nebraska football game at Norman.
- November 9—Military Ball, Union Ballroom.

Highway 77, the main route north and south through Norman, still carries most of the traffic.

Van de Carr Heads Unit

Capt. Robert S. Haggart, who was appointed professor of naval science and tactics and commanding officer of the newly established Naval R. O. T. C. unit at the University, was transferred last month to the University of North Carolina.

Commander J. C. Van de Carr, retired naval officer and instructor in mathematics at the University who was called back to active duty to direct establishment of the University unit, was scheduled to be placed in command following Captain Haggart's transfer.

The unit originally was given an enrollment quota of eighty students, but the quota was later increased to one hundred.

Prehistoric Cultures Linked

Thirty archaeologists and anthropologists from almost a dozen states gathered at the University September 9 to 11 for the Fourth Conference on Plains Archaeology. The meeting provided a clearing house for results of archaeological work being done in the various parts of the Great Plains area.

Among other things, the conference established a connection between two cultures in Oklahoma and those in other regions of the Great Plains. An excavation recently studied in the Oklahoma Panhandle was found similar to the Upper Republican culture in Nebraska, while a culture near Grove on the Grand River was connected with cultures in Iowa and northwestern Missouri.

In holding its fourth meeting in Oklahoma, the archaeologists recognized the activity the University has sponsored in their field. Dr. Forrest E. Clements, professor of anthropology in the University, directed the conference.

About fifteen years ago the Great Plains area began to receive the serious study of archaeologists. At that time it was discovered that stationary cultures had existed previous to the era during which roaming, nomadic peoples inhabited the plains, and consequently, that the area merited extensive archaeological research. A conference of representatives of the scattered regions of the Great Plains became necessary for comparing and exchanging findings. The first was called in 1931 at the University of South Dakota. Others were held as the need was felt. The next one is tentatively scheduled for the University of Nebraska in 1942.

Old Courthouse Razed

A Norman landmark familiar to thousands of University alumni was razed last month. The old Cleveland County



Host last month to an important regional meeting of anthropologists was Forrest E. Clements, professor of anthropology in the University

Courthouse was torn down to make way for a community Building to be erected as a WPA project. The building will include offices for a number of federal agencies and an auditorium for public meetings.

County offices were moved into the new County Building early this fall. It is located in front of the site of the old building.

Typing Honors

A gold cup has been awarded the Secretarial Science Department of the University as first prize in a nationwide contest conducted by the Gregg Publishing Company of New York. Each of thirty-eight members of the advanced typing class, taught by E. E. Hatfield, which produced the winning papers will receive a gold pin.

Lindloff Leaves Norman

Marius J. Lindloff, vicar of St. John's Episcopal Church in Norman for the last ten years, has resigned to accept a call to be chaplain for Episcopal students at the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Lindloff, who was known among students as an unusually good golfer as well as vicar, was popular with young people and attracted many students to his church.

Rah Rah Days Over

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, welcoming the largest group of freshman students he ever spoke to, told new students of the University last month that they were entering college at the most serious time in history.

"The rah rah days of the American

college student are over," he said, "you must make the best preparation in your power for the things ahead of you. You are entering college at a serious time. Make the most of it."

Pe-et Cup Awarded

Newton C. Smith, sophomore premedic student from Cherokee, has been awarded the Pe-et cup for being the highest ranking freshman man at the University last year. Selection is based on scholarship and personal qualities. Smith is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society; Alpha Epsilon Delta, premedic fraternity; and is a Delta Chi pledge. Last year he played in the University band and worked part time in the University Library.

NYA Fund

Approximately six hundred University students were given part time employment by the National Youth Administration as the new school year started last month. Total funds assigned to the University for the year amounted to \$72,630 which is about \$5,000 less than was allocated last year. Salaries paid the students on NYA jobs range from \$10 to \$20 per month.

Celebrity Series

The music of Hal Kemp and his orchestra will open the University Celebrity Series October 14, Boyd Gunning, director of the series, announced last month.

The series, composed of five scheduled numbers and a possible bonus program, will include the Kemp concert and dance in the Fieldhouse, the Littlefield ballet, Don Blanding, poet and entertainer; Fray and Braggiotti, piano duet; and the Oklahoma Symphony orchestra.

The Kemp appearance will be conducted as a formal dance, with seat reservation in the balcony of the Fieldhouse for persons who prefer to attend the program without dancing.

Tickets for the celebrity series, priced at \$3.00 each, can be obtained by addressing Celebrity Series, 101 Science Hall, in Norman.

Faculty

Dr. G. E. Anderson, professor of geology in the University and a member of the faculty since 1922, died in late August at his home in Norman. Death resulted from a sudden heart attack. He was sixty-one years old.

Dr. Anderson was recognized as an authority on sedimentation. He had just finished a manuscript on this subject to be published in the near future. He was one of the geologists active in the development of the Oklahoma City oil field.

A native of Sweden, Dr. Anderson, had lived in the United States many years. He held B. S. and Ph. D. degrees from

the University of Chicago and an M. S. degree from Columbia University. He was a member of Sigma Xi national scientific research society, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and the Geological Society of America. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Episcopal church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, R. E. Anderson, '31ba, Oklahoma City; and two daughters, Mrs. D. W. Hogan, Jr. (Evelyn Anderson, '33ba), of Oklahoma City, and Helen Anderson, '38ba, of the home address.

The body was sent to Kansas City for cremation. A memorial service was held on the University campus in late September.

► Cecil C. Callerman, former faculty member at Oklahoma A. and M. College, has been appointed to the commercial education faculty at the University succeeding C. Guy Brown, who was called to active duty with the National Guard in September. Mr. Callerman has a B. A. degree from Central State College and a master's degree from Oklahoma A. and M. College.

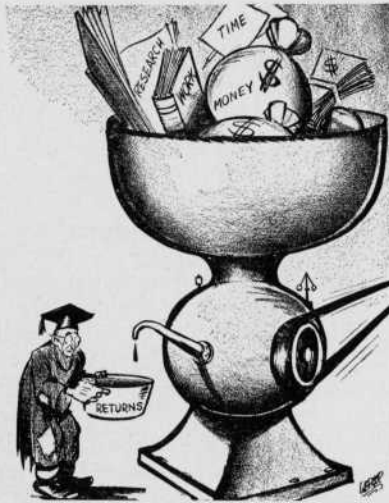
► Balfour Whitney, formerly a teacher at Capitol Hill Junior College, has been appointed instructor in mathematics and astronomy in the University. He has both B. A. and M. A. degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

► Carl Riley Oldroyd, graduate of Northwestern University, who for the last several years has been an assistant in the psychology laboratory at Northwestern, has been appointed to take over part of the work of Dr. M. O. Wilson, professor of psychology, while Dr. Wilson does special research work in Oklahoma City.

► W. A. Willibrand, assistant professor of modern languages, received a doctor's degree from the University of Iowa August 2. Dr. Willibrand spent the last year at the University of Iowa on leave of absence.

► Dr. Leonard Logan, '14ba, professor of sociology, was one of the main speakers at the midwestern defense conference held in Kansas City last month. Dr. Logan emphasized the importance of balancing agriculture and industry, in his address to the gathering of business men from nine states. He insisted that artificial barriers including tariffs, freight rates, and the dominance of New York as a financial center have prevented the natural industrial development of the midwest area. "Too long," he said, "have we furnished cheap labor and cheap raw material to the industrial east whose industries have been protected by a tariff wall."

► Mrs. Annice Ashton Barnes, former supervisor and teacher of home economics in the Chickasha public schools, has been named to succeed Miss Marie Banks, re-



This cartoon in the Sunday Oklahoman illustrated an article by Dr. Walter Emery in which the former faculty member described effects of low faculty salaries

signed, as instructor in home economics. Mrs. Barnes is a graduate of Oklahoma College for Women and has a master's degree from the University of Colorado.

► Miss Agnes Nohrberg, a graduate of the University of California and a student last summer at Columbia University, New York City, has been appointed director of the University Residential Halls for Women. She succeeds Miss Constance Payne.

► Hubert Bale, '24bs, consulting geologist at Oklahoma City and specialist in evaluation of oil and gas properties, will give two lectures weekly as a special lecturer for the School of Geology during the first semester.

► E. A. Frederickson, who has been a graduate student at the University of Minnesota and has done geological field work in Oklahoma as a member of the Oklahoma Geological Survey field party, has been appointed to the geology faculty to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Dr. G. E. Anderson. He will teach classes in sedimentation. Mr. Frederickson is to receive a Ph. D. degree from the University of Minnesota next June.

► Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Sutton announce the birth of a son, David Benjamin. Mr. Sutton is on leave of absence from the journalism faculty this year in order to do graduate work and part time teaching at the Northwestern University School of Journalism in Chicago.

► Dr. B. A. Cartwright, assistant professor of secondary education, has collaborated with Ruth Farrar, '38, a graduate student and free lance writer, in a syndicated feature on superstitions. Dr. Cartwright, over a period of thirty years, has made a collection of approximately twelve

thousand pet superstitions. The feature was issued by the N. E. A. syndicate and was published all over the country. Miss Farrar has written numerous newspaper and magazine articles during the last two years. Her home is in Norman and she has been employed as secretary to H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism.

► L. S. Records, father of Dr. Ralph Records, associate professor of history, died in August at Okeene. The elder Mr. Records was eighty years old. He made the run at the opening of the Cherokee Strip.

► Dr. Wyatt Marrs, '17ba, was appointed by Governor Leon C. Phillips to serve on the special committee of state officials named to study interstate migration of indigent Oklahomans. The committee was appointed to prepare a presentation of the Oklahoma viewpoint on the problem for the congressional committee coming to Oklahoma to consider the migration problem.

► Craig Sheppard, '38fa, '39fa, has resigned as assistant in art to accept a position as professor of art in Montana State College, Bozeman. Mr. Sheppard is known particularly for his murals done on linoleum and for some outstanding pieces of sculpture. Murals which he carved on linoleum walls for Norman Courts in Norman have been photographed and published in full color in national magazine advertising.

► Paintings by William Harold Smith, assistant professor of art, were exhibited recently in the W. P. A. Art Gallery at Shawnee.

► Friends in Norman have received word that Capt. L. L. Hittle, former assistant professor of military science in the University, has been promoted to the rank of major. He is now stationed at Fort Sill.

► Dr. Ralph Bienfang, associate professor of pharmacognosy, has been for the third successive year appointed by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy to membership on the committee of libraries, the committee of problems and plans, and the committee of predictive and achievement tests.

► W. R. Wehrend, director of University bands, was invited to Orange, Texas, in late summer to assist in directing the boys' band and girls' bugle band sponsored by the wealthy oil and lumber man, H. J. L. Stark. The bands had been invited to play in a field day program at Chicago sponsored by the Chicago Tribune. Mr. Wehrend went to Chicago to work with other band directors in rehearsals. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wehrend and Leonard Haug, instructor in music education.

► Delegate of the University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa to the national convention of the scholastic order at Berkeley, California, was H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism. Joseph Bentonelli, '20ba, '21fa, opera and concert singer, appeared on luncheon and banquet programs at the convention. He was accompanied by Merl Freeland, '32ba.

► Dr. Lloyd E. Swearingen, professor of chemistry, and Mrs. Swearingen have returned to Norman from Cambridge, Massachusetts, where Dr. Swearingen spent a year's leave of absence studying at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

► Friends in Norman have received word that Ivan D. Yeaton, former member of the military science faculty, has been promoted from captain to major in the U. S. Army. Since leaving Norman, Major Yeaton has been military attache in Russia.

► Captain Lindsey R. Wingfield, R. O. T. C. faculty member and polo coach, was transferred September 1 to Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

► Herbert H. Scott, director of the Extension Division, has been appointed a member of the education advisory panel of the National Broadcasting Company. The appointment was made by Dr. James R. Angell, NBC education counselor.

► Oscar B. Jacobson, director of the School of Art, is one of two Oklahoma artists given recognition in *Contemporary Art of the United States*, publications concerning collections of paintings at the New York and San Francisco expositions. The other Oklahoma artist mentioned is Nan Sheets, Oklahoma City. The San Francisco collection includes *Red Soil in Sunshine*, by Mr. Jacobson. The publications pay tribute to the native Indian art of Oklahoma, and the part played by the University School of Art in encouraging the development of young Indian artists.

► Five alumni of the University have been called back to Norman by army officials to take over teaching duties of the University R. O. T. C., and release regular army officers for other responsibilities. The five are First Lieut. Stuart Frederick Brady, '36, Tulsa; First Lieut. William James Tutin, '35bus, Sentinel; Second Lieut. Thomas Perry Ewing, '38bus, Higgins, Texas; Second Lieut. Dale David Desper, '39, who has been stationed with the 12th Field Artillery at San Antonio, Texas; and Second Lieut. Jack Garrett Morgan, '39, who has been stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Adviser System Enlarged

The freshman adviser system in the College of Arts and Sciences has been expanded this year to provide a faculty

adviser for every ten freshmen students. The plan is for every student to spend at least one hour a week consulting with his adviser on academic problems.

Dr. Milton Hopkins, associate professor of botany, is general chairman of the Freshman Advisory Council.

'Intellectual Sharecroppers'

A page feature article in the *Sunday Oklahoman* last month deplored the effects of low salary scales upon the quality of the teaching at the University of Oklahoma and other colleges in the southwest.

The article was written by Dr. Walter B. Emery, '34law, who resigned last summer from the speech faculty at O. U. in order to accept a position at Ohio State University at a large increase in salary.

"Somebody should write a book," Dr. Emery declared in the article, "about the intellectual sharecroppers of this area—the army of embittered school teachers who barely eke out an existence in these dusty parts."

"When Bill comes home for summer vacation," the article went on, "he tells mom and dad about the dull course in mathematics and the absent-minded instructor, but he doesn't mention that Professor Doolittle who taught the course is still a thousand dollars in debt for his education, doesn't make enough money to pay for his groceries, and his wife has threatened to leave him because of bill collectors. No, Bill doesn't know these things, but there are many cases like this—at least out here in the prairie country, and I have reason to believe they exist in other sections."

Dr. Emery cited a 1937 survey at the University which revealed that more than 60 per cent of the faculty did not get enough pay to meet current bills and were running deficits each year, borrowing on their life insurance or getting loans at the bank.

In some places, he said, it is not uncommon for instructors with Ph. D. degrees to work for \$1,500 and in some cases for as little as \$900.

"About 10 per cent of the faculty at the University of Oklahoma has resigned in the last three years because of low pay," Dr. Emery wrote. "Some of them have accepted better positions in other fields. One of the best chemistry teachers, extremely popular with students, left his university job to work for an oil company at twice the salary. Three years ago a brilliant economist, a writer of national prominence, left his teaching job to take a position with the federal government. He told me that with the tremendous investment he had in education and a family of five to support he could not stay on \$160 a month. The federal government pays him nearly three times that much."

Citing specific examples that he happened to know about personally Dr. Emery charged that a great many faculty families actually are unable to afford proper food, good taste in home furnishings, needed medical or dental care, or proper clothing to wear in classrooms.

Although agreeing that teachers are by no means the only ones in a sad plight financially, Dr. Emery puts this question directly: "Can we afford to have our boys and girls taught by people who are untrained and incompetent?"

"If not," he adds, "then we must make teaching respectable by paying living wages. For the past ten years good teachers have been living in hopes, but in so many parts of the country their plight has been ignored. Teachers will not continue training when there is no hope for return on the investment, as evidenced already by decreasing enrolment in many institutions.

"The co-ed is doomed to listen to more dry and painful lectures, if the instructor must constantly be worrying about his inability to pay the grocery bill or the rent. He may meet his classes and put up a front but his instruction is bound to suffer.

Enrolment

Ten days after classwork had started for the fall semester of the University, administrative officials still had not released any figures on enrolment. Unofficial indications were that enrolment had definitely increased in the College of Engineering and perhaps in a few other divisions, but that the total enrolment was less than a year ago.

More Pledges Than Last Year

Greek organizations on the campus fared considerably better during the rush season this year than last fall, as 484 neophytes took colors at the close of rush September 9.

Fraternities pledged 275 students, compared to the total of 237 in the fall of 1939. Sororities this year took 209 new pledges, bettering slightly their total of 198 last year.

The rush season this year still fell below the total of 510 pledges recorded two years ago, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic records show.

Greek orders that failed to fill their quotas during the rush season will be allowed additional pledges later in the semester.

Short Course Program

Tentative schedule for the 1940-1941 short course program to be conducted by the University Extension Division has been announced.

Included will be courses in drug merchandising, education by radio, recreation, news photography, petroleum fluid meter-

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Thanks have been going to Mr. Neustadt not only from the University and from students enrolled in the flight training but from Norman businessmen and townspeople as well. With the increasing use of airplanes for quick transportation, more and more persons are expected to fly to Norman for feature attractions at the University including football games, conferences, short courses and conventions. The city will no longer lack the welcome offered by an excellent airport.

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ing, museum service, institute of international relations, community leadership, community forums on education, professional writing, book fairs, guidance institute, drum major technique, safety, visual aids, choral music, speech, aerial photographic mapping, geological exploration, gardening and citizenship.

Arrangements are being made this year, directors reported, to adjust short course plans to the convenience of professional groups interested in the special courses. R. Boyd Gunning, assistant director of the Extension Division, is director of short courses.

Compliment

A tribute to President W. B. Bizzell as a scholar and speaker was paid by the *Wewoka Times-Democrat* following Dr. Bizzell's appearance there as speaker for the Wewoka Public Forum.

Commenting on Dr. Bizzell's discussion of the international situation, the newspaper stated:

Wewoka's year of public forum got off to a brilliant start last night with the scholarly address of Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma and the short, pointed question and answer period.

Informal, his words coming easily from a great background of reading and travel, Dr. Bizzell spoke for almost an hour on the international picture. First, he sketched the story of the Greek cities of 2,500 years ago, brought his parallel down to date, commented on events of the past twelve months and did a little predicting.

Scholar that he is, Dr. Bizzell stated his position clearly and definitely, admitted by word and tone that it was only an opinion and left every single person in the room free to have his own ideas.

While we enjoyed immensely what Dr. Bizzell said, the thing about the first Public Forum which really impressed us was the attitude and the atmosphere which he brought to the audience and the clear logical reasoning which he used in arriving at his conclusions.

The fine presentation last night was further proof of the wisdom of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma in retaining Dr. Bizzell on the faculty even though some one else will occupy the president's chair in less than a year.

The fine character and the brilliant mind of Dr. Bizzell will thus be an inspiration to young men and women on the University campus and at the same time provide a spark of enthusiasm for older, more mature people throughout the entire state of Oklahoma.

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