

Dr. Denny's Tribute

▶ I had hoped to be a part of the cheering section at the unveiling of the Harris portrait. Apparently that cannot be. But I am asking, as perhaps the best qualified Harris research specialist, permission to say that I rank the subject of my thesis A plus by the most orthodox grading system I have known.

▶ If anybody at the University has achieved success, Dean Harris has done so in notable degree. In season and out of season, winter and summer, she has done her duty as a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. And she has exemplified, everywhere and all the time, rugged faith and superabounding courage. When she came to the University—there was for young women, meager equipment and an uncertain future. She has seen the woman's campus expand step by step until it is today one of the finest in the country.

▶ Miss Harris has been a great dean of women, a leader always rather than a driver. One of her girls, quoting a brilliant young British duchess in happy reference to her own commanding mother, once aptly said of her, "She always lets us have her own way." And her way has been the right way, the wise way, the kindly way. Under her tireless and resourceful leadership we now have a fine group of 1,500 young women who, in the absence of the young men, are keeping the home fires burning.

▶ To her I express my gratitude and appreciation and affection. She has indeed fought a good fight and kept the faith. She has met bravely every test. Heaven grant her length of days and that peace which passeth all understanding.