



Dr. E. E. Dale, '11ba, research professor of history, and Dr. Carl C. Rister, research professor of history, look at an Indian painting while the Sooner camera watches them. Dr. Rister was recently named president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, a post Dr. Dale has held previously. It marks the first time that professors from the same institution have held the top post.

### It's a Double Play

The University has scored a "double" in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Dr. Carl C. Rister, research professor of history, is the new president of the group and Oklahoma City has been designated as the site of its April 1950 meeting.

This is the second time that an O.U. historian has headed the society, which despite its name, is of national scope. Dr. E. E. Dale, '11ba, research professor of history and director of the Phillips Collection, served as president and from 1936 to 1937. Dr. Rister was named president at the annual meeting held recently at Madison, Wisconsin.

It was the first time in the history of the society that two presidents have represented the same university.

"We plan to make the 1950 meeting at Oklahoma City, for which we expect 1,000 historians, one of the most notable meetings in the history of the society," Dr. Rister said.

He emphasized that it is important to make a good impression on the visiting historians, "who are writing the great bulk of present-day American history, and who will present Oklahoma somewhat in the light in which they see it at the convention."

Dr. Rister is the author of 11 books, including "Oil: Titan of the Southwest," which will be published soon by the University Press.

### Briefs . . .

► Paul MacMinn, dean of students, attended the National Deans and Advisers of Men Conference; National Interfraternity Scholarship Committee meeting; and the American College Personnel Association meeting, April 12-20, in Chicago.

MacMinn is a member of the executive council,

National Deans and Advisers association; a member of the National Interfraternity Scholarship Committee and is a leader of a discussion group at the National Deans meeting.

► Sherman P. Lawton, co-ordinator of radio, attended the National Association of Broadcasters meetings and participated in the business meetings of the University Association for Professional Radio Educators in Chicago April 9-14.

► Besse A. Clement, '25ba, '28ma, associate professor of modern languages, attended the Foreign Language Conference at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, March 31-April 2. She read a paper on contemporary French literature.

► H. Lloyd Stow, professor of Greek, attended the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South Trustees' Meeting of Eta Sigma Phi, national honorary classical fraternity, in Richmond, Virginia, from April 5-10. Professor Stow is a National Trustee and delivered a paper on "A Tribute to Past Leaders in Classical Scholarship." He is also chairman of the committee on resolutions.

► J. J. Rhyne, chairman of the school of social work, attended a St. Louis meeting called by the director of the Study of Social Work Education, April 1-3.

► Dr. Donald H. Dietrich, professor of psychology, attended a conference clinic in Topeka, Kansas, March 19.

► Bruce Drake, '29bs, basketball coach, attended the Seattle, Washington, meeting of the National Basketball Coaches Association and National Rules Committee March 20-April 1.

► Six members of the history department attended the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, April 13-17. They

are Professor Gilbert C. Fite, Dr. Alfred B. Sears, chairman of the department, Professor John S. Ezell, Professor W. E. Livezey, Professor W. E. Hollon, Professor H. C. Peterson. Professor Fite will read a paper entitled "Mechanization of Cotton Production: a Short Historical Survey."

► William S. Burgett has been named instructor in architecture at the University. His appointment increased the architecture's teaching staff to 13. For the past two years he has served as an associate architect and designer with firms in Honolulu.

► Boyce D. Timmons, '37Law director of registration attended the National Conference of Independent Student's Association at the University of Illinois April 20-25. He is national adviser and executive committee member.

► Leonard Logan, '14ba, professor of sociology and director of the institute of community development, attended a meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association in Fort Worth, Texas, April 15-16. William S. Bonner, research assistant also attended the meeting.

► Mrs. Lois G. Walter, '39bs, librarian in the school of pharmacy, served as a member of the panel discussion leaders at the Pharmacy Libraries round table at the Galveston, Texas, Medical Library Association meeting April 9-15.

► Al White, flight instructor, attended the Regional C. A. A. & Operators meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, March 7-9. He discussed the correlation and workings of the new cross country curriculum being developed by the University.

► Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press; Glenn P. Bradley, '39-43, sales manager of the Press; and Miss Mary E. Stith, '30ba, '37ma, assistant editor of the Press attended the meeting of the American Association of University Presses in New York City, May 7-15. Lottinville also contacted booksellers, salesmen and advertising agencies. He is vice president and member of the Executive Committee of the Association.

► J. C. Mayfield, '28ba, manager of the University Book Exchange, was in Los Angeles, California, April 24 to attend the National Association of College Bookstores meeting. Mayfield is chairman of the large store panel-stock control section.

► Carl Mason Franklin, executive vice president, attended the UNESCO meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, March 20-April 5 and the National Conference on Higher Education in Chicago during the same period. He will also interview prospective pharmacy and fine arts deans and education professors.

► George P. Haley, director of veterans affairs, was in Los Angeles to attend the Conference of National Association of College Book Stores, April 24. Haley is on the advisory committee of large store panels—problems of the veteran relative to books, supplies and equipment.

► F. R. Hunter, associate professor of zoological sciences, attended the meeting of American Society of Physiologists in Detroit. He presented a paper on "The Action of the Toxins of Streptococcus Pyogenes on Cell Respiration."

► Harriet W. Kritzer, associate professor of art, represented the University school of art at the Western Arts Association in Dallas, Texas, March 23-26.

► Mrs. Blanche Ratliff, '43fa, instructor in art, also attended the Dallas meeting.

► C. E. Springer, '25ba, '26ma, professor of mathematics, attended a meeting of the American Mathematical Society in Lawrence, Kansas.

► E. Harold Hinman, director of public health, attended the Southern Branch of the American Public Health Association meeting in Dallas April 13. He presented a paper on "Public Health Interests in Insecticides, Rodenticides and Herbicides."



## Sigma Alpha Mu

*Founded at O.U. in 1920*

Sigma Alpha chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu firmly planted its roots on the campus of the University on May 22, 1920. It has had a rather envious record for scholarships and athletics since that date.

At the beginning of World War II the house was turned over to the Navy, and was not re-opened until the fall of 1946. The chapter reorganized itself almost entirely with a new group of men.

Today it seems that it has reached, if not surpassed, the goal that was set when the chapter was re-opened.

The ideals and functions of the chapter can be more easily understood by one who knows the history of Sigma Alpha Mu:

On November 26, 1909, a group of college men of the College of the City of New York swore a bond of everlasting friendship to one another. It was little realized that this bond would result in the Sigma Alpha Mu of today. Eight men shook hands and formed a brotherhood that was destined

to become a great international fraternity. Sigma Alpha Mu grew with the times, and by 1919, they had formed chapters in many colleges, coast to coast. Today it has expanded in size and recognition to almost every large campus in the United States and Canada. On June 2, 1946, the Mu Epsilon chapter of the University of Miami became the fifty-first chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu.

The Sigma Alpha chapter, as a branch of the national Fraternity, has followed the ideals set forth by its founders. Since its reorganization after the war, this chapter has taken in more members than any time previously. This chapter encourages extra-curricular activities, and every member is enrolled in at least one outside organization. The membership in these organizations and the participation in intramural athletic activities greatly increases the scope of achievement of each member. The scholastic standing of the chapter is one to be envied by all campus societies. Last year Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity held the University scholarship cup.

The alumni of the Sigma Alpha chapter have shown a wide interest in the activities of their old fraternity. They have a large alumni association, which is ever striving to increase the achievements of the fraternity.

There is also a mother's club, formed by the mothers of the present group of members. They have donated both time and effort to make this house a comfortable place to live; they have shown their gratitude to Sigma Alpha Mu for what it has offered in the way of companionship and incentive for their sons.

The pledge of Sigma Alpha Mu reads . . . to foster and maintain among its sons a spirit of fraternity, a spirit of mutual moral aid and support to instill and maintain in the hearts of its sons love for and loyalty to Alma Mater and its ideals; to inculcate among its sons such ideas as will result in actions worthy of the highest precepts of true manhood, democracy and humanity.

► Dorothy Truex, counselor of women, attended the Women's Student Government convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 12. She also met with the National Deans of Women Convention at Chicago, April 17. She spoke on the subject, "Student Mores and Student Government"—university section. She also served on a panel discussion on career conferences and presented plans for the new dormitories at the housing conference.

► Erich Eichholz, assistant professor of modern languages attended the Regional Goethe Festival March 18-19 at Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

► Karl Schmitt and Paul L. Garvin, assistant professors of anthropology, attended meetings of the society for American archaeology and Central States Branch of American Anthropology Association May 11-16. Professor Schmitt read a paper entitled "A Possible Development of a Pan-Indian Culture in Oklahoma." The conference was held in Bloomington, Indiana.

► Lucille C. LaSalle, instructor in physical education for women, attended the Southeastern Re-

gional IV Convention-American Camping Association, March 25-April 1. She is chairman of the section on College Camp Leadership Courses and presented a talk on "Day Camping." The conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee.

► Dr. Garold D. Holstine, university school, and Professor H. E. Wrinkle, '22ba, '31ma, Education, are attending a meeting of the North Central Association Conference on Teacher Education at Pittsburg, Kansas.

► Nell June Guthrie, '27ba, '31ms, student health specialist, attended the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Southern Branch, in Dallas from April 13-16. She participated in group discussions of the Health Education Section.

► Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19ba, professor of history, attended the 4th Annual National conference on Higher Education in Chicago April 3. He served as reporter for the section on "Curriculum and Instruction." He is also a member of the planning committee.

► Edward Everett Dale, '11ba, research professor of

history, attended the annual meeting of Mississippi Valley Historical Association on April 13 at Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Dale is past president of the association and presided over session.

► R. V. James, '18bs, professor of mechanics, attended the Southwest Section meeting of the American Society of Electrical Engineers at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, on April 15 and 16. He is a member of the executive committee.

► J. J. Rhyne, chairman of the school of social work, visited social agencies in Fort Worth and attended meetings of Southwestern Social Science Association there on April 14-16. Dr. Rhyne presented a paper, "Professional Opportunities in Social Work for Graduating Seniors" before the association.

► Kester Svendsen, associate professor of English, has been invited to teach two English courses at the University of North Carolina, his alma mater, during the 1949 August session. Dr. Svendsen will teach a course on English drama to 1600 and a course on Milton.