A gift of $5,000 from former University of Kansas Chancellor and Mrs. Deane V. Malott for beautification of the University campus at Lawrence and the Medical Center at Kansas City has been announced by Irvin E. Youngberg, executive secretary of the Kansas University Endowment Association. Malott is President Emeritus of Cornell University and they make their home in Ithaca, N.Y.

Already over 1,250 trees, representing 18 varieties of flowering crabapple trees, have been planted on the K.U. campus through the Malott gift. Next spring additional trees will be placed at the Medical Center as well as on Mount Oread and adjoining campus areas.

The gift continues the intense interest the Malotts took in campus beautification during his years as K.U. chancellor from 1939 to 1951. Mrs. Malott devoted many hours of personal work to the plant program in the greenhouse behind the chancellor's residence. And with Mrs. John H. Nelson, wife of the K.U. English professor who was dean of the Graduate School from 1946 to 1963, Mrs. Malott worked directly with landscape crews to enhance the beauty of the campus through the generous addition and harmonious arrangement of shrubs and trees over the campus.

The Malott interest was shared by the late Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hill and others, including the Class of 1945, which designated that its gift be used for adding to the growing tree cover for once stark-bare Mount Oread.

The 1945 gift was also used for the purchase and planting of flowering crabapple trees. These were placed in the area of Green and Fraser Halls, around Potter Lake, and along Memorial Drive, then being laid out on the northern slope of the campus.

Some of the Malott trees have been planted in the Potter Lake-Campanile area, according to Harold Blitch, grounds supervisor, while others are beautifying new southern and western sections of the campus, including Irving Hill Drive, Allen Field House, Stouffer Place, and the Daisy Field dormitories.

Malott will be a member of the Centennial Inter-Century Seminar at the University April 11-14, 1966. When he revisits the campus, the flowering crabs, with their blossom shades ranging from white through pink to red should be in full bloom, along with the colorful forsythia. Spiraea, flowering quince and other shrubs and trees will be ready to add their splash of beauty to spring on Mount Oread.