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For over thirty-five years, as History Professor, Dean of College of Arts and Science and President, Dr. Elmer Ellis played a vital role in the history of the University of Missouri. He retired in 1966.

During his tenure as President of the University and through his support, the Libraries' collection grew to over 1,000,000 volumes. In 1972 the Main Library was dedicated in his honor. He remains an active, loyal supporter.

Dr. Ellis presented the Libraries his personal collection of American humor in 1985. The collection of over 450 titles represent the finest of humorous literature from the mid-nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century. Several of Dr. Ellis' own contributions to the literature of humor including Dr. Dooley's America; a Life of Finely Peter Dunne, are part of the collection.

The University Libraries celebrate this important acquisition with this bibliography and the exhibit it accompanies.
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