

Dr. Angell, still a busy man

By Laurie Meyers

As many of you know, last year Dr. Wayne Angell, professor of economics at Ottawa University, launched a campaign that he hoped would elect him as our next United States senator from Kansas, an office being vacated by Senator Jim Pearson. Dr. Angell has a long list of credentials and a very diverse and knowledgeable man of experience that could help him at the job. He graduated from Plains High School (Plains, Kansas, that is) and went on to graduate from O.U. in 1952 with a major in Economics and a minor in Business Administration. He completed his post graduate work at Kansas University in 1953 and received a Ph.D. in 1957. While working on his doctorate he taught economics at O.U. In 1956 he returned to Ottawa to become assistant professor of economics. He moved quickly up the ladder to full professor, and became dean of the College from 1968-71.

In 1961, Dr. Angell was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives as a state representative. He served there until 1967 and was very active as chairman and member of several committees. During that time he was also very involved with Republican party committees and conventions and in 1966 ran for Congress in the 3rd District.

Along with working hard at education and politics, Dr. Angell also devoted much of his time to farming in his home town of Plains. From 1951 to 1957, Dr. Angell and his brother Charlie formed a farm partnership of 1,100 acres, appropriately named Angell Brothers. In 1957 that operation expanded to 3,000 acres. Dr. Angell and his whole family take part in working and managing the farm.

In 1971 Dr. Angell received his first major position in the banking world, becoming a member of the Board of Directors for Hume Bank in Hume, Missouri. In 1972 he joined the Board of Directors

for Peoples National Bank in Ottawa and served on the Advisory Committee to the staff of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. From there Dr. Angell advanced to President of the Board of Directors for Council Grove (Ks.) National Bank and Chairman of the Board of Directors for First State Bank in Pleasanton, Kansas. In 1976 he became bank asset manager and money market consultant for several Colorado and Kansas banks.

Besides these many activities, Dr. Angell has also been very involved in local, state, and national church leadership, including a turn as President of the Kansas Baptist Convention in 1971.

Dr. Angell's interest in economics and people has taken him around the world twice with major emphasis on the economic development of India and Southeast Asia. He adds to his list of credentials being selected an Outstanding Educator of America and Who's Who in American Politics.

In his campaign, Dr. Angell emphasized the economic trouble our country is in. He proposed returning to a sounder economic base by the reduction of government deficits and spending. He also favored a tax-rate cut, citing that a 15% cut would reduce government revenues by 20 billion dollars. A reduced tax rate would cause an economic stimulus by raising employment and production. Government employees would be removed from government jobs and forced out into the public sector. He also advocated an application of anti-trust laws to national labor union monopolies. He is not against unions, but believes that large unions have too much power and can easily pass costs on to other Americans who do not have that power. Another issue Dr. Angell was concerned with was the minimum wage law. He proposed exempting teenagers and persons on welfare from the minimum wage law and combining that



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DR. WAYNE ANGELL relaxes before moving on.

with a program of welfare supplement for low productivity workers. This would allow people to work at a wage rate that equals their gell believes that people on welfare are kept there because of the system now in use and that welfare recipients are penalized for working. He cited it as a vicious circle in which no work ethic is given to the children of welfare parents, thus perpetuating a welfare class.

On the local scene, Dr. Angell did not agree with the 100% parity that many farmers were asking for. He sees their problem as he is a farmer himself, but pointed out that 100% parity would price American farmers off of the world market. He believes that farmers are not the cause of inflation, but its victims.

Dr. Angell found himself in a crowded field of nine candidates. One of these, Mrs. Nancy Landon Kassebaum, defeated him in the run for U.S. senator. Mrs. Kassebaum's father is Alf Landon, former governor of Kansas and former contender for President of the United States. This fact, plus her position as one woman out of two in the field brought her a victory. She also picked up on many newspaper relation-

ships that retiring senator Jim Pearson had held.

Dr. Angell was disappointed that he did not win but was satisfied with the campaign he had run. He had secured the type of contributions and support he had needed and considered his campaign and position as a major contender as a privilege. He felt confident that he could have defeated Mrs. Kassebaum in a two person race, as he won among men and people with college educations. He gives Mrs. Kassebaum much credit for what she has accomplished.

Dr. Angell stressed that he is now keeping his vision forward, open to all possibilities without making any long-range commitments. He is still a busy man, with research work an immediate objective. He is now doing some teaching here at O.U., managing bond portfolios for three banks, and has renewed his economic counseling.

Dr. Angell is a man who has been very involved and concerned with many aspects of our lives. His vast experience and knowledge would have helped him immensely as he strove to serve the people of Kansas and the U.S. I believe that he is the one who deserves a lot of credit for what he has accomplished.

Field House gets fo

By Roger Pitts

If you have ever been to the field house this year, you may have noticed a few changes. The floor has been refinished, the foyer in the field house has been carpeted with an astro-turf type of material, and the locker rooms have been improved. Not only that, but the begin-

versity and graduated in 1957. He received his M.S. degree from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia (which is now Emporia State University). Ron came to O.U. in 1964 after teaching and coaching high school for eight years. He was the first person hired by a private