

Alumni in The News



JOSEPH A. BRANDT, 21ba

Brandt Gets New 'Prexy' Job

Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, president of Henry Holt and Company and former president of the University of Oklahoma, was recently elected president of the American Institute of Graphic Arts at its 33rd annual meeting.

As a Rhodes scholar, Brandt attended Lincoln College, Oxford, England. Starting as a newspaperman on his return to this country, he became director of the University Press. In 1938 he assumed directorship of the Princeton University Press, and in 1941 became president of O.U. He served in the latter capacity for two years before being appointed director of the University of Chicago Press. He was appointed head of Henry Holt and Company in 1945.

The Graphic Arts Institute held its meeting in the Architectural League Club House in New York City.

Grace Ray's Students Produce Feature Stories That Pay Off

It seems that the last two weeks of school are weeks of recognition for student achievements. However, for a change recognition goes to both

professor and students.

The professor, Grace E. Ray, '20ba, '23ma, takes the bouquet for her contribution in turning out a new crop of successful magazine writers. For ten years Miss Ray has been teaching feature writing. During this time her students, while enrolled in the courses, have written and sold scores of articles to leading newspapers and magazines throughout the country.

This semester one student, Robert Henry, sold articles to *Nation's Business, Scene*, and *New York Times*. Other students in the course who have recently sold articles include Dick Dale, *Popular Photography*; Bill Epperson, two to *Labor Journal* and one to *The Student Progressive*; Jim Harvel, *Christian Science Monitor* and *Science News Letter*; Dick King (assisted by Brice Armstrong), an illustrated picture to *Coronet* and two stories to *Grit*, and Portia Morford, *Practical Home Economics*.

Also, Charles Rothfus, *FM Business*; Frank L. Steen, *Sporting Goods Dealer* and *Holland's*; Brice Armstrong, *Denver Post* magazine; Lyman Bryan, *Varsity*; Gene Gregston, *Denver Post* magazine; Truman Richardson, *New York Times*, and Jane Roberts, *Sunday Oklahoman*.

Miss Ray's students attribute success to the professor's wide experience as a free-lance writer. Although teaching with its professional and social requirements seems to monopolize most of her time, Miss Ray still finds time to write an occasional magazine article for publication. Each summer, after teaching the 8-week term, she spends a few weeks on a dude ranch.

Being a lover of the outdoors, Miss Ray usually rides range from dawn until dusk while vacationing. Her appreciation of the picturesque West with its rolling hills and valleys makes her an excellent press agent for the ranch she visits. During her daily horseback rides she takes voluminous notes. Then, back at the University during the fall she starts to work on stories for various magazines.

Whether summer vacation or final exam week, Miss Ray still gets in a few weekly horseback rides. The pleasure she gets from horseback riding was best expressed by the owner of a dude ranch where she spent a summer. When she paid her bill, the rancher told her that she was the first person he had ever seen who ran a higher bill for the rent of a horse than for food.

Sales of stories written about these summer trips and other features of interest to Miss Ray have been made to the *Smart Traveler*, *New York Herald-Tribune*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Nations Business*, *Successful Farming*, *Country Gentleman*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Mademoiselle*, *Highway Traveler*, and several other publications.



CAPT. MAURICE GEPHARDT, '43med . . .
Lauded for medical service.

Captain Gephardt Gets Award

Capt. Maurice G. Gephardt, '43med, assistant typhus consultant, preventive medicine division, public health and welfare section, of General MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo, has been awarded the United States of America Typhus Commission Medal for his outstanding work during the typhus epidemic in Japan during the early part of 1946.

Col. Crawford F. Sams, Tracy, California, chief of public health and welfare, made the presentation and read the citation which stated, in part, "With unflinching energy and high intelligence, Captain Gephardt dealt successfully with many novel and difficult situations. He contributed directly to the differential diagnosis of typhus fever in Japan. He assisted in training personnel and in supervising programs in typhus control in Tokyo, Osaka, and Kobe as well as other locations in Japan.

"Captain Gephardt, acquitting himself with distinction, contributed to the advance of military and civilian preventive medicine."

In addition to his outstanding work in typhus control, Captain Gephardt has also done special duty at the Army Institute of Pathology.

Captain Gephardt's wife, Eloise, lives in Stroud, Oklahoma. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Gephardt, reside in Tulsa.

Inter-fraternity Alumni Council Re-organizes, Elects Officers

Election of officers took place April 8 at a meeting of the Oklahoma Inter-fraternity Alumni Council. Officers-elect are William J. Crowe, '15law, president; John Nichols, '36bus, vice-president, and Marvin Breeding, '43bus, secretary-treasurer, all of Oklahoma City.

The Council was re-organized on March 4, 1947. At a committee meeting held March 19 in Oklahoma City, recommendations for constitutional revisions were prepared and later presented at a general meeting of the Council. At the general assembly, the proposed revisions were adopted and the name of the group changed to the Oklahoma University Inter-fraternity Alumni Council.

The constitution provides for two alumni representatives from each of the fraternities active on the University campus. The Council requests that each alumni group submit the names of their representatives to the Council. If no alumni organization exists, the local active chapter is asked to designate two alumni members to represent their fraternity on the Council. Additional questions may be submitted to Marvin Breeding, secretary-treasurer of the Council, 515 First National Building, Oklahoma City.



It's roses to Grace Ray, associate professor of journalism, from her class of successful magazine writers. Presenting the flowers in behalf of the class is Robert Henry, who has sold three magazine articles while in the course. Sitting behind him on the table is Frank Steen. Others looking on are left to right, Charles A. Rothfus, Lyman Bryan, Bill Epperson, Jim Harvel, Dick King, Dick Dale, Jane Roberts and Portia Morford.

Culver Edits Anadarko Paper

Harry S. Culver, '47ba, Homestead, is one graduate of the Class of '47 who hasn't a single worry as to what the future holds for him in the way of a job. Two weeks before graduation, Culver, a journalist, accepted an offer to go to work June 7 as news editor of the Anadarko *Daily News*.

While a student in the University School of Journalism, Culver has earned an outstanding reputation as news photographer, editor, and news reporter. Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, added the climax to his student career by nominating him as the most outstanding graduating senior man in the school of journalism.

Culver first enrolled at the University in September, 1940. After over two years of study and work in journalism he joined the Army Air Force. During these two years at the University prior to going into the armed forces, he served as issue editor and sports editor on the *Oklahoma Daily*, student publication.

As a pilot of a "flying fortress" in the European Theater of Operations, Culver found life full of excitement. On his 33rd mission over Germany, March 18, 1945, he found it necessary to land his crippled bomber, low on gas and perforated by enemy flak, in Sweden.

As soon as the wheels of the wounded plane touched the runway, an alarm was sounded and three truck loads of Swedish soldiers followed it to a stop.

Coming to the rescue of the nervous American airman was a Swedish private, a veteran of other such captures. His simple request for cigarettes to which the Americans responded resulted in all of the soldiers throwing down their guns and shoving each other about in a wild clamor for the American gifts. Two previous crash-landings, once in Luxemburg and once in France, had taught Culver and his crew to carry plenty of cigarettes and candy.

Culver spent the remainder of the war on a Swedish estate in the mountains. He found being a prisoner in a neutral country wasn't so bad after all. Overlooking a beautiful mountain lake, seven miles wide and filled with trout, the resort seemed near perfect to men tired of war.

Back home, Culver was discharged as a captain in December, 1945. It was a short vacation, though, before he was back to the old grind—school again in January, 1946. Picking up where he left off, he served as issue editor and then as managing editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*.

On the campus Culver has participated in numerous school activities. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, Kappa Alpha Mu, national honorary photography fraternity, and YMCA. He is vice-president of Phi Theta, honorary fraternity for



HARRY CULVER, '47ba . . .
Edits Anadarko Daily News

Methodist men, and morning worship chairman of the Wesley Foundation.

Harry isn't the only one in the Culver family represented in the '47 graduating class. Mattie Lee Hardy Culver, his wife, formerly of Pauls Valley, received the bachelor's degree in music education. Mrs. Culver hasn't decided yet how she will apply her knowledge now that she has a degree. For the time being, at least, she will make being the wife of a news editor a full time job.



LT. COL. BRYAN L. RAKESTRAW, '39law . . .
Admitted to practice law before U. S. Supreme Court.

Rakestraw Admitted to Bar

Lieut. Col. Bryan L. Rakestraw, '39law, of Oklahoma City, who is stationed in the air judge advocate's office at Army Airforce headquarters in Washington, was admitted to law practice before the Supreme Court June 2. Senator Elmer Thomas, who moved the officer's admission, at the same time moved the admission of Colonel Rakestraw's wife, Mrs. Arthur Lory "Al" Rakestraw, '39law, a member of the Oklahoma bar.

Before entering the service in September, 1940, at Fort Sill, Colonel Rakestraw served as assistant collector of internal revenue for Oklahoma. He served in the Pacific theater from April, 1942, until March, 1945, as a field artillery battery commander, as assistant inspector general of the Fifth Airforce, and as inspector general of the 13th Airforce. He has been awarded the Commendation Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal.

Mrs. Rakestraw practiced law with the firm of Embry, Johnson, Crowe, Tolbert and Shelton, in Oklahoma City and with her father, Walter Morris, Anadarko attorney who is now a member of the Oklahoma legislature. She has also been secretary to Senator John Lee and secretary and law clerk to Judge A. P. Murrah, of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge Bower Broadbuss, of the U. S. District Court in Oklahoma.

Now serving as chief of the legal assistance branch in the office of air judge advocate, Colonel Rakestraw gives legal advice and assistance to members of the Army Airforces and their dependents. He also represents the War Department on the legal sub-committee of the Air Co-ordinating Committee. During the past year and a half, he has been working on his Masters of Laws degree at Georgetown University. He has completed all the requirements except writing his thesis.

Colonel and Mrs. Rakestraw and their two children, Kan and Don, live in Washington, D. C.

Faculty Notes

Joseph E. Coulter, airport manager of Westheimer Field, recently attended an airport management conference at College Station, Texas.

John O'Neil, assistant professor of art, is teaching design at New York University, New York City, during the summer months.

Emilio Amero, visiting professor of art, is directing his own private summer school at Carnation, Washington.

Gene Bavinger, instructor in art, is teaching commercial art at Oklahoma City University before returning to the University for the fall term.

George R. "Rob" Sullivan, instructor in accounting, has accepted a position with the accounting department of a construction firm at Long Beach, California, for the summer.

E. J. Shultz, professor of music education, has joined the summer staff at the University of Michigan. He will direct seminars and special problems in music as well as present courses in band and orchestra conducting and music administration in public schools. Robert Milton, a high school music director in Kansas City, will replace Shultz for the summer.

Leonard H. Haug, associate professor of music education and director of the University bands, is spending the summer at the University of Wisconsin where he will resume work on his degree for doctor of music.

Henry L. Kamphoefner, professor of architecture, will be visiting professor at the University of Michigan for eight weeks, starting June 23.

Barre Hill, professor of applied music and theory, will head the voice and opera departments at Interlochen music camp, Interlochen, Michigan, during the summer months.

Dr. J. Rud Nielsen, research professor of physics, participated in a symposium and conference with other scientists at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He also conferred with scientists in Toronto, Canada, recently.

Dr. Alfred B. Sears, associate professor of history, has started an extended research trip through Washington, D. C., Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia. He is doing research on the lives of Thomas Worthington and John Breckenridge. He will resume teaching in September.

Six members of the government department are spending the summer doing research, teaching and writing. Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing is teaching at Washington State College, Pullman. Dr. Joseph C.



T. JUSTIN HINSHAW, '18law
Mr. Hinshaw, Norman attorney and city police judge, recently became the second judge of District 21. His appointment was made by Gov. Roy Turner. District 21 is composed of Cleveland, McClain and Garvin Counties.

Faculty

Globe-trotting O. B. Jacobson Sticks to Landscape Painting

By GEORGE SOURIS, '47ba . . .
Former editor of *Sooner Magazine*

Artist, teacher, traveler, lecturer, policeman, curator and cowboy are some of the occupations held at one time or another by Swedish-born Dr. Oscar Brousse Jacobson, research professor of art and museum of art director at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. He is perhaps the only professor in the nation who teaches his art history students the names of English, French, Spanish and Italian artists with a Swedish accent.

Although he arrived in the United States at the age of seven with his parents, Jacobson still speaks with a slight Swedish accent. This is partly because the locality to which the Jacobsons migrated was an extension of their customs and manners of their native Westervik, Sweden. The Jacobsons established themselves on a ranch near Lindsborg,

in 1889, when the Indians were rampant in certain parts of the West. The last Sioux uprising, Jacobson recalls, was in 1890 in Colorado.

"I saw much of the old West," the tall, gray-haired professor said as he sat back in his chair, relaxed and began to reminisce. "It's not too colorful or romantic, and not as wild as the novelists write of it.

"My favorite pastimes in those days were hunting, fishing and horseback riding. Once, I took a 900-mile trip on horseback from Kansas to Arizona just to see the country."

But at that age, Jacobson had no inclination to be an artist, even though the outdoor surroundings of Kansas and the West fascinated him. Only after working his way through high school and Bethany College in Kansas, did he decide to study art.

"I was on my way to Chicago to study art when I stopped off in St. Louis. The town seemed picturesque, so I decided to stay there a while. My first position was as a police officer. In those days St. Louis was a rough man's town. I remember how police officers used to walk down the middle of Market and Chestnut streets two by two."

After six months of duty with the St. Louis police force, Jacobson accepted a responsible position as curator for the Royal Swedish Commission

Pray is doing research in Washington, D. C. and plans to attend tennis matches at Forest Hills, Long Island, N. Y. Dr. L. A. Doran is relaxing at his home in Springfield, Missouri, while S. W. Swenson and Leroy E. Stewart are spending the summer in Norman reading and writing.

Dr. E. Thayer Curry, assistant professor of speech, has left the campus for the summer to teach voice science at the University of California.

Jack E. Douglas, assistant professor of speech, is continuing his graduate work at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Dr. C. C. Rister, professor of history, is doing research work on the Midcontinent oil field and teaching at the University of Colorado.

Dr. John H. Krenkel, history professor, is doing research in the University of Illinois library.

Dr. S. R. Tompkins is teaching in the department of history at the University of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Dr. Sherman P. Lawton, professor of radio and co-ordinator of radio instruction, will teach at the University of Vermont, Burlington, from July 5 until August 15. He recently taught a two-day audio visual short course at Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va. From August 16 to 23 Lawton will participate as a guest lecturer at a writers' conference at the University of New Hampshire, Durham.

Dr. J. P. Pritchard, chairman of the department of English, recently had published his review of the book, *The Fusion of Horatian and Aristotelian Criticism in Italy*, by Marvin Herrick. The review appeared in the *South Central Modern Language Bulletin*.

Dr. R. C. Bambas has had an article, "Verb Forms in —s and —th in Early Modern Prose" accepted by the *Journal of English Germanic Philology*.

Dr. E. E. Dale, director of the Phillips collection, will give a series of lectures on Oklahoma history and history of the west at the Universities of Arkansas, Missouri and South Dakota during his forthcoming lecture tour. His tour will run from June 17 through July 21.

Savoie Lottinville, director of the University press, was appointed honorary Oklahoma regional vice-president of the American Institute of Graphic Arts recently. The institute is the principal cultural agency of printing and bookmaking organizations in the United States.

Boyce D. Timmons, recorder and office manager, admissions and records, attended a four-day workshop in machine registration, recording and reporting at Michigan State College, Lansing, June 15-21.

Campbell Takes Life by Horns

Life magazine got the wrong bull a while back—April 28 issue, to be exact—but Stanley Vestal (Walter S. Campbell, professor of English) straightened them out in a flash.

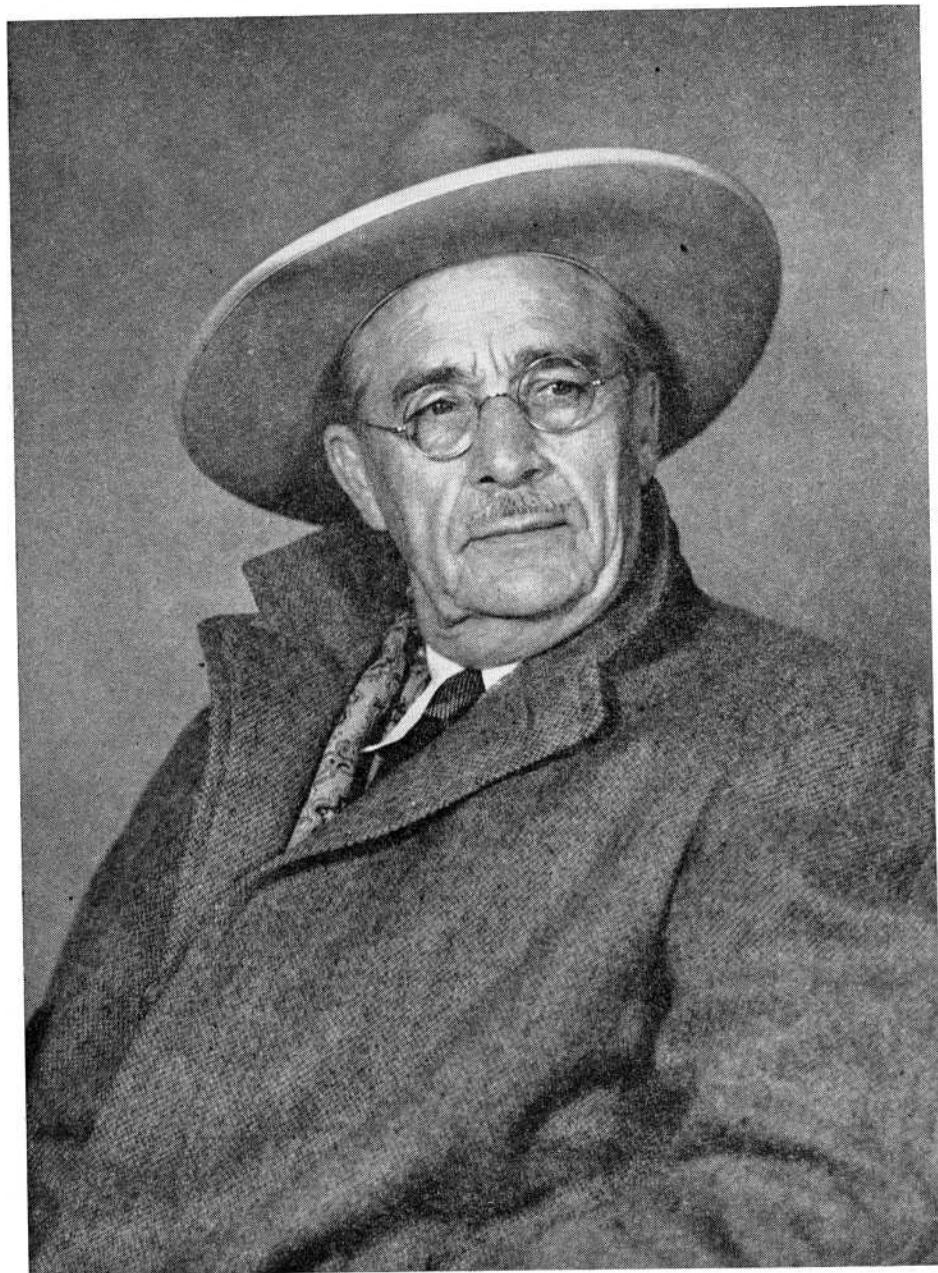
It seems that in the article on Annie Oakley, one of the west's old gun gals, *Life* had a group picture showing members of a wild west show. One of the figures in it was labeled "Sitting Bull."

Mr. Campbell disagreed with this. The person pictured, he said, was that of a Sioux woman, wife of one of the members of the show. His letter explaining this fact may be found on Page eight of *Life*, the week of May 15. In case you are wondering how it happens an English professor can argue with *Life* magazine on which Indian is which, here's the scoop. He wrote a book, *Sitting Bull: Champion of the Sioux*, published in Boston in 1932.

He also wrote another book, *War Path*, a biography of Chief White Bull, one of the two living nephews of Sitting Bull. This took a "mere" five years of research and interviews with over 100 aging Indians from Oklahoma to Canada, who had known Sitting Bull.

To top things off, Chief White Bull and Chief One Bull, the two living nephews of Sitting Bull, each adopted Stanley Vestal as his brother. This was done separately by the two aged chiefs.

So, not satisfied with two names (his legal name and his pen name) Stanley Vestal has four, the last two being Indian names. The one he prefers is "Make-Room-For-Him."



DR. OSCAR B. JACOBSON . . .
Former cowboy, cop prefers painting, teaching.