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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

Institute On Blood Diseases Convenes At U. W. Sept. 4-6

The University of Wisconsin is up to its old pioneering tricks again. This time it's in the field of science, with the University's Medical school sponsoring an Institute for the Consideration of the Blood and Blood-Forming Organs, to be held on the Wisconsin campus for three days this autumn from Sept. 4 to 6.

The Institute will be the first of its kind ever to be held at any American university. It follows two other worldwide science meetings of a similar type which have been held at Wisconsin during the past three years. These two were the Cancer Institute, held three years ago, and the Symposium on Chemical Kinetics, held last June. All of these science meetings are evidences of the University of Wisconsin's continued emphasis on science research for the benefit of mankind.

Expect 500 To Attend

From 300 to 500 physicians and scientists from all parts of the United States and from several foreign countries are expected to attend the blood institute in September. Fifteen papers will be presented at the Institute by some of the world's foremost authorities on blood diseases. In addition to the general sessions at which the papers will be read, roundtable discussions will be held at which various aspects of diseases of the blood and blood forming organs will be considered.

The University committee making arrangements for the blood institute, which is being sponsored on funds supplied by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, is headed by Dr. Ovid O. Meyer, associate professor of medicine at the University. Members of the committee are: Dr. C. H. Bunting, Dr. William D. Stovall, Dr. Mead Burke, and Dr. Frederick J. Pohle.

Aims of Institute

Commenting on the purposes for holding the Institute, Dr. Meyers said: "Knowledge of the blood and blood-forming organs is important because blood is affected by many diseases, and because there are many blood diseases about which treatment to date is still unsatisfactory. In the case of many blood diseases, both the causes and the cures are still unknown."

"Our purpose in holding the Institute for the Consideration of the Blood and Blood-Forming Organs at this time is to promote advances in the whole field of blood diseases," he continued. "We want to bring together the investigators in the field from the various parts of the country for an exchange of ideas, and we want to furnish information to physicians and others who are interested and who desire it, on the latest knowledge and most recent developments in the field of blood diseases."

Hansen, Visual Aids Leader, Elected To Educational Posts

Election of J. E. Hansen, chief of the bureau of visual instruction, University of Wisconsin Extension division, to offices in two national organizations concerned with visual aids was recently announced.

Prof. Hansen was elected president of the department of visual instruction of the National Education association at the annual meeting at San Francisco.

Through a mail ballot he was elected a director of the Association of School Film Libraries, recently formed as an outgrowth of plans by the American Council on Education to organize in a national body those institutions which are engaged in the non-commercial use of motion pictures in schools and colleges. One purpose is to act as a clearing house for members in procuring and distributing educational films and information. The association is aided by a grant from the General Education board.

Selection of a Wisconsin educator to help chart the visual instruction movement nationally is seen as a recognition of the notable success achieved by the University of Wisconsin in introducing educational films into the schools effectively to supplement the regular classroom teaching.

The film and pictorial library of the University of Wisconsin visual instruction department is known as one of the most complete collections in the country. It includes some 2,000 reels of 16-millimeter sound and silent films, valued new at \$70,000, and about 50,000 lantern slides and 30,000 film strips, valued new at \$40,000. These materials serve nearly 1,000 grade and high schools, clubs, service and other organizations. Ninety-five per cent of the films are supplied to Wisconsin schools.

U. W. MEN TO SPEAK

Two University of Wisconsin faculty members will speak on the program of the first English Institute to be held at Columbia University in New York from Aug. 28 to Sept. 9. They are Profs. Miles L. Hanley and Harold Whitehall, both of the English department. The Institute is designed to afford opportunity for mature scholars in the field of English to meet together and discuss problems of literary and philological research.

State U. Loan Funds Tide Needy Students Over Lean Financial Days

About 1,400 emergency cash loans were granted from the University's loan fund to University of Wisconsin students "to tide them over lean financial periods" during the last year, according to Curtis Merriman, registrar and chairman of the committee on loans and undergraduate scholarships.

This figure, however, does not include scholarships granted outright to help students through the University. Funds for loans and scholarships have been accumulated over a period of years from gifts and endowments to the University. Benevolent offerings, usually made by alumni or other persons interested in the University's welfare, fall into three classes:

Three Classes of Gifts

Outright gifts, to be used for the University in a way determined by the board of regents; trust funds, administered by the regents for a purpose dictated by the donor; and gifts to be realized by the University when certain stipulations of the donor have been fulfilled, such as the payment of the income to relatives for life.

The loan funds, amounting to about \$100,000 at present, are administered by the committee on loans and undergraduate scholarships on a revolving basis as emergency loans. The general policy of the committee is to arrange for the loans to be repaid by the opening of the year following the school year in which the loan is made. This plan keeps the funds in constant circulation so that the \$50 to \$100 amounts reach the largest number of needy students.

Basis For Loans

Loans are granted on the basis of financial need, scholastic record, and

U. W. Has Granted 50,000 Degrees In Its 90-Year History

More than 50,000 degrees have been conferred upon University of Wisconsin students by the State University board of regents in the 85 years since first Pres. John Lathrop handed the first graduating senior his diploma in 1854, a study by the statistician's office reveals.

Bachelor degrees account for approximately four-fifths of the total, 40,011 first degrees having been granted. Over 11,000 higher degrees, 11,069 to be exact, also have been awarded by the University.

Master of Arts proves to be the most popular higher degree, for 7,721 master's degrees have passed on to Badger scholars. Next in number is the doctor of philosophy award, having been granted to 2,315 students since 1854.

In addition to the first and higher degrees conferred by the University, 267 eminent Americans have been granted honorary degrees from Wisconsin.

By far the largest proportion of bachelor degrees have been received by students in the general letters and science course. Second largest list of graduates is claimed by the Law school, which has seen 3,481 barristers pass through its portals. Third on the list are commerce school graduates, 2,545 in number.

One University of Wisconsin graduate has the distinction of being the only person holding the B. S. degree in geology ever granted by the University. For a single year, 1914, the geology course offered this degree, with one man graduating from the course.

Lane, Buerki Head New U. W. Theater

J. Russell Lane and Fred Buerki will head the operating and instructional staff of the new Wisconsin Union theater at the University of Wisconsin, Porter Butts, Union house director, and A. T. Weaver, chairman of the speech department, announced by the speech department, announced recently.

Both men have been active in play production and teaching in the State University speech department for several years and are well-known to campus play-goers.

With the opening of the University's new theater next fall they will devote half time to play production and teaching and the remainder to the management of the theater facilities as members of the Union staff, assisting in the development of the Union's recreational program for the campus.

The theater building itself will operate as a department of the Wisconsin Union under the general direction of the Union council, student-faculty and alumni governing board.

The theater is envisioned as the University's community center and will be open to all campus organizations and departments presenting drama, music, lectures, motion pictures, dance recitals, and radio programs.

U. W. STUDENT AT 76

A man who studied at the University of Wisconsin in 1891 returned to the State University campus this summer to continue and renew his education. He is Edwin Shaw, 76, of Milton, Wis. Mr. Shaw was a summer session student at Wisconsin way back in 1891, almost half a century ago. He was enrolled in four classes this summer and was considered a good student by his instructors.

the personal character of the candidates. While they are frequently extended beyond the original loan period, there are few actual defaults on the principal, with the students keeping up the interest payments regularly.

In addition to the loans, aid is granted through cash scholarships to needy students desirous of continuing their education at the State University. Some of the donations made to the University are set aside for scholarships to deserving high school graduates, preferably state residents. Various of these funds require that the student follow a stated course at the University, or that he come from a certain geographical area of the state. The Sivyer fund, which allows 30 students to receive awards of \$50 each, is the largest fund in this class.

Aid Freshmen

Last year 214 freshmen attended the University tuition free under the provisions of the 1935 legislative grant, allowing top-ranking high school graduates to enter the University free for one year. Another type of state legislature sponsored scholarship is the out-of-state scholarship. The amount granted each year amounts to eight per cent of the out-of-state enrollment for the previous year.

Still another type of legislative scholarship is the legislator appointment scholarship. Under the provisions of this act, each member of the legislature has the privilege of appointing one out-of-state student who is allowed to attend the University under the same privileges as granted to the holder of a legislative scholarship.

Badger Bacteriologists Attend National Meet

Wisconsin will be represented on the program of the third International Congress of Microbiology in New York, September 2-9.

Members of the agricultural and medical department staffs at the University of Wisconsin and the tentative programs in which they will take part at the Congress include: Professor Elizabeth McCoy, characterization and classification of bacterial types; Professor W. H. Peterson, nutritional factors affecting the growth of bacterial cultures; Marvin Johnson, bacterial enzymes; Professor James Johnson, virus diseases of plants; Professor P. F. Clark, poliomyelitis; Professor B. M. Duggar and Professor A. J. Riker, effects of microorganisms and chemical substances on a typical growth in plants; and Professor I. L. Baldwin, soil microbiology.

Other members of the agricultural bacteriology department staff planning to attend the meeting include Professors W. D. Frost, P. W. Wilson, W. B. Sarles, and W. C. Frazier; W. W. Umbreit, Robert Burris, and Orville Wyss, graduate assistants; and Francis J. Graham and Richard K. Tam, graduate students. Dean E. B. Fred, of the University of Wisconsin Graduate school, will also attend.

L. R. Jones, professor emeritus of plant pathology, is an honorary president of the Congress. H. L. Russell, director of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, is a vice president. I. L. Baldwin, assistant dean of the College of Agriculture, is a member of the executive committee.

U. W. Bacteriologists Attend World Meeting

Wisconsin scientists will take an active part in the world-wide meeting of soil bacteriologists at New Brunswick, New Jersey, August 30-September 1. The meeting will be devoted to a discussion of legume bacteria and their place in the soil and of the microorganisms found in soil organic matter.

W. W. Umbreit and P. W. Wilson, of the Agricultural Bacteriology department, will present a paper on the results of their studies in the mechanism of symbiotic nitrogen fixation, the process by which micro-organisms in the roots of legume plants turn nitrogen into a form of plant food which the legume plant can use. E. B. Fred, dean of the graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, will preside at a discussion on legumes and legume bacteria.

Other members of the agricultural bacteriology staff at the University of Wisconsin who will attend include W. B. Sarles and Elizabeth McCoy. Graduate assistants who will attend include Robert Burris and Orville Wyss; graduate students, Francis Graham and Richard Tam.

Summer Study Brings U. W. Degrees To 400

Approximately 400 seniors and graduate students will receive diplomas on the basis of work completed at the end of the 1939 summer session at the University of Wisconsin, according to the University registrar's office.

This number represents an increase of nearly 35 per cent in the number of degrees ordinarily granted at the conclusion of the six and nine weeks' sessions. Ordinarily about 300 students graduate at the close of summer school.

Of the 400 degrees granted, about 150 will be awarded to seniors, with the remaining 250 going to graduate students.

Reference Pamphlet On Banking Added To Extension List

A guide to the study of banking for use by groups or individuals desiring to pursue special studies in that field has recently been added to the long series of study aids developed by the University of Wisconsin Extension department of debating and public discussion. The purpose, according to the pamphlet's foreword, is to assist in understanding the historical highlights in American banking and to give new insights into some modern banking functions and problems.

Copious references to the best books, magazines, and government publications on the subject are supplied.

This publication was prepared by L. K. Brandt under the joint direction of Prof. Walter A. Morton, of the department of economics, and Miss Almere Scott, director of the department of debating and public discussion, and was issued in cooperation with the Works Progress administration.

The first four studies that comprise the subject matter, according to the author, develop "fundamental and representative events in American banking history," and the last six seek to present the major banking functions and problems of the present day.

Most of the material cited is available in loan package libraries of the Extension division, supplementing local library resources. Many books not available locally are offered for loan by the State Traveling library.

New Law Library At U. W. To House 120,000 Books

A new Law school library, capable of holding about 120,000 books, is nearing completion on the University of Wisconsin campus. The new building, measuring 94 by 40 feet, is of the latest fire-proof construction, and is being built of Madison sandstone.

The new unit will be used entirely as a law library and a reading room. The four stack levels are capable of housing well over 100,000 books, magazines, and periodicals.

The original library, occupying part of the old building, has been far outstripped by increasing enrollment, which last year reached 414 students. Originally the library had only 4,000 books and provided ample reading room facilities. With the years, however, the number of books has increased to about 40,000 plus an equal number of pamphlets and periodicals.

Fire Protection

Because of its fire-proof construction, the new building provides adequate fire-protection facilities, which were not present in the old building. Books, representing an outlay by the state of about \$130,000, are at present stacked in offices, stored in the basement, and some have had to be stored in other buildings where they were not readily available to students. Since many of these valuable volumes are not replaceable, they would be completely lost in case of fire.

The removal of the library from the law building itself will make room for much needed class room and office facilities. Two new class rooms and two additional offices will be constructed on the third floor. Other offices can then be cleared of the stacks for books for which there is no room in the present library.

Old Building

When the University of Wisconsin Law building was completed in 1893, it was conceded to be the most expensive structure, for its size, on the University campus. The total cost was \$86,000. An early Law school bulletin described it as "a stately structure, elegant in design and finish."

Inside the building the construction is equally elaborate. Rooms and corridors are panelled in hardwood, and the original glass in the windows is of a particularly expensive kind of plate.

For some years after the completion of the building, part of the first floor served as a suite of offices for the president of the University. Three high-ceilinged rooms, each with a tile fire-place, served the president until increasing enrollment made it necessary to have more room in the building so the offices were turned over to the dean of the school.

Schinagl Joins Holstein Staff

Jack Schinagl, a graduate of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture in 1937, has accepted a position with the extension office of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Schinagl, following his graduation, spent a year as a district agent of the Federal Land Bank in western Wisconsin, with headquarters at Sparta. He was awarded the Hoard Memorial scholarship for graduate work at the University of Wisconsin in 1938 and received his master's degree from that institution in June, 1939. He is a member of Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural fraternity, and of Alpha Gamma Rho, professional agricultural fraternity, and was general chairman of the Wisconsin Little International Livestock Show in 1937.

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300 Students To Welcome Freshmen To U. of W. Sept. 13

More than 300 upperclass students will act as "brothers" and "sisters" to the hundreds of freshmen students who will be welcomed to the campus of the University of Wisconsin in September.

The upperclass students will act as assistants and will voluntarily aid State University faculty counsellors in registering the first year students and making them feel at home on Wisconsin's famed campus. Approximately 2,600 freshmen are expected to enroll in the University this fall.

The freshmen will be welcomed to the campus during the annual Freshman Orientation Period, which takes place this year from Sept. 13 to Sept. 20, when classes start. The purpose of the orientation activities is to help the new Wisconsin students to become acclimated to the University environment before the thousands of upperclass students return to their studies.

Besides actual registration of the new students, and assignment to classes, the program for the period consists of numerous placement tests, convocations presided over by deans and faculty members, and social and recreational affairs in Memorial Union, student recreation center at the University, and in the various student churches surrounding the campus.

Among the most important events on the program are the individual conferences between students and faculty members of departments in which the student plans to study in the University, and the President's convocation, at which first year students are officially welcomed to the University by Pres. C. A. Dykstra.

U. W. Graduate Wins Dairy Award

In recognition of his outstanding scientific contributions to the dairy industry, Ralph Hodgson, a native of Dane county, Wisconsin, and now associated with the western Washington Experiment station, was recently presented with \$1,000 cash award by a milk distributing company. The award was made at a recent meeting of the American Dairy Science association.

These awards are made each year to a man in dairy production and another in dairy manufacturing. Hodgson's selection was for work done in production. He has made a brilliant record in his profession and is recognized in the Pacific states for the results of his studies.

Hodgson graduated from the Union Free High School at Mazomanie and took his training at the University of Wisconsin, specializing in dairy husbandry. In 1930, he was appointed agent of dairying for the United States Bureau of Dairying and the department of dairy husband