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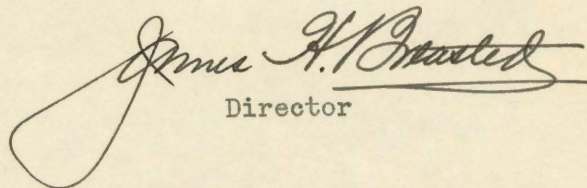


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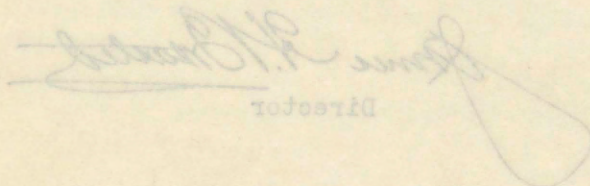
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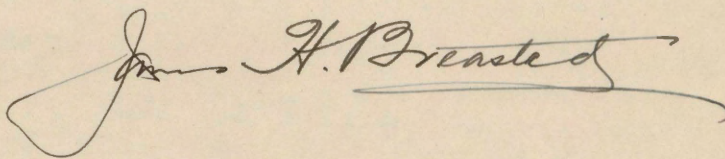
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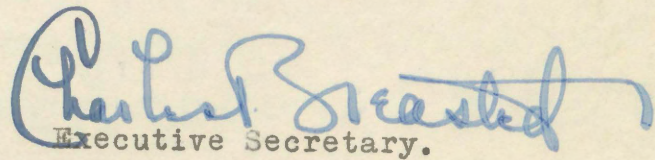
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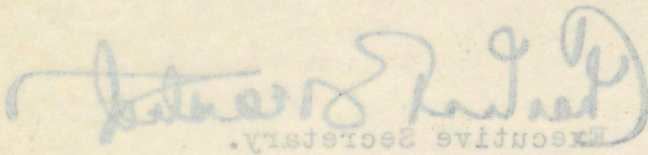
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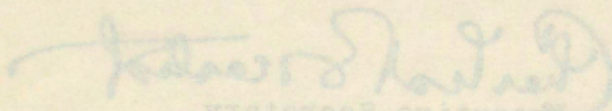
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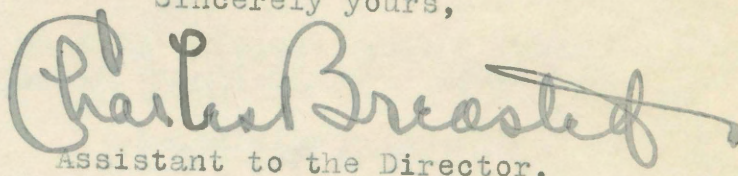
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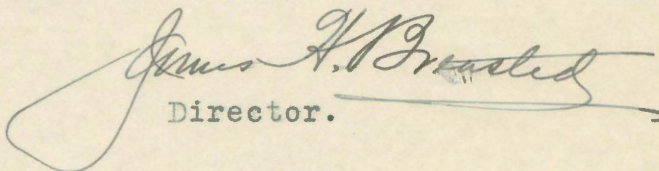
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Faculty Exchange.

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The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

June 6, 1928

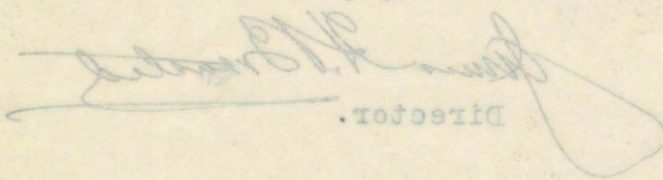
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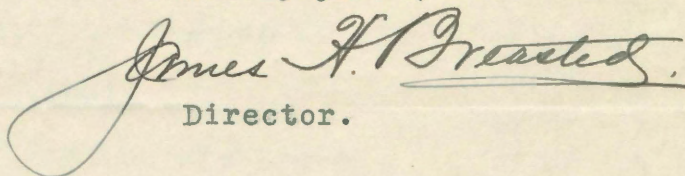
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The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

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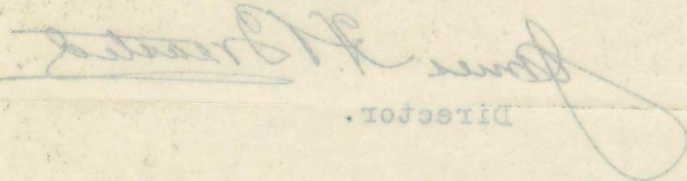
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The University of Chicago  
Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures

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January 27, 1928

Mr. Frederic C. Woodward  
Vice-President of the University  
Faculty Exchange

Dear Mr. Woodward:

There are several very promising students asking for a course to be given in the Spring Quarter in Hieratic (Egyptian). Mr. Sellers, who at present is teaching hieroglyphics, will not be here in the Spring Quarter nor will there be anyone else to teach such a subject.

The Department as at present constituted feels that the needs of these students ought to be met. We can do so without cost to the University by having Mrs. Edith W. Ware, Secretary of Haskell Museum, teach this course in which she specializes and in which she passed a brilliant doctor's examination with Mr. Breasted a few weeks ago.

The Department herewith recommends that this course, no. 445, Introduction to Hieratic, one major, Spring Quarter 1928, to be given by Mrs. Ware, be inserted in the announcements for the Spring Quarter.

Signed for the Department by

M. Sprungling.

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Copy to Mr. W. A. Payne







**The University of Chicago**

The Oriental Institute

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 7, 1927.

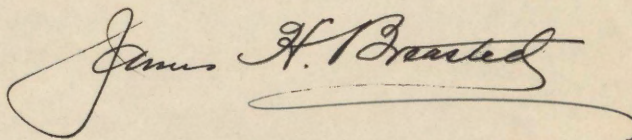
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Enclosure.



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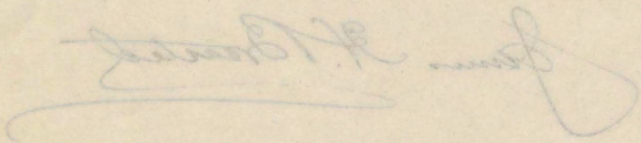
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One of these was a cemetery containing several hundred burials,— probably the oldest cemetery ever discovered in the history of prehistoric investigation. The slight mounds marking the burials were each covered with an array of flint implements discovered in regular arrangement along the top of each mound. There the cemetery lies awaiting excavation, and without doubt containing the most important body of evidence regarding the physical character of prehistoric man ever found in Africa or perhaps anywhere.

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## The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

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# The University of Chicago

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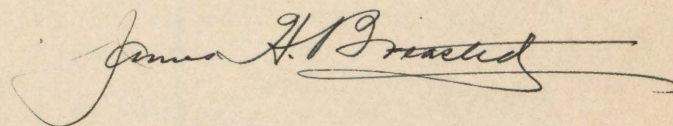


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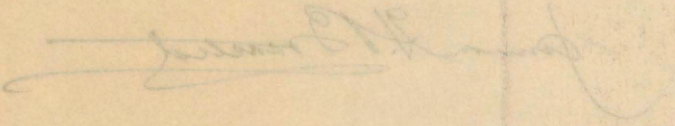
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Professor James H. Breasted  
Faculty Exchange

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*Oriental Language*

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The University of Chicago

Office of the Auditor

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Yours very truly,

*W. D. Huntington*

Mr. F. C. Woodward,  
Faculty Exchange.



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I hope, therefore, that in the case of appointees of the Oriental Institute the above mentioned rule regarding Fellows may be waived and that Mr. Kellogg may be granted the usual privileges with regard to tuition of a student holding a University position.

Very sincerely yours,

JHB:MDS

*James H. Breasted*

Fellows pay fees. 3-quarter  
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The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

October 7, 1928.

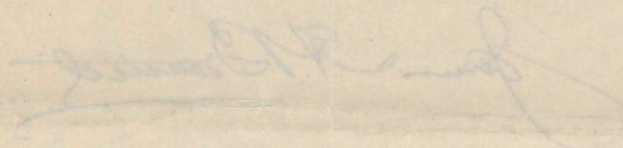
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The University of Chicago

The American Journal of  
Semitic Languages and Literatures

October 6th, 1926

EDITORIAL OFFICE

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Administrative Board  
Faculty Exchange

Gentlemen:

I beg to report to you that in the Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures it has become necessary to cancel Dr. Sprengling's course, number 342, and to insert in its place number 437, "Research in Arabic". The explanation of this fact is that the Autumn Schedule was made out in the summer time when Professor Sprengling was in Europe. His colleagues on the ground put down such courses as they thought he might wish to give, but upon his return he found it necessary to make this change. The fact is that in a subject like Arabic where the number of students is relatively small it is necessary to make such changes not infrequently, since students come to us with varying degrees of preparation and varying interests and courses have to be offered which will meet their needs. Quite frequently these needs compel such changes at the last minute.

Yours sincerely,

*John Lewis Smith*

Vice Chairman Department of Oriental  
Languages and Literature

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The University of Chicago

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