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## Give Him a Fair Chance

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI far and wide are expressing their enthusiasm over the outlook for the University's future under the administration of President Joseph A. Brandt who takes office next August 1. That enthusiasm is an excellent thing, but it should be accompanied by a thorough knowledge of the problems that the next president must face.

There is, for example, the warning sounded by President W. B. Bizzell in his final statement before the Legislature's appropriation committees. Dr. Bizzell made a strong plea for a more adequate salary budget for the University, and asked full cooperation with the president-elect. Then he added: "But I remind you that President-Elect Brandt cannot do the impossible. While he is forward-looking and resourceful, if adequate financial support is not provided for the institution, he will not be able to succeed."

Mr. Brandt, himself, in speaking to the legislative committees, declared that the University has a teaching load just about double what it ought to be for efficient instruction. The University is try-

ing to teach around 7,000 students when it has faculty members enough to teach only 3,500 properly.

He pointed out that Princeton University has about five students per faculty member, while the University of Oklahoma has about twenty-two students per faculty member.

The University's budget request as submitted to the Legislature is based on three objectives: (1) Readjustment of faculty salaries to give all faculty members the salaries to which they are entitled by their rank (no general salary increase) (2) Addition of about twenty-two more faculty members to reduce the teaching load to a more reasonable level, and (3) Some provision for repairs and permanent improvements, badly needed in view of the fact that the state has provided only one building appropriation for the University in the last twelve years.

The president-elect of the University, persuaded to come back to this state to assume a difficult responsibility which he never sought for himself, is entitled to a fair chance to make a success of his administration and he will not have that fair chance unless an adequate budget is provided for the University.