

April 21 is an appropriate date for the inaugural of Peter H. Armacost as twelfth president of the University. The day marks the 103rd anniversary of the charter granting and is annually observed as a significant marker for the University. O. U. was founded in 1865 in a pioneer land by pioneer Baptists working with a tribe of Ottawa Indians then on reservation along the banks of the Marais des Cygnes river.

Dr. Peter H. Armacost

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Dr. Peter H. Armacost will be inaugurated April 21 as the twelfth president of the University in a ceremony to be held at 3 o'clock in the Chapel.

Immediately following the inauguration a reception for Dr. and Mrs. Armacost will be held on the new Mall or in the Women's Physical Education Building in case of inclement weather.

Later, a dinner will be held in the Union for representatives of other colleges and universities, the faculty and other leaders.

Staging an inaugural is something new for Ottawa people. Not since May 26, 1936, has such an occasion been held on the campus. Former President Martin was inaugurated on that day in a ceremony combined with the annual commencement exercises.

When the date of the 1968 inauguration was set, there was considerable scrambling on the part of the faculty and staff to find out what was to be done in the way of inviting people, processions, ceremonies and supporting events. These matters were

quickly ironed out and details of the occasion are falling into place.

Indications are that attendance at the inaugural will be large. Other schools, alumni and friends are sending in reservations daily.

The academic procession which will include delegates from other institutions, trustees and the faculty wearing academic robes will be a colorful group marching from Myers Library to the Chapel for the main ceremony of the day.

The University Choir in new gold robes will participate in the ceremony adding more color to the event.

The inaugural will be the first in the beautiful new Chapel which was completed in the fall of 1966. The 40-rank pipe organ will also be used adding dignity and majesty to the occasion.

While all of the preparations for the event are underway, President Armacost is giving attention to the multitude of duties involved in leadership of the University such as faculty appointments, program development, student projects and problems, financ-

ing and new students. He is more interested in these matters than in the inauguration, but he knows that the event must be staged in a dignified manner designed to bring attention and credit to the University.

Since coming to the campus on August 1 of last year he has had few free hours. Before arriving he had studied carefully the nature of the University. So when he went to his desk for the first time he moved immediately into a variety of tasks and a heavy schedule. The pace has continued with no let-up.

Mrs. Armacost has also been busy with various events in the home for the faculty, the staff and the students. She has also been active in the Faculty Women's Club.

The inauguration is to be the official announcement that the Armacosts are a part of the Ottawa scene. It can only be an announcement, for the two people have already made a place for themselves on the campus and in the community. And they have been enthusiastically accepted.