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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

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U. W. Class Groups Are Organized In Wisconsin Cities

Extension Study Centers Give Educational Training in Many Localities

The stimulus of university instruction is being offered to many Wisconsin communities during the second semester through new freshman and sophomore classes and numerous non-credit classes, organized by the University of Wisconsin Extension division. More than 100 university class groups, serving to supplement local educational agencies in a substantial way, are now in operation in the state, the extension division reported.

Classes in freshman and sophomore courses, for university credit, are being given in English, languages, history, mathematics, geography, economics and sociology.

Freshman and sophomore programs are under way at Antigo, Beloit, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Janesville, Kenosha, Madison, Manitowoc, Marinette, Mayville, Merrill, Racine, Rhinelander, Richland Center, Sheboygan, Sturgeon Bay, Wausau, and Wisconsin Rapids.

The class instructors include:

Faculty for Freshmen

English, Maxwell M. Freeman, David Rein, LaVerne Raasch, Howard J. Fielding, Edward D. Holst, L. F. Zimmerman; mathematics, Louise A. Wolf, Mrs. Florence Axen Jeffries, E. A. Nordhaus; history, Bessie E. Edsall, Lee E. Lawrence, Isable Knowles, John M. Weidman, Theodore W. Bauer, Howard Blackenburg, Albert C. Schwartzen; German, Adolphine B. Ernst, Chloe E. Tilden; Spanish, Kathrin Tufts, Chloe Tilden, Josephine Wheeler, Marion Kocvara; French, Chloe Tilden, Edward Milligan; Italian, Edward Cairo; short-story writing, Dudley C. Brooks; geography, Loyal Durand, Jr., Kenneth Bertrand; sociology, John L. Miller, R. Welling Roskelley; economics, R. J. Colbert, John L. Miller, James S. Parker, Glenn Jones.

The staff in economics also is offering lecture courses in various cities on the state and federal laws for social security and unemployment insurance, with the aim of familiarizing employers with the facts about this new legislation affecting their future operations.

Other Class Subjects

Other extension classes under way include: Auditing, J. C. Gibson; education, T. L. Torgerson, J. K. Little; steam engineering, Ben G. Elliott; mechanics, R. W. Fowler; Diesel engine, Orville C. Cromer; municipal government, Lee S. Greene.

Round tables are offered in outstanding trends of the times, imparting results of recent research concerning many questions of current significance. In Madison, evening classes in a "liberal education" program are enrolling many adults desiring to share in the results of professional learning under University direction.

New Course in Bridge Engineering is Prepared

A new course in structural engineering for home study, prepared for men engaged in bridge construction and other structural work, has been added to the courses given through correspondence instruction by the Extension division of the University of Wisconsin.

Entitled "Deflection of Structures and Stresses in Redundant Members of Trusses," the course aims to provide the basic theory underlying the design of rigid frame structures, such as bridges, grade crossing overheads, and other projects both in highway and general construction. It contains eight assignments.

This is the first of three new courses, dealing with the computation of stresses in rigid frame structures, to be added to the structural engineering list for home-study. Each requires a knowledge of mechanics and structural engineering equivalent to that held by a graduate of an engineering college.

Teacher Magazines On List For Public Use

A list of 75 magazines in the field of education, most of which are regularly received by the University of Wisconsin Extension department of debating and public discussion, has been prepared for the use of Wisconsin teachers and other interested persons.

Teachers and administrators using this list, which will be sent upon request, may obtain from the department a sample copy of any desired periodical with a view to subscribing should it be found suitable for their needs.

Such magazines pertain to general education and to such specialties as agriculture, childhood, secondary schools, character education, commercial, administration and supervision, school boards, educational law, methods, grade teaching, high school teaching, industrial education, religious education, physical education, psychology, home economics, mathematics, the languages, health and hygiene, parent-teacher work, vocational guidance, mental hygiene, the blind and deaf, speech, school arts, school management, science, social studies, and other subjects.

U. W. Had Largest Enrollment Increase

The University of Wisconsin had the largest increase in enrollment this year of any institution of higher learning in the entire United States, according to an article in the December issue of School and Society, national educational magazine.

The article, written by Dr. Raymond Walters, president of Cincinnati university, reveals that this year's attendance at the State University of 9,065 full-time students is 1,012 more than last year.

Based on reports from 577 institutions of learning throughout the country, the article reveals that practically all schools had some increases in enrollment, from a few students to a few hundreds, but that Wisconsin's increase of 1,012 regular full-time students was greatest.

The article reveals that the University of Wisconsin's super-grand total of enrollment at the present time, counting all credit and non-credit students, is 31,984, consisting of 12,342 regular session and summer school students, and 19,642 students enrolled in Extension courses.

U. W. Man Heads Study of Public Schools in State

A study of the fiscal, administrative, and attendance units of public schools in Wisconsin has been inaugurated under a grant of funds from the federal government amounting to \$93,226, it was announced recently.

The study is being made for the purpose of reorganization of a long-term public school program in Wisconsin. The work is being carried on under the direction of Dr. John Guy Fowlkes, professor of education at the University of Wisconsin. To make it possible for him to take charge of the work, Prof. Fowlkes is on leave of absence from his University work this semester.

The study in Wisconsin is one of 10 being made in as many different states through funds supplied by the federal government, and the work is considered of great importance by schoolmen throughout the country. In Wisconsin, about 150 persons will be employed on the study, 40 in the headquarters office at the University and 110 in field work throughout the state.

In addition to his work on this state-wide study, Prof. Fowlkes was also recently named to three national advisory educational committees.

He was named by J. W. Studebaker, commissioner of education, to the national committee which will revise the annual financial reports made by state superintendents of public instruction and city school superintendents to the U. S. office of education.

Prof. Fowlkes was also named to a national committee which will carry on a study of local school units, and to the Yearbook committee of the National Department of Superintendents. The general title of the yearbook is "The Importance of Education for American Democracy." In his capacity on this committee, Prof. Fowlkes will write a chapter on "A Long-Time Program of Educational Improvement."

Old Stand-by Pastures Now Calling For Help

Blue grass pastures in Wisconsin will need help if they are to provide the grazing they formerly have.

Besieged with drought, with grubs and years of over-grazing, and weakened by declining soil fertility, blue grass pastures are clearly showing the harmful effects of 50 years of use and abuse, declares L. F. Gruber, Badger agronomist in a new circular, "Renovating Blue Grass Pastures."

Blue grass, which without the conscious aid of man took possession of over 100,000,000 acres in the north central and eastern states, now needs restored fertility, regulated grazing, and renovation.

40 Badger Water Works Operators Attend U. W. Course

Superintendents and senior employees of about 40 Wisconsin city and village water departments attended the third annual short course for water works operators which was held at the University of Wisconsin.

The aim of the course was to acquaint Wisconsin water works operators with basic principles of sanitation and make it possible for them to give even better service to their communities than in the past, according to F. M. Dawson, professor of hydraulic and sanitary engineering at the State University.

The four-day program of the course consisted of 15 lectures and nine laboratory demonstrations, all of which dealt with the practical problems faced by the operators in their daily work. Cooperating with the State University in sponsoring and arranging for the course were the bureaus of sanitary engineering of the state board of health, the state laboratory of hygiene, the Wisconsin section of the American Water Works Association, and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Those who attended the course are as follows:

F. H. Roob, Columbus; Frank Holmes, Adams; Laverne Trentlage,

Announce Plans for 38th Annual U. W. Summer Session

Expect Thousands to be Drawn to Campus For Study Next Summer

Approximately 300 members of the University faculty and lecturers from other institutions of higher learning will teach the hundreds of courses of study in every division of the University of Wisconsin during the State University's 38th annual summer session which opens late next June, a recently published preliminary bulletin of the session reveals.

Except for the 10-week summer courses in the Law school, the Wisconsin summer school this year opens June 29. The general session lasts six weeks and closes on August 7, while the special nine-week courses of study in the Graduate school begin on June 29 and end on Friday, Aug. 28. The 10-week Law school session opens on June 22 and closes on Friday, Aug. 28.

Planned to Meet Needs

The hundreds of courses of study of the 1936 summer session at Wisconsin are planned to meet the needs of graduate and undergraduate students of colleges, technical schools, and universities, of teachers and supervisors in secondary schools, normal schools, colleges, and universities, and of professional men and women.

Practically all of the courses offered are of academic grade and carry credit toward all degrees regularly offered by the University. Special emphasis is given to college degree work and to training courses for college instructors and for secondary school teachers, supervisors, principals and superintendents, the bulletin points out.

Give Special Courses

More than 30 of the courses of study offered to this year's summer school students have been especially planned or modified to meet the usual conditions of the present time, the bulletin reveals.

Among these special courses, which should be of great interest to the student of the current national and international scene, are the following: "Public Expenditures and Public Debts," "Business Cycle Theories," "Recent German History," "Survey of World Politics," "Comparative Government: Contemporary Dictatorships," and "Rural Social Trends and Community Organization."

Hold Special Meets

Besides the regular courses of study, which are expected to bring thousands of undergraduate and graduate students to the Wisconsin campus during the summer, five special institutes and conferences are to be held at the State University during the session. These are:

The School Administrator's Conference, to be held July 20-24;

The Bandmasters', Orchestra Leaders', and Chorus Conductors' clinic, and a conference for church organists and choir directors, to be held July 6-26;

The annual Dramatic and Speech Institute, June 29-July 11;

The annual Rural Leadership Conference, June 29-July 11;

The annual Summer School for Workers in Industry, to be held simultaneously with the summer session, June 29-Aug. 7.

All of these special institutes and conferences, which are held collateral with the regular summer session but not a part of it, are expected to attract additional hundreds of students and other persons to the campus during the summer.

U. W. Enrollment Shows Second Semester Gain

Enrollment for the second semester at the University of Wisconsin is slightly more than 11 per cent greater than last year, figures released by the registrar's office revealed.

The figures show that with 8,622 students enrolled at the opening of classes last week, or only about 400 less than were registered at the opening of the school year last September, the drop in enrollment is about the same as it usually is between semesters.

There are 877 more students enrolled in the University at the opening of the second semester this year than were registered at the opening of last year's second semester, when only 7,745 students were enrolled, the figures reveal.

Elgin, Ill.; C. P. Gross, Wisconsin Rapids; Merle Bender, Wisconsin Rapids; L. J. Hannawall, Elroy; A. H. Roll, Chilton; C. C. Lee, Wisconsin Dells; Julius Stosiek, South Milwaukee; Arthur Williams, Hurley; John A. Angel, Jefferson; Neal B. Thayer, Elkhorn; Harold L. Londo, Green Bay; Hilary G. Reichardt, Watertown;

L. A. Bibelhausen, Neopit; Andrew Marx, Menasha; Emil W. Storm, Algoma; H. W. Jackson, Antigo; Alfred Wagnitz, Kaukauna; Leland Shaw, Baraboo; John Rotzoll, Wausau; E. J. Braun, Fond du Lac; B. Page, Shawano; G. C. Ankomeus, Fort Atkinson; J. E. Collins, Edgerton; A. C. Tomek, Two Rivers; V. B. Sundstrom, Madison; F. K. Quimby, Racine; A. Hoffman, Racine; W. U. Gallaher, Appleton; J. W. Krause, Brookfield, Ill.; E. S. Gary, Evansville; R. Henke, Wauwatosa; H. Cushman, Lodi; F. Kadinger, Juneau; A. N. Melhus, Madison.

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Honor Prof. Hohlfeld for Long Years of Service

A dinner in honor of A. R. Hohlfeld, professor of German and head of the German department of the University of Wisconsin since 1901, was held at the State University recently. The dinner celebrated Prof. Hohlfeld's 70th birthday anniversary and his 35 years of service to the University.

Prof. Hohlfeld came to the United States in 1889 after a career as a student at the University of Leipzig and in Paris and a brief experience of teaching in England.

His services for scholarship, both in the State University and the Modern Language Association of America, and in the Goethe Gesellschaft of Weimar, have been notable and creative. Few scholars have impressed themselves so profoundly upon the world of American scholarship as has Prof. Hohlfeld in his chosen field. His contributions, in particular his studies in Goethe, make him a distinguished authority in that most important field.

U. Student Bureau Provides Speakers For Badger Clubs

With a larger number of student speakers available and with a greater variety of subjects, the University of Wisconsin Student Speakers' Bureau is serving a number of clubs in various Wisconsin communities this year by providing them with able speakers on a cost basis.

Started only a year ago, the Student Speakers Bureau is unique in that it charges no fees for its speakers, but sends them out merely for the cost that is incurred by the speaker in filling the engagement. The bureau is operated under the direction of a committee composed of faculty members and student leaders on the campus.

The bureau's list of student speakers is made up only after try-outs in which any student is invited to participate. Only the ablest speakers, who have something to say and can say it well, are chosen to represent the bureau and the University before groups of citizens throughout the state.

Groups before which the student speakers are appearing this year include women's clubs, service clubs, and Parent-Teacher association groups.

So far this year, requests for speakers have been received from Fort Atkinson, Kenosha, Baraboo, Monroe, Watertown, Dodgeville, Viroqua, Beloit, Beaver Dam, Milton, Randolph, Evansville, Oregon, Richland Center, and Poynter. Some of the requests have already been filled and others are to be filled this month and in March.

Speakers chosen for the bureau this year, besides men and women varsity debaters, include Robert T. Oliver, graduate student whose home is in Vancouver, Wash.; Esther Levine, of Pittsfield, Mass.; Clarence Rezek, Two Rivers; Margaret Pelton, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jack Eisendrath, Milwaukee; Carl Thompson, Stoughton; Hallie Lou Whitefield, Madison; George Dugger, Madison; Elaine Miner, Madison; Hugh Ingols, Madison; and Hayim Horwitz, Milwaukee.

Included among the subjects on which the students speak are the following: A Re-evaluation of the Constitution, Plato's Message for Modern Times, Hamilton Walks at Midnight, Camping in the High Sierras, The American Merry-Go-Round, The Story of a Great Wisconsin Scientist, John Citizen Looks at His Banks, and Are You Getting Your Money's Worth?

Anyone desiring further information about the bureau may obtain it by writing to the Student Speakers Bureau, University of Wisconsin, 711 Langdon Street, Madison.

Three U. W. Women's Debate Teams Swing Into Action Feb. 20

Three women's varsity debating squads representing the University of Wisconsin will face competition on their own campus and away from home, Thursday, Feb. 20, as they officially open their schedule for the current semester, it was announced by Prof. Gladys Borchers of the State University's speech department.

The Badger co-eds will meet the University of Iowa in the only home debate of the three scheduled contests. They will uphold the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the United States should support the League of Nations in the enforcement of sanctions provided for in the Covenant of the League."

A team of three Wisconsin women debaters will argue the negative of the same question at Minneapolis as it opposes the University of Minnesota team on the same date. Also on the same day two Wisconsin women will comprise a negative squad to face Lawrence College of Appleton, at Green Bay.

Selection of the teams is being made from the list of those women who were successful in passing the final women's debate trials, late last semester. Included on this list are Marion Bachuber, Mayville; Betty Botz, Berlin; Ruth Chaimson, Wautoma; Margaret Madden, Rockford, Ill.; Caryl Morse, Madison; Marie Muth, Two Rivers; Gladys Page, Berlin; and Mildred Templin, Milwaukee.

National Leaders to Head Sessions at U. Coop School

To Tackle Problems in Cooperative Management At School March 16-21

Officers, directors, and employees of Wisconsin cooperatives will confer with men of national and international experience in cooperative business affairs when they meet in the school in cooperative management at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture March 16 to 21.

Bringing to these conferences each day the results of their wide experiences in cooperative matters will be J. E. Wells, Jr., deputy commissioner, Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.; John Barton, of the International Folk School, Elsinore, Denmark; Hutzel Metzger, St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives, St. Paul; and Chris L. Christensen, dean of the Wisconsin college of agriculture.

These men will lecture each day on cooperative philosophy, cooperative business records and their effective use, cooperative financing, and human relationships in cooperation.

Each afternoon will be given over to round-table conferences led by men active in cooperative associations and staff members of the department