Roll Call of alumni newsmakers

THE CARTOONS OF COBEAN—Each month Sooner Magazine brings you another of the classic cartoons of the late Sam Cobean, '37, one of the most famous cartoonists of his time. The originals of his published and unpublished work are in the Cobean Collection in the O.U. Library.

Conversation Piece

Perhaps it was his interesting manner in delivering a lecture or presenting a quiz, or maybe it was his informal conversations outside of the classroom. There are many reasons why certain college instructors are considered outstanding by those who know them best—their students. This month, Sooner Magazine sought out five O.U. alumni to ask them which professors were their favorites. The answers, taken from personal interviews, appear on the following pages of the Roll Call section.

May-June, 1963
Roll Call:

news events in the lives of Sooner alumni

1909-28
Rep. Page Belcher, '18, was recently awarded a distinguished service plaque by Americans for Constitutional Action. He was the only Oklahoman invited to the May 25 reception. He received the same award in 1959.

Dr. Loyd E. Harris, '22pharm, '24ms, will become dean of the O.U. College of Pharmacy July 1. Harris, who formerly taught pharmacy and chemistry at O.U., has been a member of the pharmacy faculty at Ohio State University since 1946.

John M. Lydick, '22ba, Norman, is the new president of the Justice of the Peace and Constable Association of Oklahoma.

Carl F. Redd Jr., '22eng, Houston, Texas, is president of Humble Oil and Refining Company.

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George R. Brown, '22, president of Brown and Root, Incorporated, has been named to the board of directors of the Halliburton Company at Houston, Texas.

George H. Bowen, '22, is the new partner of the law firm now practicing under the name of Fuller, Smith, Maburg, Davis and Bowen in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Mrs. Donald S. Kennedy (Gertrude Hacker, '26ed), Oklahoma City, is a member of the education and legislation committee of the National Association of Women's Committees for Symphony Orchestras. Mrs. Kennedy is former president of the Women's Committee for the Oklahoma City Symphony Orchestra and served two terms on the National Board of Planned Parenthood Association.

Joe W. McBride, '28ms, Oklahoma City, was recently installed as president of the Oklahoma State Heart Association.

DEATHS: James Charles Maloy Krumptom, '09ba, '23ma, 86ded, Norman, died May 8 in Norman Municipal Hospital. Krumptom moved to Norman in 1954 from Weatherford where he was a professor at Southwestern State College. He later worked for about two years in the main library in Oklahoma City. He is survived by his widow, Alma; two sons, Charles, Chincle, Arizona, and John, Santa Clara, California; four brothers, Chester and Tom, both of Oklahoma City; Otto, Denver, Colorado, and Corbett, Lincoln, Nebraska.

I. C. Johnson, '15, former U.S. Congressman and a U.S. Customs Court judge since 1947, died May 8 of a heart attack in New York City. He was first elected to Congress in 1926 and was twice a delegate to the Inter-Parliamentary Union at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1927 and 1929. Johnson attended L'Université de Clermont, France. He is survived by his widow, Beatrice; three daughters, Mrs. Jean Fisk, Norman; Mrs. Joan Stauffer, Tulsa, and Mrs. Janell White, San Francisco, California; a son, I. C. Johnson Jr., New York City; two brothers, Carroll Johnson, Guthrie, and Dr. L. L. Johnson, Shawnee, and five grandchildren.

Edgar W. Marshall, '28ba, died May 16 of cancer in an Oklahoma City hospital. He had recently retired as president of the Union National Bank in Chandler. He was a former mayor of Chandler and had served as president of the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Chandler High School Alumni Association. He is survived by his widow, Geraldine, two daughters, his father, a brother, a sister and eight grandchildren.

1930-34
Dr. Mark M. Ravitch, '30ba, associate professor of surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, spoke recently on the surgical treatment of congenital deformities of the chest at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis. Dr. Ravitch is also surgeon-in-chief at Baltimore (Maryland) City Hospital. He was formerly director of surgery at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City, and clinical professor of surgery at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is editor of Monographs in Pediatric Surgery.

Paul Miller, '30, of the Rochester, New York, Times-Union, has been re-elected president of the Associated Press.

Dr. Blanche E. Sommers, '30pharm, '31ms, acting dean of the O.U. College of Pharmacy, recently received a plaque from the Pharmacy Alumni Association for outstanding service to pharmacy in 1962.

Leonard H. Savage, '30ba, '30Law, Oklahoma City, is the chairman of the board of Tuscon, Arizona's newest financial institution, the Union Bank. Savage, a native of Blanco, Oklahoma, is the senior member of an Oklahoma City law firm and a former member of the O.U. Board of Regents. Mr. Savage is the former Phoebe Larrimore, '35ba.

Joe L. Duer, '30ba, '32ms, has been elected president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Dr. Duer has been a physician in Woodward since 1940. Before that he practiced in Vici and Taloga. He is former chief of staff of Woodward Memorial Hospital and preceptor for the O.U. School of Medicine.

Florence G. Miller, '31ba, has been honored by Eastern Oklahoma A&M where she has taught for 39 years. The college yearbook was dedicated to Miss Miller who has been emeritus head of the English department since her retirement in 1962.

Roy P. Stewart, '31ba, is author of the book, The Turn of the Runch, a study of Hereford cattle genetics and management. The book has been placed in the U.S. Information Service libraries in 80 foreign countries and in armed service libraries in this country and abroad. Stewart is an editorial writer and columnist for The Daily Oklahoman.

Clarence Frost, '31ba, publisher of the Kiowa County Star-Review, Hobart, recently attended the second annual government public relations workshop in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Frost is the former Luthera Mills, '29ba.

A. N. Griffith, '32eng, recently became senior engineering advisor for the National Iranian Oil Company. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Norman, have spent the last nine years in Europe and Africa. They have a son, Louis, who is employed with the Oasis Oil Company in Tripoli, Libya.

Eugene Gibson, '33ba, '36ms, has been named head of the language department at Allison College in Michigan. Mrs. Gibson (Sibylla Andrews, '35ba, '36ms) is reference librarian at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.
Dr. Earl Sneed, '34ba, '37Law, dean of the College of Law at O.U., and mayor of Norman, spoke at the fourth annual Southern Oklahoma Legal Institute recently at Lake Murray Lodge. Other principal speakers were Robert W. Blackstock, '50ba, '51Law, Bristow, president of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and Charles Nesbitt, '42ba, state attorney general.

DEATH: Dr. Edward D. McKay, '32ba, '33bs, '35Civ, Amarillo, Texas, died May 13 in a plane crash near Perry. McKay had been an ophthalmologist in Amarillo since 1952, moving there from Temple, Texas. The Oklahoma City native is survived by his wife and four children, Kay, Joe Denson, Richard Ferris and Peter Edward.

1935-40

L. C. Gunning, '35m.ed, chairman of the liberal arts division of Eastern Oklahoma A and M, and M. Wibarton, has been elected as "Teacher of the Year" by the Eastern faculty. He is a former principal of Harshorne High School and has been on the staff of Eastern since 1941.

Art St. John, '36ba, has been named chief estimator and assistant manager in the mill work division of Kilpatrick Brothers, Oklahoma City.

John H. Folks, '36Law, has been elected second vice president of the American Association of Petroleum Landmen. Folks is with Humble Oil and Refining Company, Oklahoma City.

Robert F. Allen Jr., '36, has accepted a position as news editor of The Norman Transcript. Allen has been with The Cushing Daily Citizen as managing editor.

Dr. William E. Ham, '38geol, '39ins, geologist and associate director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey at the University of Oklahoma, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Oklahoma City Geological Society.

Paul Backholts, '38ba, '40ma, is now an associate professor of political geography at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Mrs. Backholts (Edith Walker, '41 jour) is a former government department secretary at O.U. The Backholts have two children.

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Bill英格, '39Journ, is a deskman for The Daily Oklahoma. A former sports writer, English has supplied the United States Golf Association with information for its White Book. He is a former news editor of the Holdenville News and sports editor of the Muskogee Phoenix.

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William C. Hargis, '30, has been named Oklahoma general traffic manager for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Hargis, a native of Achille, Oklahoma, joined the telephone company in 1946 in Houston, Texas, and was division traffic superintendent in Lubbock, Texas, before his recent transfer to Oklahoma City.

DEATHS: Austin James Rittcnhouse II, '35ba, Oklahoma City, died May 7 in Greenwood, Mississippi. Rittenhouse, a design consultant and interior decorator, was a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and was appointed to the Foreign Service in 1943, serving as vice consul in Venezuela. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Jones Weldon Lamb, Greenwood, and an aunt, Mrs. Olive Rittenhouse, Oklahoma City.

William H. Bradshaw, '37bus, Tulsa, died April 23 of a heart attack at his home. Bradshaw had been an accountant for several Tulsa business firms. He is survived by his widow, Joy; two sisters, Mrs. George H. Gates and Mrs. L. G. Parker, both of Tulsa, and his father, A. E. Bradshaw, also of Tulsa.

Walter Goodstein, '37ba, died May 3 in New Orleans, Louisiana, after a long illness. He had been a special assignments reporter for the New Orleans Times-Picayune since 1946. He had previously worked for The Daily Phoenix in Muskogee, and The Lake Charles (Louisiana) American Press. He is survived by his widow and two sisters.

[image: Conversation Piece Who was your favorite professor when you were a student at O.U.]

**BILL WISE, '50BUS**

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WISE—I couldn’t say that I had any one favorite professor, but there were a number of them that were interesting in the various fields of study. I’m also sure that the subject matter that the professors taught would have something to do with my selections . . . Names that rapidly come to my mind are Professor Donald B. Shuman in the school of business and Dr. Robert E. Bell who taught anthropology when I was in school. Others whom I liked were Dr. Kester Svendsen, who taught English, and Dr. Gustav E. Mueller in the philosophy department . . . Professors who made the greatest impression on me as a student were those who kept their courses up-to-date and didn’t rely on 15-year-old notes for their lectures.

Bill Inglish, '39Journ, is a deskman for The Daily Oklahoma. A former sports writer, Inglish has supplied the United States Golf Association with information for its White Book. He is a former news editor of the Holdenville News and sports editor of the Muskogee Phoenix.

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HERBERT L. BRANAN, ’32ba, ’38Law
Oklahoma Gas and Electric vice president
Oklahoma City

BRANAN—Dr. Charles M. Perry, former head of the philosophy department, was one of the outstanding professors when I was here in school. He was a very conscientious and practical teacher who liked his students. He tried to make us think and like what we were reading, and he succeeded in doing both . . . Dr. Gustav Mueller was an outstanding thinker of depth. Even to converse with him was to explore the deepest meanings of reality . . . I liked all of my teachers and attempted at every opportunity to associate them and learn more of their teachings.

David D. Wood, ’18ba, is now working on the copy desk of the Detroit (Michigan) Free Press. Marvin Reed, ’45eng, is now the division traffic superintendent for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Lubbock, Texas. He and Mrs. Reed (Marjorie Marshall, ’48ba) have three children.

James Babcock, ’49ba, ’54tna, former librarian at O.U., is now an archivist of the Michigan Historical Collection in the Detroit Public Library. Mrs. Babcock is the former Jean Temple, ’48Lib.

Thomas E. Darrell, ’50ba, has been named vice president in charge of operations research and development with Western Bancorporation in Los Angeles, California. Darrell, a native of Oklahoma City, joined Western Bancorporation, the nation’s largest bank holding company, in 1954.

James D. McLaughlin, ’49eng, has been named general manager of Cardinal Chemical, Inc., Cardinal Surveys Company and Norscan Chemical, Inc., in Odessa, Texas. The three affiliated companies deal primarily with petroleum services. McLaughlin, who first joined Cardinal Chemical in 1950, has held positions of service engineer, Odessa station manager, sales manager and director of engineering and equipment. His wife is the former Anne Tucker, ’50ba.

BIRTH: Dean Stone, ’47journ, and Mrs. Stone, Maryville, Tennessee, are the parents of a son, Neil Anson, born March 23 in Maryville. Stone is managing editor of the Maryville-Akaus Daily Times.

1950-51

A. R. Slavbaugh, ’50eng, Roswell, New Mexico, has been promoted to superintendent of Continental Oil Company’s New Mexico production division. Slavbaugh, who joined Conoco in 1950, has served as district petroleum engineer at Houston and McAllen, Texas, and assistant to southern regional general management in Houston. He moved to Roswell as assistant division superintendent in 1956.

Robert C. Kummer, ’50ba, became the third partner recently of an Oklahoma City advertising agency now called Burke-Jordan-Kummer. He was also named a vice-president of the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Marketing Association.

James C. Teel, ’50eng, has been appointed manager of the newly-formed producing property acquisitions unit of Skelly Oil Company’s exploration department. Teel, at the time of his appointment to this new position, was assistant to the manager of production for Skelly. He and his wife live with their two daughters in Tulsa.

Major John S. Cole Jr., ’50bus, of Altus, Arkansas, has been appointed by the Air Force as associate professor of air science at O.U. Cole, former comptroller of the 7367th Combat Support Group at Chambly Air Force Base, France, was to report to the University in June. The major’s wife is the former Lydia Cathly of Ardmore.

John C. Johnson, ’50journ, has been named Western Public Relations Representative for New York Life Insurance Company at San Francisco, California. He was previously a public relations associate in the company’s home office in New York. He is married and the father of three children.

Major Richard M. Lewis, ’50bus, Oklahoma City, has assumed duties as chief of the sports branch, G-1 Division, U.S. Army Communications Zone, Europe. Lewis, who entered the Army in 1945, was formerly assigned to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

R. M. Armstrong, ’50gcol, Houston, Texas, has been named assistant manager of crude oil supply, transportation and supplies department, of Shell Oil Company. Armstrong is a native of Oklahoma City.

Robert D. Allen, ’51ba, ’51Law, has resigned as first assistant insurance commissioner and counsel for the Oklahoma Insurance Department to join the Oklahoma City law firm of Quinlan, Allen

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and Batchelor. Allen formerly served as legal assistant for A. P. Murrah, chief judge of the 10th U.S. Court of Appeals, and as legal assistant to Ross Rudey, U.S. district judge for the western district of Oklahoma. Allen, who previously practiced law in Shawnee and Oklahoma City, is married to the former Mary Comner, '51ra. They have two sons, Scott, 4, and Randy, 2.

DEATH: Henry Glenn, '51med, died February 24 in an automobile accident. Glenn, 39, was principal of Horsefly School, near Beavercreek in LeFlore County.

1952-55

Luke Munn, '52med, curriculum director for Norman schools, will conduct a reading workshop for teachers at Arizona State College, Flagstaff, in July. He has previously directed similar workshops in several states.

John M. Holladay Jr., '52eng, is associated with D. R. McComb Associates. Incorporated, petroleum consultants, Dallas, Texas, and has been on assignment in England for the past two years. He and Mrs. Holladay (Sue Mass, '52ed) have two daughters, Sherry, 7, and Kathy, 4.

William Butler, '52ba, has been named a vice-president of the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Marketing Association for one year.

William H. McPherson, '52Law, and John G. Buckingham, '56ba, '58Law, former associates of the law firm of Fuller, Smith, Mosburg, Davis and Bowen are now members of the firm. C. Temple Boxler, '56ba, '58Law, former staff attorney for Phillips Petroleum Company, and Donald E. Pray, '61Law, former petroleum engineer for Continental Oil Company, are now associate members of the firm.

Patricia Trent, '51Libsci, former assistant librarian at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Library, has been presented a certificate of achievement and Fort Sam Houston's "Youth Counselor of the Quarter" award. The certificate cited Miss Trent for outstanding ability, service and leadership in the direction and conduct of the 1963 Children's Reading Program during the period January 1 through March 31.

George C. (Pete) Dana, '51geol, '56ms, and Mrs. Dana are now living in Laramie, Wyoming, where Dana is with the Natural Resources Research Institute of the University of Wyoming. Dana recently won the Wyoming State Bowling Championships with a new state record.

Irby Roy Taylor, '53ba, '60Law, former Kiowa County attorney, has been appointed assistant county attorney for Cleveland County. Taylor will serve in the office of County Attorney Preston Trimble, '56suc, '60Law. He will succeed David Rambo, '58geol, '62Law, who has been appointed county judge.

1956-57

Dr. William R. Shaffer, '56ba, has established his dentistry practice at Pottawatomie after opening offices in the McComb-Long-Stone clinic there.

Charles David Kilgo and Mrs. Kilgo (Carolyn Memminger, '57ed) are now living in Agate, Colorado. They are the parents of a son born August 9, 1962.

MARRIAGE: Dr. Jerry Raymond Nida, '57ba, '60med, and Mrs. Nida (Kay Husky, '62ba) have established a home in Oklahoma City where Dr. Nida is a senior resident in pediatrics at Children's Memorial Hospital. The couple was married February 2 in the Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Mrs. Nida is a native of Oklahoma City.

BIRTH: Donald Duffield, '57bus, and Mrs. Duffield (Carolyn Ann McMillan, '57ba) have been the parents of a daughter, Donna Lynn, born May 7, in Oklahoma City. They have another daughter, Anne Elizabeth, 2.

1958-59

BIRTHS: Melvin L. Smith, '59geol, and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a son, Robert Gary, born December 14.

George L. Carey Jr., '58eng, and Mrs. Carey (Sue Riddle, '56s) are the parents of a son, Jeffrey Riddle, born in Farmington, New Mexico. The Careys have another son, George Lee III, 3.

Thomas W. Beck, '59ba, '59Law, and Mrs. Beck (Mary Ann Kirkland, '56ed) have established a home in Tulsa. They are the parents of a daughter, Carol Diane, born May 1 in Tulsa.

DEATH: Gene Travis Bonner Jr., '56ba, '61Law, died May 25 in an Oklahoma City hospital. He was an attorney with the law firm of Mosteller, Fellers, Andrews, Snider & Baggett. When at the University, he was the winner of the Nathan Scarritt Prize for highest scholarship for the three-year law school curriculum. He is survived by his widow, Jane, two sons, his mother and a sister.

1960-61

Ross Howren Roberts, '60ba, a representative of the research analysis department of Ford Motor Company, was transferred recently from Detroit, Michigan, to a Ford branch office in Dallas, Texas.

BIRTH: Thomas P. Hester, '61ba, '61Law, and Mrs. Hester (Nancy Belle Screff, '60s) have chosen the name Thomas Patrick Jr. for their son born April 28 in Norman. Heer, who received his law degree in May, has joined the Oklahoma City law firm of McCain, Tait, Cain, Kuntz and McRae.

Thomas G. Graves, '61bus, '61Law, and Mrs. Graves (Helen Jo Taylor, '59) have chosen the name Taylor Reynolds for their son born May 15 in Norman. Graves is now associated with the Fort Smith, Arkansas, law firm of Warner, Warner and Ragon.

1962

Thomas F. Earton, '62ed, has moved to Norman from Dallas, Texas, to enter the business of real estate with the Claude Earton Agency. Earton, a native of Norman, was a salesman for Manhattan Shirt Company, in Dallas. Mrs. Earton is the former Merlelyne Moore, '62ba.

MARRIAGE: Lt. William L. Whitaker, '62bus, Ada, and Mrs. Whitaker (Janet Marie McMillen) Rochester, New York, have established a home in Waco, Texas. The couple were married February 23 in the Wesley Foundation Chapel, Norman. Lieutenant Whitaker is a member of the Air Force.