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 Sandusky Progress; Jim Harvel, Christian Science Monitor and Science News Letter; Dick King (assisted by Brice Armstrong), an illustrated picture to Connect 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 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, Madam satille, Highway Traveler, and several other publications.

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.

Capt. Maurice 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, acquiring 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 Bank Building, Oklahoma City.

SOONER MAGAZINE
Culver Edits Anadarko Paper

Harry S. Culver, "47ba, Homestead, is one gradu-ate 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 chrys to his student career by nominating him as the most outstanding gradu-ating senior man in the school of journalism.

Culver first enrolled at the University in Sep-tember, 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 fire, 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 showing each other about in a wild clamor for the American gifts. Two previous crash-landings, once in Luxenburg 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 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 presiden-t of Phi Theta, honorary fraternity for

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Rakestraw Admitted to Bar

Lieut. Col. Bryan L. Rakestraw, "39law, of Okla-homa City, who is stationed in the air judge advo-cate's office at Air Force headquarters in Wash-ington, 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 Loy "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 Air force, and as inspector general of the 15th Air force. 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 Emby, Johnson, Crowe, Tolbert and Shelton, in Oklahoman City, before her father, Walter Mor ris, 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 Broaddus, of the U. S. District Court in Oklahoma.

Now serving as chief of the legal assistance branch in the office of the air judge advocate, Colonel Rakestraw gives legal advice and assistance to mem-bers of the Army Air Force and their dependents. He also represents the War Department on the legal sub-committee of the Air Coordinating 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 chil-dren, Kan and Don, live in Washington, D. C.
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 Lexy E. Stewart are spending the summer teaching in writing and literature.

Dr. E. Thayer Cartry, 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. Raster, professor of history, is doing research work on the Midcontinent oilfield and teaching at the University of Colorado.

Dr. John H. Krenkel, history professor, is doing research in the University of Illinois library and teaching in the department of history at the University of Alberta, Canada.

Dr. Sherman P. Lawton, professor of radio and coordinator 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. R. C. Bambas has had an article, "Verb Forms in 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 University of Arkansas, Missouri and South Dakota during his forthcoming lecture tour. His tour will run from June 17 through July 21.

Dr. R. N. Tompkins, director of the University press, was appointed honorary Oklahoma territorial 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, accounting 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."

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 for the Exhibition of 1933, in Chicago.