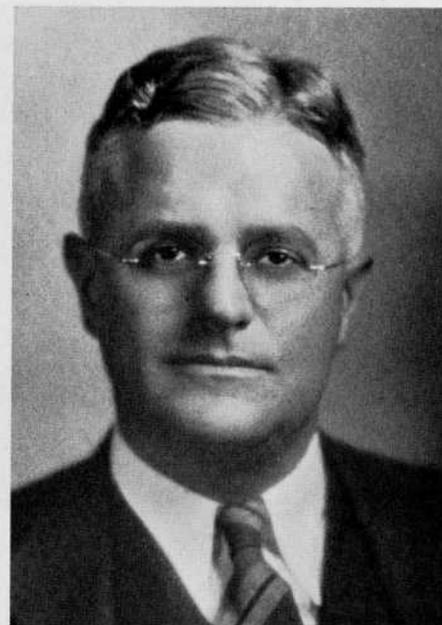


John O. Moseley, '16, is the new national president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, social fraternity. Below, he is shown with one of his recent Sooner! tennis teams. He holds the distinction of being the University's only sports coach who is not given remuneration for his coaching services. The team members with him are, left to right, Bill Shofstall, Charles Davis, James Sessions and Ray McPhail.

## John O. Moseley

By JOSEPH A. BRANDT, '21



IN electing for the second time in its history a man living west of the Mississippi River to be its national president Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has chosen in John O. Moseley, '16M.A., associate professor of Latin in the University of Oklahoma, not only a rare blending of scholar and gentleman but an officer as well who promises to enrich the scope of fraternity life in the educational world.

In one of the series of Public Lectures inaugurated by President Bizzell to present to Oklahoma faculty members who have achieved success in chosen fields of endeavor, Professor Moseley paid tribute to the great sage and poet Horace, whose bimillennium is being observed this winter, as the "poet of friendship." The qualities of Horace which endeared him to his contemporaries and which remain even to this day a solace and an inspiration to lowly and great are the qualities that distinguish John Moseley; he is truly the professor of friendship, a type of teacher becoming rarer in this era of research-mad education, in which inspiration and integrity are being sacrificed on the altar of narrow exact-

ness. A warm, inspiring personality has enabled Mr. Moseley to make a language and a civilization we refer to as "dead" a living language to countless students and to elevate the fraternity life with which he has been associated to the level of a miniature university. It was a splendid tribute to the qualities of the man which the members of the Oklahoma A. and M. College chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon paid Mr. Moseley in naming their chapter for him; for the Oklahoma Mu chapter of S.A.E. is the Oklahoma Moseley chapter of the fraternity.

It was natural that Mr. Moseley should have become a teacher. He was reared in a home where books and learning were part of living; his father and his grandfather had been Presbyterian ministers (Rev. John W. Moseley, Jr., his father, is now a retired minister living at Duncan). And the mobile life which is the lot of ministers perhaps accounts for the valuable varied education which the son received. His undergraduate work was done in Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tennessee, and Austin Col-

lege at Sherman, Texas, a church school from which he received his B.A. degree in 1912, his major subjects being Latin, Greek and English. There followed three years as teacher of Latin and athletic coach at Durant high school. During part of this period he continued his preparation for teaching by attending Saturday classes and summer terms at Southeastern Teachers College at Durant, receiving his certificate in education in 1913. He had definitely decided on the teaching of Latin as his career and in 1915 enrolled in the University of Oklahoma, becoming an assistant in the department of Latin. His M.A. degree was granted by the University in 1916, his major subject being English. It was while a student at the University that Mr. Moseley took the qualifying examinations for the Rhodes Scholarship, in October, 1915. He was the last Oklahoma candidate who received a scholarship by examination, the present committee system of selection coming into being the following year. He was elected a Rhodes Scholar from Oklahoma for 1917 in December, 1916. In the meantime, he had accepted the principalship of the now extinct Kendall Academy, the preparatory school for the then Kendall College at Tulsa, acting also as instructor in education for the College and assistant athletic coach.

The war interrupted not only his teaching career but his Rhodes Scholarship as well. Mr. Moseley enlisted, soon was in action in France as an officer. However, he was able to begin his scholarship under uniquely favorable conditions. It was as an officer that he matriculated at Oxford, with lodgings in sumptuous Canterbury House, in which later another Oklahoma Oxonian lived, John Joseph Mathews, '20 sc. He read jurisprudence, based on Rom-



an law, later to serve as such a rich background in his teaching of Latin, and obtained his B.A. degree in 1922. During his vacations at Oxford, where he was a member of Merton College which has claimed so many Oklahomans, he travelled widely, intent particularly in studying the archeology of the Greeks and Romans, visiting Italy, Greece, Egypt and the Holy Land.

Before returning to Oxford, on leaving the army, Mr. Moseley studied law in the University of Oklahoma school of law, this study complementing the Oxford Roman law. Following Oxford, he became an assistant professor of Latin, later an associate professor, at the University. The professorial life did not mean the end of study for him, however, for he continued his further study at Stanford, University of California and Columbia University, attending summer sessions at the latter institutions not for credit, rather, for equipping himself the better to teach.

Mr. Moseley had been both wise and fortunate in preparing himself for the life of a Latin teacher; he had not only had the usual formal training requisite for that profession but he had obtained the legal and archeological background abroad and the philological study in the best American universities. The value of that training was amply demonstrated in the beauty of language and the philosophic depth of his Public Lecture on Horace, delivered at Norman early this winter.

Himself a keen devotee of tennis, he has for years been the University's tennis coach, serving without pay, unworried by current coaching problems of how to pay the mortgage on the stadium, what to say to the "O" club; and he has produced more winning tennis teams than he has losing teams.

Soon after returning from Oxford, Mr. Moseley married Miss Marie V. Nichols of Los Angeles, California. The Moseleys have two children, a son, John Nichols, age ten, and a daughter, age eight. Mrs. Moseley has proved an invaluable aid to the work her husband has done with Oklahoma Kappa chapter.

Mr. Moseley's interest in fraternity life began at the University. There were no fraternities at the church schools in which he had done his undergraduate work. Consequently, when he was initiated into Oklahoma Kappa of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1915, he was able to appreciate the values of fraternities much more deeply than the average undergraduate does. He held all the offices in the Norman chapter, being head in the second semester of 1919-20, while enrolled in the law school, preparatory to returning to Oxford.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is a very old fraternity, the largest today in the country, with 110 chapters, 30,000 alumni and property vested in the name of the national organization, exclusive of the property of the various chapters, of a million dollars, including the beautiful Memorial

Temple at Evanston, Illinois, in which Mr. Moseley, as Eminent Supreme Archon of the fraternity, will preside over the meetings of the national council. S.A.E. was established at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, March 9, 1856, by Noble Leslie DeVotie, who was the first man to lose his life for the South in the Civil War. Valedictorian of his class, one of the most brilliant students to attend Alabama, DeVotie sought to found a fraternity in which the members would be bound together not only by the ties of friendship but also by character, scholarship and personality.

This is the fraternity whose destinies Mr. Moseley will guide, as a result of his elevation to the national presidency at Washington last December. As in the case of the Norman chapter, so in the national organization Mr. Moseley had held every post of responsibility, beginning as province president in 1924 over the area consisting of Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. In 1930, he became Eminent Supreme Herald, and two years later became national vice-president (Eminent Supreme Deputy

Archon). He succeeded Judge Walter B. Jones of Montgomery, Alabama, as presiding head December 27.

It is the first time that a graduate of the University of Oklahoma has been supreme officer of a social fraternity, and the fourth Oklahoman to hold such a responsible position. Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Phi have had Oklahomans as national presidents, but none of them were graduates of Oklahoma schools.

Mr. Moseley looks forward, rather than backward, in fraternity administration. As in his teaching he gives his students a cultural basis for living, so in his fraternity work he has sought to instill cultural ideals. During "rush" last year, a rushee was sought by many fraternities, including those of some of his best friends. The young man decided to affiliate with Oklahoma Kappa of S.A.E., because, as he said, its members showed not only the customary traits of gentlemen but because they seemed more nearly what ideal university men should be. That ideal was in reality a translation into the

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## Walter O. Cralle

By STRATTON D. BROOKS

ON December 20, 1934, the University of Minnesota conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on Walter O. Cralle, now head of the department of sociology and economics at the Southwestern Teachers College at Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Cralle's major work was in sociology and his thesis was a study of the social conditions in the Ozark Mountain region of Missouri as affected by isolation, and the changes therein during the past thirty years resulting from improved conditions of transportation and communication during the last thirty years.

Mr. Cralle received his B.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1915 and his M.A. degree in 1920. Since graduation he has had a varied and unique experience. He was for a time in charge of the community boys work in Coal county, Oklahoma, then assistant Y.M.C.A. secretary at Tulsa. From Tulsa he went to Wewoka as principal of the high school and was promoted to the superintendency of schools. He resigned that position to enter the training camp at Leon Springs and received a commission as first lieutenant of infantry. He was transferred to Air Service Military Aeronautics at Kelly

Field, then to Ellington Field for training in Aerial Gunnery. From there he was transferred to Rockwell Field, San Diego, California, and became the officer responsible for all planes, and other equipment used for training in aerial gunnery west of the Rocky Mountains.

At the close of the war he became assistant secretary of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce in charge of industrial research. For a time he was in the Oklahoma City office of the Pierce Oil Company and later manager of the Den Oil Company. In 1920, he became Executive Secretary of the University of Virginia Medical School Y.M.C.A. at Richmond Virginia. From June 1921 to June 1923, he was President of the School of Mines at Miami, Oklahoma. From 1923 to March 1925, he was superintendent of the Farm School at Asheville, North Carolina, and since March 1925 he has been at his present work at the Teachers College at Springfield, Missouri.

His wife, Marian Brooks Cralle, also holds a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Oklahoma, having been awarded them in 1915 and 1917.

## JOHN O. MOSELEY

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membership of one fraternity chapter of the qualities of one diligent, scholarly man, John Moseley.

As adviser of S.A.E. at Norman, Mr. Moseley brought the first house mother to the campus and assisted in creating the tradition of the annual Mother's House Party and Dads' Day celebration. He was among the first on the campus to insist on elevation of true scholarship among fraternities and collected the funds to employ the first tutor for S.A.E. That tutor, incidentally, was Todd Downing, '24as, '28M.A., teacher of Spanish and rapidly on his way to the top of the ranks of American mystery story writers. Mr. Moseley's most valuable contribution to Oklahoma Kappa, however, was the institution of the upper council, a group of senior men whose function it is to maintain the chapter dignity and to see that fraternity work is carried on in the right way.

As province president he worked to increase the standards of the fraternity in the Gulf States, strengthened weak chapters and reorganized the methods of holding province conventions, on the theory that the province convention is the training school for the fraternity, while the national convention is for the purpose of making laws, carrying on business and making for a larger enthusiasm. This policy has since been adopted by the national organization.

While his program as national president is still in formation, Mr. Moseley plans to establish a summer camp at Evanston for training chapter officers, so that the ideals of the fraternity may be more closely integrated; there, on the shores of Lake Michigan, he hopes to work out plans which will be carried into operation simultaneously in every chapter, to secure better scholarship, to make each chapter a unit of educational administration in each school in which it is located. He hopes, as well, to review the work of the fraternity as a whole, to either strengthen or eliminate chapters which do not meet the ideals of the national, to withdraw the fraternity from schools which have become decadent during the depression and to enter new schools where progress demands it.

No other man in S.A.E. has initiated as many men into the fraternity during the past twenty years as has President Moseley. All members he has initiated are proud of the fact that they were inducted into the fraternity by the Eminent Supreme Archon. His classical training has made Mr. Moseley interested in ritualism as an instrument of creating respect for institutions and for conserving traditions. Members Mr. Moseley has initiated speak feelingly of the dignity the rite has gained through him.

As a rule, the least "ageless" among teachers are those who teach the classics.

The perennial inspiration the wisdom of the ancients gives to mankind seems to guard them against premature mental decay. It is this quality which has helped perhaps as much as any other to endear Mr. Moseley to members of S.A.E. He appreciates the attitude of youth, he seeks to encourage youth's confidence and to deserve it.

Mr. Moseley believes that the business of the fraternity is not only to continue the development of gentlemen but to make the fit and finished product a useful member of society. He, himself, has given the best answer to the critics of the fraternity system by a life of action, rather than of passive surrender to the forces which in the modern college tend to destroy the fraternity system. One can no longer speak derogatively of the scholarship of fraternities, Mr. Moseley will tell you, for in the average college today the fraternity average is greater than the all men's average of scholarship. College authorities have begun to co-operate in the policies of the more progressive fraternities.

A beginning has been made toward integrating the fraternities into the educational administrative system. But Mr. Moseley is not satisfied with the tutorial system as such, for he believes the greatest immediate problem facing fraternities is to substitute real love of learning for the desire for good grades. Libraries in fraternity houses, tutors to encourage nascent culture, a better understanding of the true aim of education—these are ends to which Mr. Moseley, as Eminent Supreme Archon of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, will turn much of his attention.

## Frank Appleman

**F**RANK APPLEMAN, '34law, until recently associated with the law firm of Milsten and Milsten, Tulsa, has received an appointment as an assistant on the staff of Mac Q. Williamson, '10ex, attorney general of Oklahoma. He assumed his duties immediately following the inauguration.

Appleman, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Appleman, Norman, has not only had practical experience in law that will be valuable to him in his services as assistant to the attorney general, but also has an unusual record in University activities.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Appleman was brought by his family to Cleveland, Oklahoma, during the same year. A few years later, the family moved to Tulsa.

It was during his eighth year in grammar school at Tulsa that Appleman won the first Civitan oratorical contest sponsored by the school. As student at Tulsa Central high school, he won added laurels in ora-

Fraternities are at a transitional stage. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been fortunate to have as its guiding spirit in this transitional period a scholar steeped in the wisdom of the ancients but alive to the problems of the vibrant world.

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### Houk Re-opens Enid Offices

J. Dawson Houk, '14as, '14bs, '21law, re-opened his law office in Enid January 14 when his term as law clerk in the state supreme court in the state capitol building expired.

Houk's offices are located in 703-4 in the First National Bank building at Enid.

Marian Wooldridge, '32as, Oklahoma City, member of the University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic fraternity, left recently for Palo Alto, California, where she will engage in graduate study in English at Stanford University during the spring semester.

Dean Wooldridge, '32as, '33M.S., her brother, has been engaged in research on a fellowship at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena.

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### Leonard Logan May Go Up

Leonard Logan, '14as, associate professor of economics at the University, has been prominently mentioned for positions on Governor E. W. Marland's official staff.

Logan has been talked of for a position on the tax commission and also has been mentioned as a possibility for the position as Governor Marland's personal tax adviser.

tory and was elected to membership in the National Honor society.

While enrolled in the University, Appleman continued to distinguish himself both in scholarship and in activities. In his freshman year he was admitted to membership in Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society. During his sophomore year, he became a member of the University debating team and was subsequently elected to membership in Delta Sigma Rho, national forensic society.

Appleman gained further honors during his stay on the campus as a lieutenant-colonel in the R.O.T.C., as a member of the Oratorical council of the University, and as president of the geography club. In addition he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity, and upon his graduation was selected as one of the outstanding graduates.

He is a past president of Sigma Alpha Mu, national social fraternity.