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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

The purpose of this Bulletin is to bring to the newspapers of Wisconsin and their readers—the people of the state—pertinent news and information concerning their State University. The University Press Bureau will gladly furnish any special news or feature stories to editors. Address letters to R. H. Foss, editor, Press Bureau, University of Wisconsin.

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Drama Training Course at U. of W. Planned for July

Institute For Dramatics and Speech Students Is Summer Feature

Professional training in the dramatic and speech arts and the summer recreational facilities offered by Madison lakes and parks are held out as incentives for students in the eighth annual Dramatic and Speech institute, July 1-13, on the University of Wisconsin campus.

The courses to be given are contemporaneous with the first part of the university's summer school, and registrants are granted summer school privileges in the many lecture, musical and recreational programs planned.

Purpose of the institute, according to Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, the director, is to offer training in community and school leadership in the art of play production and all the other arts that are closely bound up with it. Representatives are expected from organizations, schools, churches and communities interested in play production and speech work.

University high school will be the center for the institute. July 1 is registration day.

Courses Are Listed

The following courses and faculty are announced.

Principles of Education, Dr. C. W. Longman, Waukegan, Ill., representative of the International Council of Religious Education, an authority on the rural church.

Character Study and Make-up, Prof. Mary Latimer, Mary Baldwin college, Staunton, Va., an interpretive reader and actress.

Public Discussion Methods and Public Speaking, Prof. H. L. Ewbank, University of Wisconsin, president of National Association of Speech and of Delta Sigma Rho.

Play Production, Prof. Ethel T. Rockwell, chief, bureau of dramatic activities, University Extension division, secretary, Wisconsin Dramatic guild, and author and director of plays and pageants.

Leadership Course Open

Personality and Social Adjustment, offered in the Rural Leadership school by Kimball Young, professor of social psychology, editor and author of works in sociology.

Playwriting, devoted principally to the writing of native drama, Prof. Rockwell.

The Art of Acting, Dr. Lowell Lees, university speech department, experienced in recreational and dramatic work with young people.

Voice Training, Prof. Gladys Borchers, University of Wisconsin, chairman of the National Committee for Secondary Speech Education.

Costume Design, Prof. Rockwell.

Technique of Writing and Speaking for the Radio, Prof. Ewbank, chairman of University radio committee.

Stage Arts and Crafts, Fredrick A. Buerki, stage technician for University theater.

Children's Art Stressed

Dramatics for Schools and Children's Theaters, Miss Louise Tuers, assistant in the bureau of dramatic activities, formerly in charge of children's dramatics at Sidwell Friends school, Washington, D. C.

Choral Verse Speaking and Poetry Reading, Mrs. Georgia M. Corp, department of debating and public discussion, Extension division, author of "Choral Speaking."

Rehearsals will be held throughout the institute in preparation for plays for final public production, with all registrants given opportunity to participate as actors or production assistants.

U. Alumni Defend Their University

Reaffirm Faith in Students; Extend Cooperation to Frank, Regents

The Alumni association of the University of Wisconsin came to the defense of its alma mater recently with a statement in which it reaffirmed its faith and confidence in the high moral character, integrity and good sense of the student body of the State University.

In its statement the association also tendered to Pres. Glenn Frank and the University board of regents its cooperation and assistance in presenting the truth and in clearing away the exaggerations and misinformation presently so widely disseminated in the state.

The statement was signed by Myron T. Harshaw, Chicago, president of the association, and Herman M. Egstad, general secretary. Following is the complete statement:

"The Wisconsin Alumni Association reaffirms and declares its faith and confidence in the high moral character, integrity and good sense of the student body of the University and tenders to the President and Board of Regents its cooperation and assistance in presenting the truth and in clearing away the exaggerations and misinformation presently so widely disseminated in the state. It is our hope that the committee or committees of the Wisconsin Legislature will promptly accord to the constituted University authorities an opportunity to present fully, publicly, and in orderly manner the University's position with respect to the matters which have come before these committees."

What Students Think of Their State University

The following statement was recently drawn up by the Committee of 19, a student committee made up of leaders of the various student activities on the Wisconsin campus:

"The committee of 19 represents that 99 per cent of the undergraduate body whose energies are normally completely absorbed in the serious business of getting an education. Traditionally reluctant to speak out on controversial issues or to interfere in matters of university administration, we nevertheless feel that the situation precipitated by the current senatorial investigation calls for some statement of student opinion. It must be apparent to those few who have carefully followed the course of the investigation and carefully read the testimony offered, that as yet no facts touching on student conduct or student activity have been offered and that the matters which have absorbed almost the entire interest of the senate committee concern not the university proper but a few people at one of its several extension centers, located almost 100 miles from the campus.

"In spite of this fact, it is probably true that the great mass of citizens of Wisconsin who depend entirely on the newspapers for their information must believe the worst concerning us.

Affirm Regents' Judgment

"As undergraduates we are glad to leave to the regents of the university the responsibility for the administrative functions which the statutes delegate to them. Their unanimous decision on any question of policy or personnel needs neither defense nor explanation so far as we are concerned. What does concern us vitally is the much larger question of freedom of thought and expression in our university community. We think that inasmuch as this committee represents a cross-section of the undergraduate body, its expressions may be fairly presumed to represent the general opinion of the majority of students. We offer the following then, tentatively, as something in the nature of an undergraduate credo:

1. A university must be the first to defend and the last to forsake the constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. In times of stress there will inevitably be a lunatic fringe at left and right who avail themselves of this right to advocate programs repulsive to the temperate majority; for these noisy minorities, too, we advocate freedom knowing that an ultra-radical minority is dangerous only when it is suppressed, and knowing that thinking people will not mistake our insistence on their right to speak as agreement with what they say.

Defend Right of Speech

2. From our teachers we will demand an honesty and objectivity which are the fundamental attributes of scholarship, believing that a faculty which trims its sails to meet each change in the direction of the political wind is worse than none at all. In turn, we will defend their right to express honest convictions, however controversial the issue, and will expect them to give us all available information on all problems so that we may ourselves form opinions in the light of all the facts. As students of history we will not forget that violent revolutions in government have never succeeded where the right to know the truth and to discuss it has been regarded.

3. To that great majority of Wisconsin citizens who are, like ourselves, jealous of the well earned reputation of a university which has been named by impartial experts as one of the 12 great educational institutions of the country, we know that no defense of Wisconsin is necessary. They well know, without being reminded, that the moral standards of the university community are higher than those of the average community in Wisconsin or elsewhere; that most of us here are intent on the serious purpose of training ourselves for life in a highly competitive and disordered world, to the exclusion of the more romantic and exciting diversions of which newspapers and senators suspect us; that despite the widely advertised charges of atheism, our campus churches are still among the best, attended in the state, some 82 per cent of our students being affiliated with one or another of the 15 denominations represented; and that as heirs to the multiple throne of a democratic government, the institutions and traditions of this country are as dear to us as to anyone."

Signed by Student Leaders

The statement was signed by:

Jean Charters, former president of Women's Self-Government association; Lois Montgomery, president Women's Self-Government association; Herbert Terwilliger, president Wisconsin Union; Fred C. Cady, president Y. M. C. A.; D. Jane Bond, president Y. W. C. A.; Milton Lozoff, president Adams Hall; Frances Stiles, president Badger Board; W. O. Schilling, former president Men's Union Board; Wilson Weisel, former vice president Men's Union Board; Frank H. Bell, president Sigma Delta Chi; Richard S. Bridgman, editor 1935 Badger; Rex L. Karney, editor, Daily Cardinal; Charles Bernhard, former editor Daily Cardinal; George Duggar, editor chairman, Daily Cardinal; Gilbert MacDonald, former president "W" club; John K. Wood, president Interfraternity Board; Florence Lloyd Jones, former president Pan-hellenic Council; Eleanor Bond, president Women's Athletic association; Olav F. Anderson, president Agricultural Council; Robert C. Kaska, co-chairman Mothers'-Fathers' weekend; Frank Klode, president senior class; Howard T. Heun, co-captain varsity crew; Fred R. Holt, co-chairman orientation week; Caryl Morse, president Inter-church Council; and Lewis Kranick, president Cardinal board of control.

U. W. Department Guards Health of Badger Students

Treatment of 418 cases of communicable diseases since September, 1934, and the successful prevention of the spread of the recent smallpox epidemic to University of Wisconsin students by modern preventive methods was disclosed recently by Dr. Charles E. Lyght, director of the student health department at the State University.

Almost 5,700 vaccinations were administered during the year to University students who wished to take this precaution, Dr. Lyght said.

Of the 418 cases of communicable diseases, the greatest number were German measles, for which 379 students received medical attention. Twenty cases were mumps, nine chicken pox, six scarlet fever, and two each were measles and diphtheria, it was revealed.

A report of the number of students using the facilities of the University student health department show that 48,181 visits were made from July 1, 1934, to April 30, 1935, or an average of 148 visits per day.

The student infirmary maintains more than 100 beds, Dr. Lyght pointed out. These are more than are ordinarily in use, and are kept in case of need in unpreventable epidemics.

Wauwatosa Pageant Has U. W. Direction

Through its bureau of dramatic activities, the University of Wisconsin is lending support to the 1935 historical plans of the city of Wauwatosa, where a Centennial pageant will be produced on three evenings, beginning tomorrow, May 30, and continuing through June 1. Direction is in charge of Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, who heads the State University bureau, while organization work is undertaken by a local production committee made up of heads of community organizations.

Cramer to Address Dairy Science Group

A. J. Cramer, extension dairyman at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, will be one of the speakers at the American Dairy Science association when it holds its annual meeting at St. Paul, June 24.

Cramer is a member of the testing committee which will report upon dairy herd improvement activities in the various states. Wisconsin dairymen have made farm account work an important part of their herd management plans in the past three years.

Serving with him on the testing committee are J. W. Linn, extension dairyman, Kansas State Agricultural College; W. T. Crandall, extension dairyman, New York State College of Agriculture; G. A. Williams, Purdue University; and A. B. Nystrom, extension dairyman of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Ten Girls Win High Honors in Food Canning

Canning around 1,000 jars of fruit and vegetables for winter use is a feat which each of 10 Wisconsin 4H club girls accomplished in 1934.

Marquette and Green counties claim five of these honor achievement members: Edna Alsbery, Beaver; Henrietta Staudemeier, Marinette; Elda Strahm, New Glarus; Esther Elmer, Monticello; and Arlene Schreder, Peshigo.

High honors were also won by Martha Bellin, Thiensville, Ozaukee county; Ethel Best, Verona, Dane; Alice Gorder, Waterloo, Jefferson; Florence Rettler, Black Creek, Outagamie; and Annabel Yanisch, Ellsworth, Pierce.

The 10 girls packed, processed, and sealed 14,095 jars of food, according to Elizabeth Salter, state 4H club assistant.

Despite the prolonged drouth, two of the 10 winners canned over 2,000 pints apiece, six girls averaged 1,347 jars apiece, and the other two winners had over 950 jars of fruit and vegetables listed to their credit.

U. W. Student Physicians Named to Health Offices

Dr. Charles E. Lyght, director of the student health department at the University of Wisconsin, was elected president of the North Central District of the American Student Health association, which recently held its annual meeting at the State University.

Dr. R. H. Stiehm, a member of the staff of the department, was also elected a director of the association. Representatives of colleges and universities in the states of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin attended the meeting, at which several University physicians gave reports.

Pres. Glenn Frank of the University of Wisconsin and Miss Alice Shoemaker, director of the State University,

I Knew Jane Addams » »

By MRS. NELLIE KEDZIE JONES

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As Jane Addams' *** mother died when she was a baby, her whole childhood life centered in her father, a Quaker, who was a miller. Her childhood home was *** where she knew the trees and the flowers and the birds and the glory of the sunsets.

Jane Addams *** studied medicine for a time and underwent a serious operation for curvature of the spine which kept her six months in a hospital.

Devoted to Humanity

During a visit to the east end of London, she saw a Saturday night auction where many people bought withered and old and decayed vegetables. The fact that people would buy and eat such material created within her such a horror that she dedicated her life to better the conditions of the masses of people who flock to a great city.

She had a considerable fortune in her own right. People who saw her work and believed in it gave money as well as time, until Hull House has, in addition to the one first old family home, twelve more substantial buildings equipped for every kind of work carried on by this settlement.

Believed in Peace

When Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr established Hull House, they founded a place where everybody was free to come, where every person was respected and honored and treated as an equal. They believed so thoroughly in world peace that they would have no dealings with quarrels of any kind.

They trusted the future and were patient with the present. They believed that every human being has a right to develop to his utmost capacity. Jane Addams always trusted every person who came into Hull House, and it soon became apparent that because of her trust everybody became more trustworthy the moment he stepped over her threshold.

Shared Others' Troubles

Day after day she would sit in her little office room and listen to what her visitors had to say. They came to her with every sort of problem. Her clear thought, her strong personality, her comradeship, were characteristics which have carried her through stormy times. Her steady composure and her never failing courtesy were invincible.

She herself would tell of the time when Tolstoi reproached her for setting up the barrier of fashionable attire between herself and her people. He told her she had enough stuff in one of her big sleeves to dress a little girl. She tried to tell him that enormous as her sleeves were, they did not compare with those of the working girls in Chicago and that nothing would more effectively separate her from the people than to dress in a manner that would make her conspicuous, even though it be in the simplest of garments.

What Her Life Meant

People often asked what was the greatest attribute of Jane Addams. One woman who had worked with her for years says, "Her tolerance. She saw something good in everybody. She was an understanding person." Another says, "It was her courage. She has never feared anything." A third one answers, "Her Christianity. She was the only person I have ever known who literally loved her neighbor and her neighborhood as herself." And a fourth answers, "Her belief that the best is for everybody, that art and literature and music and happiness and gracious living belong alike to the rich and the poor."

Miss Addams Helped All

Six thousand souls go weekly through Hull House with its ever open doors. To every one of them came the kindly interest and the helpful suggestions that only such a woman as Jane Addams could give.

She was one of the great women of the world. She had for years worked and talked and written for peace. It was one of the joyous occasions of the world when she was awarded the Nobel peace prize. No one could deserve it more or be happier to receive it. Innumerable honors have been given her, and our own University of Wisconsin, in 1904, conferred upon her the degree of LL.D.

It is no wonder that many of us who have known her for years speak of her as "Saint Jane." She was among those of whom it will always be said, "Their works do live after them."