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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

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Wisconsin Prison Education Plan Given High Rank

New Methods and Personnel in School Work Praised in Penal Survey

Recent expansion of the educational programs at Waupun state prison and Green Bay reformatory has elicited commendation from the authors of "Handbook of American Prisons and Reformatories," published by the Osborne association, a society for penal improvement.

Even before the addition of a full-time educational director, the report said, the Waupun institution was among the foremost in the use of university extension courses, and its program had been an effective one. Since the reorganization of the educational work, with a member of the university staff serving as educational director in the prison, the program has been rounded out, the report continued, particularly for those inmates who fall in a group between the illiterates and those capable of pursuing correspondence courses.

Library Is Excellent

"The library facilities and service at Waupun are among the best in the country," the authors concluded. "The prison has been quick to take full advantage of the cooperation of the State University and the State Free Library commission in connection with education and library work, and both of these have profited greatly."

The educational program at the state reformatory is referred to as "a fine program of extension education," which has been developed in cooperation with the University Extension teaching.

Further Improvement Suggested

Since the installation of a full-time educational director, the book states, the work in both academic and vocational fields has been revised and improved to conform with modern principles and practices, but further progress might be made along the lines of correlating industrial and school training and the introduction of modern methods of adult instruction in the academic field.

The keynote of the system was defined in the statement:

"The prisoner must be treated as an adult in need of education and not as a criminal in need of reform; therefore it is necessary to build the educational program around the capacities, ambitions, and abilities of each prisoner."

"The board of control has been most appreciative of every effort advanced to place the prisons on a higher standard educationally," commented Chester Allen, of the Extension division. "It has been most active in developing the prison education system to the splendid condition indicated in the report."

Visual Aid in School Is Radio Topic Now

What school administrators should know about the use of visual instruction

25-Year Tradition Gets Boot as U. Student Club Changes Policy

Another tradition—this time one of a quarter-century standing—went by the boards recently at the University of Wisconsin when William H. Purnell, director of Haresfoot, men's campus dramatic society, announced a change of policy in the production of this year's Haresfoot presentation, entitled "Break the News."

Haresfoot goes in various Wisconsin and middle west cities this year will not witness the antics of the female impersonators which have always featured previous Haresfoot shows. No longer will the familiar slogan, "All our girls are men, yet every one's a lady" be heard. Instead, an all-male cast will enact a masculine, musical comedy-revue of sketches, musical numbers, and specialties set in an atmosphere of pulp paper, printer's ink, and rattling typewriters.

In addition, Director Purnell announced, the change in policy extends to the matter of plot. "Break the News" is a revue through which runs the thread of a story. This is the first revue with a plot staged anywhere, according to Purnell.

Play's Scope National

Another change of policy is noted in the choice of a play which does not revolve around campus activities. On the contrary, Purnell pointed out, "Break the News" is national in scope, rather than local and its sketches are concerned with subjects of general interest to all. These sketches are lampoons of front page personalities.

The tradition of female impersonators in Haresfoot shows goes back to 1911 when the club produced its first musical comedy, "Dancing Dolls," an operetta with original music by Herbert Stothart, and book by Horatio Winslow. Stothart is now in Hollywood writing musical scores for the movies while Winslow is a nationally known author, his stories frequently appearing in the Saturday Evening Post.

Haresfoot Began in 1898

Previously Haresfoot, which was organized in 1898 as one of the big six collegiate musical comedy clubs of America, had put on straight drama.

U. W. Only School To Be Given Title

The University of Wisconsin is believed to be the only institution of higher learning in the United States which has had a title conferred upon itself.

Pres. Eliot of Harvard university once characterized the University of Wisconsin as "the leading State University of the nation." This glowing title was conferred formally after deliberate study.

Some years ago, Pres. Eliot came west to make a study of the universities located in the central part of the country. And, according to the word of Lincoln Steffens, noted American author, "he must have been satisfied, for at the Harvard commencement of June, 1908, Harvard conferred a title on the University of Wisconsin and a degree on its president in these indirect but unmistakable terms:

"Doctor of Laws: Charles Richard Van Hise, pre-cambrian and metamorphic geologist; professor successively of metallurgy, mineralogy, and geology; president of the LEADING STATE UNIVERSITY, the University of Wisconsin."

Noted Historian To Teach in U. Summer School

One of the nation's foremost historians, Frederic L. Paxson, professor of history at the University of California, will teach several courses of study in the University of Wisconsin summer session which opens July 1, it was announced by Scott H. Goodnight, dean of the session.

Recognized as an outstanding authority on American history, Prof. Paxson will teach courses on "The Recent History of the United States" and "History of the West" in Wisconsin's 38th annual summer school.

Prof. Paxson is well known to thousands of Wisconsin students and alumni since he was professor of history at the State University from 1910 to 1932, when he went to California. His history courses were among the most popular among the students on the campus.

Prof. Paxson's books on various phases of American history have given him a national reputation as a historian. Among these books are "The Last American Frontier," "The Civil War," "The New Nation," "Recent History of the United States," "History of the American Frontier," "The United States in Recent Times," and "When the West Is Gone." The book on the history of the American frontier was awarded the Pulitzer prize in 1924, as the best work on American history in that year.

tion in the modern school system is being told in a series of weekly talks on WHA, state-owned radio station at the University of Wisconsin, every Thursday at 4 p. m. The speaker, J. E. Hansen, is chief of the bureau of visual instruction, University Extension division.

Badger Editors to Be Guests at U.W. Gridiron Banquet

State Newspapermen to Attend Banquet Sponsored by U. Journalism Frat

Outstanding editors of daily and weekly newspapers in Wisconsin will be special guests at the 11th annual Gridiron Banquet to be held Thursday, April 11, at the University of Wisconsin.

The Gridiron banquet is sponsored by the Wisconsin chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, honorary professional journalism fraternity. Junior and senior men at the State University who plan on making newspaper work their life profession and who have been outstanding at the University for scholastic ability in journalism and have taken an active part in campus affairs make up the group.

Frank Talk at Banquet

The banquet program takes place behind closed doors and no part of it is reported to the public. A frank discussion of the University, social, and governmental affairs, led by a speaker of national prominence, comprises the major part of the program.

Facts and foibles of present day society are "roasted and raked over the coals" of the gridiron or gridiron. Hence the name Gridiron banquet. Short humorous satirical skits put on by members of the chapter are always a big feature of the program.

Among the 450 guests will be included leading men students on the University campus, popular professors, all Madison newspapermen, local and state governmental officials, besides newspapermen from throughout the state.

Members of Sigma Delta Chi include: Frank Bell, Ladysmith, president; Norbert Hennen, Jefferson; Edwin Gibson, Oconto Falls; Arnie Betts, Waterloo; Charles Bernhardt, William Haines, and Arthur Jacobs, all of Madison; Richard Bridgman, Stanley; Samuel Benowitz, New York City; George Hess, Sheboygan; Robert Fromme, Cincinnati; Julian Fromer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wallace Liberty, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Kenneth Golz, Brooklyn, Wis.; Randolph Haase, Alma; Richard Weinberg, Honolulu; and Leslie Starch, La Crosse.

Blind Student Makes Brilliant Record at U. W.

With a braille slate, a lot of determination, and a highly trained police dog as auxiliaries to an acute mind, Clare Finch, totally blind student at the University of Wisconsin, is making a brilliant scholastic record—and having a lot of fun doing it, too.

"It was either pencils or an education," he says. "I chose the education."

And he is making an outstanding job of getting an education. Last semester he earned a grade point average of 2.6. The highest possible is three points, and many students with no physical handicap would be content with an average lower than his.

Clare wasn't always blind. About six years ago he was a normal youngster of 18 who liked to experiment with chemistry. One day a test tube of chemicals exploded, mutilating his right hand and entirely destroying his sight. He completed his high school course with the aid of his mother, who acted as his reader. After finishing high school, he set about learning braille, which he mastered in about two weeks. A year later he entered the University.

He is at present in his third year in letters and science, majoring in economics. He intends to enter the law school after graduating.

Clare is guided about the campus and the streets of Madison by his faithful dog, Nickie, who watches over him with a jealous eye. She never allows anyone to come between herself and her master. A visitor has only to step toward him and in a second she is between the two.

Clare seldom loses anything—Nickie sees to that. Should he drop a glove or forget a notebook, Nickie picks it up in her mouth and gives it back to him. When he sits down she gazes worshipfully at him, placing her paw on his knee.

Clare's home town is Antigo. For relaxation he dances and pursues literary activities. He likes to write things for his own amusement, and heartily enjoys the talks. He takes his lecture notes in braille. He studies with the aid of a reader, and either dictates or types his examinations.

Wisconsin Man Heads N. C. Landscape Work

Frank Brandt, during the past three years landscape engineer with the Wisconsin highway commission, has been appointed landscape engineer with the North Carolina state highway commission.

Brandt, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, while a student in the University of Wisconsin made a special study of landscape designing. He was the first landscape engineer to be employed by the Wisconsin highway commission. In his highway planning work some of his outstanding projects were in the vicinity of Beaver Dam, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee. He will be located at Raleigh.

State Crop Breeder Paid High Tribute

Credit for much of the pioneer work in the field of pasture improvement in the Middle West is being given to the late George B. Mortimer by the editors of Hoard's Dairyman, a widely known and read dairy farm paper.

As a member of the agronomy department of the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Mortimer was an enthusiast for better pasture as parts of the working equipment of the successful dairy farm.

Mr. Mortimer was a native of Calumet county and became widely known throughout the state for his work both as a teacher and as a scientist concerned particularly with the development of pasture crops.

U. Man Aids in Wide Survey of Youth Problems

A nation-wide survey of the problems of youth is under way. Sixty selected rural and urban areas are to be included in the survey, the aim of which is to discover the activities, interests, aspirations, and problems of young men and women, 15 to 29 years of age. The hope is expressed that eventually the study will help the young people "to live better, more happily and more comfortably."

Aiding the committee on youth problems in the Office of Education of the United States Department of Interior in the survey will be a committee of the American Sociological Society. Included in the membership of the committee are E. L. Kirkpatrick of the University of Wisconsin; F. S. Chapin of the University of Minnesota; E. B. Reuter; Ruth S. Cavan of Rockford College, Illinois; and Walter C. Reckless of Vanderbilt University.

Two types of general investigations are being forwarded. The first of these is concerned with going activities initiated by communities, organizations and individuals in the service of youth. The second, as pointed out above, is the analysis of conditions, needs and interests of youth as revealed by the surveys in 60 selected areas or communities.

Former Farm Agents To Direct Settler Relocation Project

Two former county agents have recently been put in charge of the Northern Wisconsin settler relocation project, one of a series of demonstrations in the more economical use of submarginal land to be carried out in Forest, Langlade and Oconto counties.

Archie Mucks, director of the rural division, will be in charge of the operations and A. M. Jacobson has been appointed project manager, according to an announcement by the Wisconsin Emergency Relief Administration.

Mucks, formerly county agricultural agent of Barron county, is a native of Winnebago county, and a graduate of the State University agricultural college. He is also secretary of the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders association.

Jacobson is a native of Richland county. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin he taught in the high schools at Viola, Argonne and Barron. He also taught agriculture in schools in the Philippine Islands from 1923 to 1925. He was county agricultural agent in Price county from November 1927 until September 1934, when he resigned to enter rehabilitation work for the federal government.

Rubinow Chosen for Farm Bureau Post

Sidney G. Rubinow, known to many Wisconsin farmers, has been appointed director of information of the American Farm Bureau, according to an announcement made by the officers of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Since completing his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Rubinow has served successively as extension specialist in rural organization in Texas; as assistant director of agricultural extension service of North Carolina; as publicist for the United States Department of Agriculture; as a staff member of the Minneapolis Tribune; and as a representative of the AAA.

Stoughton is Named State Debate Champ

Stoughton high school, making its first appearance in the state finals, emerged winner of first place in the annual state debate contest held in the state capitol. Eau Claire high school, last year's title winner, was awarded second place by a slight margin, and Clintonville, first place winner in 1932 and 1933, received third place.

The debate question, centering on federal subsidies to public education, was thoroughly covered by affirmative and negative teams from all three schools.

The silver trophy cup for the winning team, accepted by its coach, Martin P. Anderson; gold medals for each

U. W. Journalism Alumni Meet On Campus April 13

To Take Part in 30th Anniversary Celebration of Journalism School

Alumni of the school of journalism at the University of Wisconsin from all parts of the state and nation will return to the campus of the State University to attend the Journalism Alumni Day events which are a part of the program for the Journalism Week-End to be held April 11-14 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the University school of journalism.

Saturday, April 13, has been designated as Journalism Alumni Day of the Week-End program, and many alumni are expected to attend the various events which have been planned for the day. In addition, daily and weekly newspaper men from throughout the state will attend the affair.

Hold Alumni Luncheon

The Journalism Alumni Day will open with an alumni luncheon in the Memorial Union building on the University campus at noon. A brief business session followed by social gathering will be held in the afternoon at the Maple Bluff home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brockhausen. An all-journalism dinner will probably be held in the Memorial Union at 6 p. m., followed by a journalism alumni dance in Tripp Commons of the Union at night.

Approximately 1,500 alumni of the school of journalism, scattered in all parts of the state and nation, have been sent special invitations to return to the campus of their alma mater for the entire Week-End program. Members of two state newspaper organizations, the Wisconsin Press Association and the Wisconsin Daily Newspaper league, will aid in the celebration.

Journalism Dinner Planned

The Week-End program will open with the 11th annual Gridiron dinner of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity at the State University, to be held on Thursday evening, April 11. On Friday, April 12, a Journalism dinner under the joint auspices of the Wisconsin Press association and the Wisconsin Daily Newspaper league, will be held.

Thirty years of instruction in journalism at the University will be celebrated at the event by state newspapermen and journalism alumni and present students. The first course in journalism anywhere in the country was instituted at the State University 30 years ago by Dr. Willard G. Bleyer, now head of the Wisconsin journalism school and dean of the nation's journalism teachers.

Apprenticeship Course Given in Summer School

For the benefit of those associated in an administrative capacity with city or state-wide apprenticeship programs, the 1935 Wisconsin summer session in cooperation with the Wisconsin Industrial commission will sponsor an apprenticeship conference on federal and state laws in the form of a six-day course beginning July 22, under the supervision of Walter F. Simon, state supervisor of apprenticeship.

Wisconsin is particularly qualified to offer this practical and informative course in apprenticeship, Mr. Simon says, since for more than 20 years Wisconsin has been promoting a workable state apprenticeship plan, and also because the federal government, when it set out to frame apprenticeship regulations last year, adopted the Wisconsin plan almost in its entirety.

Badgers Are Pioneers

Thus, since Wisconsin has been a pioneer in this field it is likely that each state in the process of organizing trade training through the apprenticeship method will find itself traveling the road traversed by Wisconsin, Mr. Simon further points out.

"Although this state's solution to the problem cannot be said to be the final answer," Mr. Simon adds, "it has written more than 10,000 apprenticeship indentures—indentures which today would meet the standards established by the federal committee on apprentice training."

Series of Lectures

The course will be in the form of a series of lectures on the federal apprenticeship plan, state apprenticeship plans, wages, term of apprenticeship, school attendance, supervision, benefits of a well organized apprenticeship program as affecting employers, organized labor, and learners, state apprenticeship legislation and many other angles of the apprenticeship problem.

Since the course will be of special importance to out-of-state persons, Mr. Simon hopes that the occasion will present an excellent opportunity for a round-table, inter-state clearing house for the exchange of ideas and experiences. The enrollment fee for the course will be \$6.

member of that team; silver medals for each member of the runner-up team; bronze medals for members of the third place team, and banners for each school were presented by Gov. Philip F. La Follette, who paid his tribute to the individual talents displayed by the participants and to the effectiveness of debating as a preparation for life.