Sooneristically Speaking

The resolution endorsed unanimously by the university of Oklahoma Dad's association, asking the state legislature to submit to the people of the state the proposition of a bond issue to relieve the intolerable building situation at the university, is interesting.

Interesting, and in a way dangerous. Dangerous unless the Dad's association plunges whole heartedly into the task of acquainting people of Oklahoma with the desperate plight of the university. Superficially, a visitor to our university would think we have adequate facilities, for the campus does give the appearance of a large university. Literally, it is a big university, with a small university's campus. One has to visit the class rooms, the laboratories, the tiny offices, to realize that this prosperity is only superficial.

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The Carnegie Foundation report on athletic practices at various American universities has centered public attention on the changing nature of intercollegiate athletics. At present, college sports enjoy an amateur rating while, as a matter of fact, there are many college teams that are little short of professional. Mr McGeehan, writing in a recent issue of Vanity Fair, sees collegiate football at its best as a large university. Literally, it is a big university, with a small university's campus. One has to visit the class rooms, the laboratories, the tiny offices, to realize that this prosperity is only superficial.

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