

Dr. Andrew B. Martin, President Since 1935,

Will Retire in 1967

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After Leading in Great Advancement Program

Dr. Andrew B. Martin, president of the University since 1935, will retire at some time in 1967, he recently announced. Months ago he asked the Board of Trustees to name a committee to search for a new leader. This was done and an appointment is to be made soon.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin will continue to live in Ottawa. "After 32 years it is our home," said Dr. Martin. Speaking, reading, writing and participation in a variety of activities will keep him busy.

Progress of the University in the 32 years is easy to measure just by glancing at the many new buildings on the campus, the five residence halls, Myers Library, Mammel Art Center, the University Union, Wilson Field House, the greenhouse, the University Chapel and various remodeling projects along with the development of the Penmona Lake Center and the new physical educational fields on Eleventh Street.

Dr. Martin's chief interest, however, does not rest with the buildings. Development of the program of education has been his main concern. He early recognized that Ottawa has a long tradition of great teaching, so he built his program upon that base. The seven-division curriculum, the

comprehensive and divisional examination system and the unique honors plan were the keystones of his liberal arts academic structure.

"What can we do for the student in his search for knowledge, understanding and development? How can we inspire him to great effort?" Such statements were always uppermost in Dr. Martin's thinking.

When he came to Ottawa, the annual operating budget was \$65,000 and the enrollment was about 275 students. The nation was in the midst of a great depression. War clouds were gathering around the world. These difficulties might have stopped a less able man. But not Dr. Martin. He launched into the improvement of the program of education and the fiscal plant of the University.

World War II held up the advance for a few years. But soon after the end of the conflict, the Ottawa advance moved rapidly ahead.

This year the budget is \$1,841,000, there are 1,022 students enrolled and the educational program is at a high level of academic excellence. The progress has been solid and pleasing. Be that as it is, Dr. Martin deals not in glories of accomplishment. He looks to the future of the University. He

sees many areas where improvements can and should be made.

Through the years Dr. Martin has earned the confidence of people throughout the middlewest. He served as president of the local Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the board of the state Chamber, as president of the Kansas Baptist Convention and as president and board member of numerous educational organizations.

Mrs. Martin has been a great help to Dr. Martin, not only in keeping home and family, but also in being a charming hostess at many occasions and in aiding the advancement program wherever possible.

Busy as Dr. Martin was, he was always ready to meet with individuals or groups of students, alumni, Baptists or friends. His occasional walks around the campus were long ones, so frequently did he stop to talk with students and faculty.

Everyone will miss his leadership. He is the first to say, however, and emphatically, that the University will find an able new president and will march to great accomplishments in the future.

Before his retirement becomes final, students, alumni and friends will find ways to recognize publicly his contribution to the University.