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William Bennett Bizzell, president of the University, who on August 1 becomes president emeritus and head of the Department of Sociology. Picture by courtesy of the 1941 Sooner Yearbook.

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A Way Alumni Can Help

WHEN JOE BRANDT becomes president of his alma mater in August, every alumnus will want to help him make his administration as head of the University as successful as possible.

There are several ways in which an alumnus can be of real service. One way is to present constructive suggestions for improvement in the University program. Another way is to help stamp out the idle gossip and false rumors about O. U. that sometimes circulate about the state. Nothing is so injurious to the University as the spreading of distorted reports about what is supposed to have happened in the president's office, in the classrooms or on the campus.

With a new administration taking over, there inevitably will be a number of changes in personnel and in the organization of the University. No two university presidents have the same methods of operation. Naturally the alumni and the general public of Oklahoma are quite interested in finding out what changes President Brandt will make.

The thing to do is to wait and see what happens. President-Elect Brandt himself probably would be the first to say that few decisions have been made yet, because he has had so little time to study the situation on the campus and to become familiar with the University's problems. If he himself hasn't decided on the numerous matters of policy that will have to be decided, there is little point in alumni or the general public indulging in gossip as to what he is "going to do."

While discouraging the destructive kind of criticism that tears down with no suggestion for improvement, alumni also can perform a service by passing on to the University administration any constructive suggestions that they hear. The Alumni Office and *Sooner Magazine* are ready to serve as a clearing house for suggestions and ideas which O. U. graduates and the citizens of the state have in regard to the administration and operation of the University.

Critics who are sincere in desiring improvements in the University program can be assured an open-minded hearing through these or similar channels.