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The Aggie dinner

The Aggie dinner, although candor compels us to agree with President White that it was a luncheon instead—a mighty good one, however—began with the presentation of a loving cup and ended in a debate, as all good dinners should do.

The Former Student’s Association challenged the Association to a membership contest. Oklahoma lost. The loser was to present the winner with a loving cup and a dinner.

On Saturday, October 4, the Aggie board and the Sooner board met for their second joint session. Present were W. A. Melton, ’13 Aggie, Tulsa, president of the Former Student’s association; Luther H. White, ’14 arts-sc., Tulsa, president of the Association; George H. McElroy, ’28 Aggie, Stillwater, editor of the A. & M. Magazine, and secretary of the association; Mike Monroney, ’24 journ., Oklahoma City, board member; Betty Kirk, ’29 journ., Norman, contributing editor of the The Sooner Magazine; Joseph A. Brandt, ’21 journ., Norman, editor of the The Sooner Magazine; Austin Goom, ’12 Aggie, Ripley, Aggie board member; O. P. Callahan, ’06 Aggie, Ponca City, board member and former mayor of Ponca City; F. Lee Stewart, ’09 Aggie, Tulsa, board member; A. O. Martin, ’19 Aggie, Stillwater, placement bureau head; Glen Briggs, ’16 Aggie, McAlester, board member; Frank S. Cleckler, ’21 bus., Norman, Association secretary; Paul Walker, ’12 law, Oklahoma City, chairman of the Buchanan Memorial committee; Guy Y. Williams, ’06 arts-sc., Norman, member of the board; Dr Howard S. Browne, ’11 med., Ponca City, board member; Fred G. Drummond, ’14 Aggie, Hominy, board member; Dave Logan, ’16 arts-sc., Okmulgee; Ducky Vaughan, ’15 Aggie, Woodward, board member; Orville M. Savage, ’16 Aggie, Ponca City; vice president of the Aggie association; W. L. Eagleton, ’14 law, Tulsa, board member; A. N. “Jack” Boatman, ’16 law, Okmulgee, board member.

Mr White presented the cup on behalf of our Association.

“The purpose of this dinner—if it can be called a dinner—is to acknowledge our defeat. The O. U. boys could craw-fish out of admitting it by saying that our secretary had so much experience taking chances in the world war that he took up the bet of the Aggies without a moment’s hesitation!

“We are glad of this dinner, however, for the pleasure that it gives us in having contact with members of your board. We prize highly our friendship in the ranks of A. & M. alumni. It is a coincidence that Mr Melton, president of your association, and I began our business experience together, working for the same oil organization in Tulsa and that friendship has continued through to this day. Both of us live in Tulsa and we are constantly working together.

“We never for a minute let our bitter enmity on the gridiron interfere with that spirit of co-operation as between boards and aims.

“It becomes my happy duty to present your board with a loving cup. I don’t know whether this one will serve or not, for all loving cups that I have seen in the past have been too large to drink from—and I judge that this one is not too large!”

Mr Melton, in replying, declared: “We appreciate very much this little emblem and will keep it in our archives to cement the friendship between our board and yours. Mr White said that we can work together to accomplish goals mutual to our schools. We are part of a great commonwealth, and it would be folly not to co-operate where such co-operation is needed. We have no desire up our way to tread on the preserves of O. U. We want to help you whenever we can, and we know that you will help us whenever you can.”

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS
Some Big Six results
October 4

Oklahoma 47, New Mexico 0. Oklahoma won handily in this game played on a rain-soaked field at Norman. Tom Churchill, ’30 arts-sc., New Mexico assistant coach, watched the Sooners drive the New Mexicans down the field time after time, Sooners who were former teammates. No conference result.

Kansas 26, Creighton 0. Playing at Omaha, Nebraska, Kansas scored in each period while Creighton’s air game failed. No conference result.

Missouri 0, Colorado 9. Colorado, invading Columbia, completed a 51-yard pass for a touchdown in the first period. A substitute place kicked for Colorado in the final quarter. No conference result.

Nebraska 13, Texas A. & M. 0. Nebraska, playing in its own preserves at Lincoln, and coached by the former Texas Aggie coach Dana Bible, continued the old time line pushing methods to defeat Texas Aggies without overly much difficulty. Nebraska began scoring in the third period and Texas couldn’t stop the Cornhuskers after that. No conference result.

A challenge for Oklahoma

With the largest enrollment in its history, with less class room space to a student than ever before the problems of the university have never been so acute as now.

It is in recognition of that fact that university officials filed their budget requests with Ben Harrison, state budget officer. Department after department found its requests pared, so that the amount asked would be consonant with Oklahoma’s financial outlook. By a peculiar co-incidence, “hard times” sent the enrollment of the university spinning upwards, until now the university has almost twice the number of full time students in residence this semester than any college or university in Oklahoma.

The total enrollment of the university, as of October 1, was 5,318 students. Students continued to enroll at an average of ten a day after that day. The total for the semester is expected to be 5,400. Only two class room buildings have been added in a period during which the enrollment of the university has doubled.

This factor makes the urgency of the building requests more significant.

The building requests are:
For 1931:
Salaries $1,250,000;
Support and maintenance $325,000.

Buildings required:
Biological $250,000;
Business administration and classroom, $250,000.

Petroleum engineering, $250,000.
Home economics and classroom, $250,000.

Equipment for new building, $50,000.
Land adjoining the campus, needed to purchase $10,559.

For 1932:
Salaries $1,274,000.
Support and maintenance, $350,000.

Equipment for new building, $90,000.

Buildings and additions to present buildings:
First unit of physics building, $150,000.
First unit of education building, $150,000;
Addition to women’s building, $100,000;
Power plant, $150,000;
A perpetual memorial to the late James Shannon Buchanan, who served as a professor and officer in all but three years of the university's existence, will be established by alumni, friends of the university and citizens of the state.

A lectureship has virtually been decided upon as the most fitting type of memorial. A committee appointed by Association President Luther H. White of Tulsa, composed of Paul Walker, '12 law, Oklahoma City, special counsel for the state corporation commission, chairman, Dr. Edward Everett Dale, '11 arts-sc., Norman, head of the history department of the university, and Erle S. Porter, '11 arts-sc., M.A., '12, Tulsa, assistant general manager of the Amerada Petroleum Corp., met at Norman October 4 to consider various types of memorials.

The Association at its general meeting at Commencement had voted to establish a memorial, but left the type to a committee to be named by President White. At the Commencement discussion, two plans were discussed favorably, one, to establish a fund with which to purchase books, the other, to create a lectureship. Erection of a memorial history building appealed to many alumni, but the amount of money required was too great to undertake the project.

The lectureship appealed more and more to the members of the committee as they discussed it. It also met with the approval of President White, who met with the committee, and of Secretary Frank S. Cleckler.

The flexible nature of the lectureship, its suitability, all won the members of the committee to a tentative adoption. Final approval was postponed until October 10, when the committee was to meet again at the University club in Oklahoma City, to decide finally. Chairman Walker extended an invitation to President Bizzell to meet with the members.

The amount of the fund to be raised was set at $50,000. Interest from such a fund would be adequate to bring internationally known lecturers to the university for a series of lectures of a week in duration, it was believed.

The fund would remain intact, and, as Chairman Walker saw it, would be added to constantly by leading Oklahomans after they saw the value of the project.

Under the lectureship plan, a nationally or internationally known speaker would be brought to Norman to deliver a series of lectures. These would be published by the University of Oklahoma Press as the Buchanan Memorial Lectures. Thus, not only would the memory of Uncle Buck be kept alive in increasing measure each year through actual delivery of the lectures, but a knowledge of Mr. Buchanan's services would be spread to every university in the country through the published lectures.

As the fund grew, the length of the lecture period could be increased until such time as it could become a lectureship chair.

Subject of the lectures would not be limited, although Mr. Porter and Chairman Walker expressed a preference for one series of lectures in Oklahoma history. Doctor Dale pointed out the value of the lectureship to Oklahoma, declaring that it was establishing in this state a cultural influence at present found only in eastern schools, where many famous lectureships have been established.

The plan, Doctor Dale explained, would have the hearty co-operation of President Bizzell, who had investigated the lectureship foundations at other universities and was very enthusiastic as to what the Buchanan lectureship could accomplish for the state and for the university.

Chairman Walker also desired that an integral part of the plan be the presentation to the university of an oil painting of Mr. Buchanan. This painting, he explained, should be done within the next few years while artists who knew Mr. Buchanan were still living.

The committee decided against a quota for members. To reach $50,000, however, it would be preferable if each graduate of the university would give $5. Close friends of Mr. Buchanan could give larger amounts. Since Mr. Buchanan had served as a member of the constitutional convention and had served the state in many ways, it was decided that gifts would be received from all citizens of Oklahoma who desired to give, whether they were graduates or former students of the university, or not.

A memorial booklet, outlining Mr. Buchanan's services to the university, has been prepared by the University Press, and copies of this will be available to the Association to send to Association members, Secretary Cleckler explained.