These Two Prepare for Oxford

Rhodes Scholar competition for 1948 came to a close in December with the names of two University of Oklahoma students occupying places on the national roster of 48 men. These two, William L. Howard, Oklahoma City graduate student in Chemistry, and William E. Slesnick, Norman senior in Arts and Sciences, will enroll at Oxford University, England, for the fall term, 1948.

This year 745 candidates from 211 colleges competed for the 48 awards. During the 43 years that the awards have been presented, as provided for in the will of Cecil Rhodes, South African empire builder, O.U. students have received 16 of the 1,222 awards given.

As students at Oxford, Slesnick and Howard will receive an annual stipend of 500 pounds, which is approximately $2,000. Their benefits under the G. I. Bill of Rights will continue. The stipend is provided for two years, but it may be extended for a third year. Third year extensions are based on the student's intellectual ability, character, personality, instinct for leadership and interest in outdoor sports.

Howard plans to continue his study of chemistry at Oxford. He received the B. S. degree in chemistry in 1943 with a straight "A" average, and has completed a year's work since the war on the M. S. degree in chemistry, also with an "A" average. At present he is a Research Fellow under the Public Health Service Grant. He expects to receive the M. S. degree in chemistry in the Spring.

Slesnick looks forward to studying at Oxford because he likes the British system of education. The British plan is for three eight-week terms of school with the other 28 weeks of the year interspersed between school terms to allow time for traveling. He plans to travel extensively on the continent.

During the war he served as an Army Ordnance officer and completed a year's work on the continent. He was also a member of the President's Honor Class.

Slesnick, the other member of the O.U. Rhodes Scholar duo, expects to receive the B.A. degree in 1948. He now holds the B.S. degree from the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. During the war he served as an ensign aboard the U. S. S. Manchester and the U. S. S. Columbia. Before entering the Naval Academy he attended his Freshman year at the University, where he was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Freshman scholastic fraternity. He also was recipient of the Phi Mu Epsilon math award in 1942, and was a charter member of Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity.

William Howard

The Good Ole Army

War orders gave First Lt. Rudolpho M. Pascua, '42m. bus, his first visit home to the Philippines in 15 years. Now, still under war orders, he is again in the land of his adoption—the United States.

Lieutenant Pascua, who received his Master's Degree in business administration at the University, recently visited Fabio Valdez, in Oklahoma City. With him were his wife and daughter, Margaret Ann, 16 months. They were enroute to a new tour of duty at Fort Story, Virginia.

Pascua left his home in Pangasinan, Luzon, when he was 15 years old, going to Salt Lake City where he was graduated from high school and carried his BA degree at the University of Utah.

Miss Gannon Goes to Tokyo

Miss Carolyn Gannon, '46ba, Hornsby, has a novel ambition. She wants to be a "Tokyo Rose." That is why she has gone to Japan to be program director for Armed Forces Radio Service.

The urge to travel and entertain homesick GI's in the occupation army struck Miss Gannon when she was vacationing in Hawaii from March to August of this year. Her vacation to Hawaii was scheduled for two weeks, but she found it took longer to learn the hula, so she stayed almost six months.

While learning the hula she went to work for the Armed Forces Radio station located in Honolulu. After returning to Oklahoma she applied for her position in Tokyo.

Enthusiasm over a trip to Japan was two fold. Not only would she be doing the type of work she enjoys most in a strange new land. She also was to rejoin an old friend, Miss Betty Gandy, '47ba. Miss Gandy is in Tokyo with her mother and father, Col. and Mrs. C. L. Gandy, the colonel is commander of the 49th general army hospital in the Japanese capital.

Miss Gannon, who spent most of her life in Cushin, likes to call Okmulgee home because she graduated from high school there. After her graduation from the University she spent several months in Hollywood as commercial continuity director for Columbia Broadcasting System. It was there that she met Miss Florence Hale, Bound Brook, New Jersey, and went vacationing with her to Hawaii.

FORENSIC MEET—MARCH 8-9

Junior collegians are preparing to "speak up" this year. After months of practice, they will compete March 8 and 9 in the State Junior College Forensic Association tournament to be held at the University of Oklahoma. The tournament is open to all state-owned, independent and municipal junior colleges of the state, Guy Brown, O.U. speech activity director, has announced.