The death of Prof. Vernon L. Parrington in Gloucestershire, England, on June 18 cancels one more name in the roster of distinguished Sooners who aided in the development of the university.

To university students of early days Parrington will be remembered as the founder in 1898 of the English department and its head until 1908. He was advisory editor of the "Umpire," the student paper, and of other university publications.

"Athletics was one of Professor Parrington's chief interests," says Professor Roy E. Hadself who was associated with Parrington in the early days. "He served as the first football and baseball coach of the university from the time he came until the appointment of the first full-time coach in 1901. And he was a good coach too!"

Miss Minnie May Forbes who was one of Professor Parrington's early pupils is now an instructor in English in the university. Her respect for his teaching was evidenced in the fact that she had planned to return to study with him at the University of Washington to continue her work in American literature.

The appointment of a new board of regents by Governor Charles N. Haskell when Oklahoma became a state in 1907 resulted in an upheaval on the university faculty and Parrington, with Dr. David Ross Boyd, the first president of the university, was among the many teachers who left in 1908 for other schools.

He, with four other Oklahoma faculty members, went to teach in the University of Washington in Seattle and remained there until the time of his death. He has taught during summer at the University of California, the University of Michigan and Columbia university.

National recognition was given Parrington in 1928 when he was awarded the Pulitzer prize of $2,000 for the best history of the year, "Main Currents of American Thought."

Parrington was travelling with his wife and daughter in England at the time of his death on the first vacation he had taken in twenty years.

### Appropriations

Addition of $7,500 to the 1929-30 appropriation bill for the university was announced June 12 by Richard Cloyd, Cleveland county representative. This sum will be used to repair the sagging wall of the fine arts building which is three inches out of line.

A second item of $22,500 for the purchase of more land for expansion of the state school of medicine at Oklahoma City was also added to the appropriation bill.

These items were included in the $20,539,140 institutional appropriations bill which passed the house of representatives June 12. This bill provides for the maintenance of the state educational, eleemosynary and penal institutions for the next two years and is in keeping with the economy program of Governor Holloway.

The university will receive $1,741,000 in appropriations for 1929 and $1,595,000 for 1930, not including $51,000 annual appropriation for the geological survey.

The itemized account of the university legislative appropriations is:

- $1,065,000 annually for salaries.
- $570,000 for support and maintenance.
- $84,000 for repairs and improvements.
- $42,000 for book stack for the new library.
- $35,000 for addition to the printing plant.
- $25,000 for completion of petroleum laboratory.
- $7,500 for repairs on the fine arts building.
- $82,500 annually for salaries in medical school.
- $31,020 for medical school equipment.
- $30,000 for support and maintenance.
- $51,000 annually for geological survey.
- $220,000 salaries for the university hospital at Oklahoma City.
- $125,000 for supplies and maintenance.
- $10,000 for repairs to the heating plant.
- $1,000 for operating room.
- $161,500 for salaries in the crippled children's division.
- $202,000 for support and maintenance.