The enrollment of the university this semester is almost twice that of any college or university in the state.

That is significant for Oklahoma. It should be a matter of pride to the citizens of this state that their state university—the youngest state university in America—not only commands the allegiance of high school graduates within Oklahoma, but that it attracts some of the best minds of the student bodies of other states.

A university of barbarians could not attain such a record.

But how long may we expect our university to retain its position among American universities, unless the state provides more adequately for its needs than it has in the past?

Twenty-third largest university in America last year, it is quite possible that our university may advance a place or two this year.

For six years the building program of the university has been postponed. State legislature after legislature has expressed sympathy for the needs of the university, has provided, fortunately enough, for the more pressing demands of salary and maintenance, but nothing has been done to give adequate equipment in the training of the hundreds of young students who are here preparing for the serious business of life.

It will take more than a blessing this year to satisfy the requirements of the university. It is unfortunate that this is a period of world-wide business depression.

But that very depression has tended to make the situation of the university more acute than ever and to make adequate provision for classrooms more pressing than ever before.

The tentative decision of Paul Walker's committee to endorse a $50,000 Buchanan Memorial lectureship is one of the most important contributions to the university in years. It is not the amount of money involved, for $50,000 is a small sum to create a memorial to a man so universally beloved as Dean Buchanan; rather, it is the manner in which the memorial will keep Uncle Buck's memory perennially alive throughout America and in a way that he would surely approve, were he alive today.

As Mr Walker points out, the fund will grow from year to year. Internationally known lecturers will bring to Oklahoma the breath of a living world; their lectures will be published by the University Press, so that the intellectual world may share in what we are privileged to hear.

I am glad no quota was decided on for persons to contribute. If you feel that Uncle Buck meant anything to the university, to Oklahoma, to teaching, give something. If you feel that he lived in vain, then give nothing. A dollar is as important as five.

Doing Sooners: Lynn Riggs with two plays on Broadway. . . . Edward Everett Dale writing the definitive history of the range cattle industry. . . . Earl Sparling in the best seller list as the biographer of Wall Street's mystery men. . . . E. N. Skinner being promoted to complete charge of the Continental pipelines. . . . Charles Marsh venturing into the eastern newspaper field as chain owner. . . . George Milburn writing for the American Mercury, Vanity Fair, and writing a novel. . . . Deak Parker directing the policies of America's most liberal newspapers.

Oklahoma a young state? The university a young university? Surely. That's why Oklahomans have the curiosity to succeed. We haven't had time to create a "Main street."

People coming from the east observe that Oklahoma is "well off" compared with the rock-ribbed eastern states. Oklahoma is vital. If Oklahomans learn to save as well as they have learned to spend, Oklahoma will soon be one of America's wealthiest states.

I have a memory of reading a news story sometime ago that told about Winifred Johnston's being made a member of the Southwest Review staff and of the Saturday Review of Literature. But it was a memory. Miss Johnston has contributed to the Southwest Review; Henry Seidell Canby once wrote that he'd like to have her do some reviews for the Saturday Review; and she does write for Shadowland, Lyric West, Palms, Poetry of To-day, (poetry, stories and literary articles), for the International Kindergarten Union (articles on child education that have been syndicated and translated into thirty foreign languages) and critical historical articles on drama and the theater for Folk-Say, Mid-America and Chronicles of Oklahoma.

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