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 Earle 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.