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AN ENCOURAGING SIGN

STATEMENT of Dr. S. W. Reaves, dean of the college of arts and sciences, that on the whole preparatory training of students is adequate and that the number of freshmen not sufficiently prepared is small, is an encouraging symptom of higher scholastic standing of Oklahoma high schools.

What difficulty is encountered by freshmen is often due to the fact that such students elected a great number of so called "practical" subjects in preparatory school, rather than humanistic courses, Doctor Reaves believes. This should not be understood as a fault of high school curricula, since in most instances, such students were as a rule preparing to quit school on receiving their high school diplomas.

To a great extent, in our belief, this higher standard of Oklahoma preparatory institutions is due to the high rank of our own university in the world of education. Standards at the university are reflected in those schools which supply the major part of its student body. Adequate preparation makes the task of the university with freshmen relatively easy and enables it to devote more and more of its energies to research and the higher objects of education.

OUR EVER INCREASING ENROLLMENT

Scarcely had the ink dried on the November issue of The Sooner Magazine than the university's enrollment, which in that issue was only 4,875, or thirty-three less than the enrollment for 1927, passed last year's by five. The enrollment of the university now is 4,913. Needless to say, the increase in enrollment makes the problem of caring for the educational needs of these students a greater and more serious one than ever before. More class room space is needed at once if the university expects to maintain its standards. Fortunately the state is proud of its university, as well it may be, and if the situation is thoroughly understood, provision will surely be made for the dire needs of the university. This is partly a duty of alumni. Almost any student of recent years is conversant with the handicaps under which university instructors work. In place of remaining silent on this need, it behooves loyal alumni to work for the university. Tell your friends that we have a good school—and urge them to help keep it so.

Sooners must develop more keenly that sense of loyalty which eastern universities use to such splendid advantage. The greater the prestige of the university, the greater is the value of your degree, as President Bizzell points out elsewhere in this issue of The Sooner Magazine. And because the university advances with an almost unbelievable stride, it is more than necessary that our loyal alumni keep the state informed and alert as to the university's needs.