In the year 2040, when the University of Oklahoma is celebrating its 150th birthday, an unusual ceremony will take place at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education on the main campus.

The president of the university, following instructions on a metal plaque affixed to the east wall of the Forum Building, will open a vault behind the plaque. From it he will remove papers which were presented by eight distinguished members of the OU faculty Oct. 17-19, 1965, during the university's 75th anniversary conference on The World of Ideas. The papers, which more than 400 state leaders, faculty members and students heard during the three-day meeting arranged by President George L. Cross, will be read for the second time.


Lecturers were asked to review the past 75 years in their assigned areas and to project into the next 75 years. A panel of laymen followed each paper with a discussion of it. The sessions were successful enough for the formulation of plans calling for similar conferences to be held periodically in the future.