

Dr. Martin Completes 15 Years As University President

Dr. Andrew B. Martin became president of Ottawa University 15 years ago this month. But he is so concerned with the present and the future that he has not had time to give the anniversary much thought.

To be sure, there have been many pleasant experiences. He has especially appreciated the friendship of a host of alumni, former students, and others. Working together with all of these people in building a better University has been rewarding.

Dr. Martin came at a difficult time. The University was laboring through the depression. Progress was at a stop, even though the college was showing tenacity in holding an even keel in the desperate years.

There have been advances in those 15 years. The physical plant in itself is witness to that. Significantly gracing the south campus are the new buildings—the Women's Residence Hall and the Wilson Field House. And all of the old structures are in improved condition.

Not so visible but probably more important are the academic developments. When he came, Dr. Martin said, "Every college must know what it is trying to do; it must know where it is going and how it proposes to get there. That involves a process of co-operative effort. You must first gather all information and suggestions that are necessary to construction of a plan and then talk it over and sort it out. Finally, you must decide what is most significant to the particular purpose in mind."

Out of this thinking and planning has come the University plan of education—the emphasis upon general education, specialization, and Christian influence. It is well defined and has been activated in a remarkable way already, even though the process is still going on. As for that, Dr. Martin, envisions an ever changing and developing plan.

This entire system has been built with feeling and regard for the past of the University. No one understands better than Dr. Martin the good attributes present through all the years of the college. He recognizes those values in the character of alumni who have been so vitally interested in Ottawa.

It is good to evaluate what has happened in 15 years, Dr. Martin said. Chiefly because results may give bearing on projects and thinking of the present and the future.

There is a task to be done now and in the immediate future, Dr. Martin believes. Pressing right now is the beginning campaign to raise \$500,000 for improvements at the University. Along with that are the elements of planning developments, keeping the academic program moving forward, getting students, getting staff members, keeping students and constituency happy, raising money for current expenses, and doing the thousand and one things that fall to the lot of an active college president. There is no time for thinking much about the past.

Dr. Martin is going about his work with relish. He hopes that the next 15 years will bring as much enjoyment and advancement as the last 15 have brought to him and the University.

Notes Around the University

Mrs. Rachel Dwyer is the new instructor in home arts and management. She replaces Roberta Lamb, who resigned to accept a position with Standard Brands in New York.

The new teacher has had several years teaching experience, has had graduate work in Columbia University, Missouri University, and Central Missouri Teachers College.

Prof. B. Smith Haworth, '17, was

delegate to the Danforth Foundation Camp at Miniwanca, Michigan, late in August. While there he met other Ottawans: Minnie Maude Macaulay, '22; Lawrence Thomas, '19; Eunice Vail Pollard, '16; and Frank Manley, ex '09. Mrs. Haworth was also at the camp.

Christian Fellowship Week was held on the campus, October 2-4. A feature was the use of guest counselors at various residences. Among these were several O. U. grads: Mrs. C. R. Asher, '18, Topeka; Mrs. Lloyd Griffeth, '23, Topeka; W. V. Dixon, '48, Topeka; Gerald Wilkins, '32, Enid, Oklahoma, Mrs. Asher with son James in school and Mrs. Griffeth with Rosalind also in O. U. had special interest in the conference.

Dr. Roy W. Browning is president of Kansas Advisory Committee for Teacher Education. He presided at the annual October meeting of the organization in Topeka.

"Invitation to Christian Learning" is the title of an article by President Andrew B. Martin in the November issue of "The Baptist Leader."

Basketball Team Starts Practice

With the basketball season just around the December corner, members of the O. U. basketball team have already gone to work with daily work-outs in Wilson Field House. Coach Don Meek is making no predictions about possible success.

The men will face a tough schedule but they will have a squad liberally sprinkled with ability. Dudley Geise, Jim Brandon, Don Simons, Jerry Mattox, Dick Meiers, Neal Wyrick, Vic Harrod and others will all be on the court battling for the Braves.

Classes with numerals ending in "1" or "6" will have reunions next spring.