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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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Extension Offers
Home Study of the
Heavenly Bodies

Instruction in Elements of Astronomy Now Given By Correspondence

To stimulate a sense of curiosity and inquiry concerning the wonders of the "starry heavens," an engaging diversion for the amateur on any cloudless night, the University of Wisconsin extension division is offering several new beginning courses in astronomy, available for home study. This instruction opens to persons anywhere an opportunity to study the nightly panorama of the skies under the leadership of Prof. C. M. Huffer, of the Washburn Observatory staff, by the correspondence-study method.

The aim in preparing these courses has been to present the subject in a popular and appealing way, enabling anyone desiring to learn more about the stars, the constellations, and mysteries of the solar system to come into greater enjoyment and a better understanding of these nightly phenomena. Approximately timed with the advent of the spring and summer life out of doors, with its call to the vacationist to explore the many wonders of the universe, these studies aim to meet the special needs of the tourist, the camper, trumper and voyager, and of nature lovers and those having responsibility for group leadership, as Boy and Girl Scouts, science students, members of astronomy and nature clubs. For persons with a prior familiarity with astronomy, they offer a further means for a better understanding of the solar system and of the intriguing techniques of solar observations.

From his new astronomical knowledge the student will find himself more at home with the many books on astronomy, a more intelligent listener to radio lectures on the celestial bodies, and more capable of discussing the stars with members of amateur astronomy societies, now increasing rapidly in number and popularity.

For this amateur study a telescope is not necessary. The instruction enables one to make simple observations with merely the usual equipment found at home.

Alumni Association
Checks Up on Far
Flung U. W. Family

The old lady in the shoe had a large family, but not so large as the one which the University of Wisconsin has scattered in all parts of the world and which she tries to gather together for a reunion once every year.

Mother Wisconsin has thousands of children and she wants to know at all times what each of them is doing. Recently, through the State University alumni association, record blanks were sent to 60,000 former students along with reunion commencement invitations.

That Wisconsin alumni are interested in their Alma Mater is evidenced by the fact that the alumni association is now receiving each day an average of 600 of these blanks, each one neatly filled out with the information requested.

Four clerks in the association office on the State University campus are doing nothing these days but open letters and place them in large piles for future listing and filing. Many national figures can be found in these new records, but it will not be until long after the alumni reunions this year that the survey will reveal who they all are.

This is the first time such a detailed survey has been sought by the Wisconsin Alumni association. And it is important too. Alumni, in changing their addresses, fail to give their change of residence and the State University has lost track of them over the years. So far over 800 invitations to this year's commencement reunions have been returned because of no forwarding address.

Dates for State 4-H
Summer Camps Chosen

4-H club members, in many Wisconsin counties, will take time off during the summer months to attend county and state camps.

The schedule of camps has just been announced by Wakelin McNeel, extension junior forester of the state club office.

Combining instruction and recreation, club members guided by state and county club leaders will meet at the following camps:

Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties, at Lake St. Croix, June 6 to 9; **Price county** at Phillips, June 11; **Buffalo county**, June 12; state club week at Madison, June 16 to 21; **Marathon county**, June 25 and 26; **Bayfield, Douglas and Washburn**, at Lake Nebagamon, June 29, 30, July 1, 2; **Shawano county**, at Lake Shawano, June 27, 28, 29, 30, July 1; **Ozaukee county**, at Tour, July 7; **Dunn county**, at Cedar Lake, July 8-9; **Outagamie county**, at Lake Shawano, July 9, 10, 11; **Polk county**, July 15, 16; **Eau Claire county**, at County Park, July 26, 27, 28; **Jackson county**, July 13 or 29; **Marquette county**, at Lake Noguebay, July 13-17; **Adams county**, at Lake Jordan, July 29, 30, 31, August 1; **Forestry short course** at Madison, August 1, 2, 3; **Ashland and Bayfield counties**, at Lake Galilee, August 5, 6, 7; state fair at West Allis, August 21 to 29.

8,000 to Watch as 1,500 Close U. W.
Careers at 84th Graduation June 21

While more than 8,000 parents, relatives, and friends look on, approximately 1,500 young men and women, most of them from homes in Wisconsin, will march across the commencement platform to receive either their first or higher degrees from the hands of Pres. C. A. Dykstra at the University of Wisconsin's 48th annual commencement ceremony to be held in the University field house at historic Camp Randall on Monday morning, June 21.

The commencement ceremony will be the climax of the State University's 48th commencement weekend. It will officially bring to a close the undergraduate college careers of more than 1,200 seniors, and at the same time it will serve as the starting point for their more important life careers. For more than 300 graduate students, it will mark the close of additional professional study in many different fields of human endeavor.

Sellery Gives Baccalaureate

The University of Wisconsin's 84th commencement weekend will get under way on Friday, June 18, with an Alumni Institute holding sessions throughout the entire day. Saturday, June 19, has been designated as annual Alumni Day, with hundreds of Wisconsin alumni expected to return to their Alma Mater for the occasion. The Wisconsin Alumni association will hold its annual meeting at 10 a. m., to be followed by the alumni directors' meeting at 11 a. m.

Alumni reunion luncheons and picnics will occupy the afternoon until 6:30 p. m., when the annual "Parade of Classes" will take place, to be followed by the senior-alumni dinner in the Memorial Union.

Like to Talk? If So—
Come to U. W.—You'll Have Plenty
of Chances Next Year
Forensics Program Shows

Twenty events for the 1937-38 forensic calendar have recently been approved by the student forensic board at the University of Wisconsin, according to Byron Johnson, *Oconomowoc*, board president.

A new event, the extemporaneous reading contest, has been added to the freshmen forensics program to bring the list of contests to five for next year. Other events for first-year students are debating, oratory, extemporaneous speaking, and declamation.

Chester Krohn, *Marshfield*, was named by Johnson to take charge of the frosh program which will begin with the freshmen reception in the Memorial Union early next October.

The national debate and discussion tournament, sponsored annually by Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary forensics society, will again be held on the Wisconsin campus, Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. The finals in the state peace oratorical contest are set for March 25.

Preliminary trials for the annual \$100 Frankfurter oratorical contest will be held on Thursday, March 3, with the finals scheduled for Friday, March 11.

The second annual \$25 extemporaneous speaking contest will be the first event on schedule. Preliminaries will be on Thursday, Oct. 7, with finals on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The remainder of the schedule follows: Tuesday, Oct. 12, frosh reception; Thursday, Oct. 14, Varsity debate trials; Tuesday, Nov. 2, organization meeting for discussion contest; Tuesday, Nov. 30, Finals of discussion contest and women's debate trials.

Thursday, Jan. 6, Freshmen declamation contest; Monday, Feb. 14, varsity debate trials; Thursday, Feb. 17, university peace oratorical contest; Thursday, Feb. 24, women's varsity debate; Thursday, March 3, Frankfurter preliminary; Friday, March 11, Frankfurter finals; Wednesday, April 13, freshmen oratory contest; Thursday, May 19, forensic recognition banquet.

Dedicate Memorial to
Prof. Anderson June 27

Completion of tentative plans for the dedication of a memorial to the late Rasmus B. Anderson, first professor of Scandinavian languages and literature at the University of Wisconsin and pioneer of Scandinavian studies in the United States, was announced this week by Prof. Einar Haugen, chairman of the department of Scandinavian languages at the State University.

Prof. Haugen revealed that the memorial will be in the form of a natural boulder which for many years lay at the curbstone of Prof. Anderson's own home in Madison, and which he cherished for its fancied likeness to a viking ship. It is said that Prof. Anderson found this stone himself near Madison and had it brought to his home with the thought of some day using it as a burial monument. This turned out to be impossible, but it was felt that it would form a suitable memorial if placed on the State campus.

The stone has been placed on a high knoll near Bascom hall and overlooking Lake Mendota, and a bronze tablet with an appropriate inscription will be attached to it this month. Dedication of the memorial will take place at 4 p. m. Sunday, June 2, on Lincoln terrace on the State University campus.

Rock County Starts
Own Forest Nursery

A county forestry nursery, the first of its kind in Wisconsin designed to supply seedlings and transplant trees for 4-H forestry projects, was recently established by Rock county.

The nursery, which will be under the supervision of Wakelin McNeel, state junior extension forester, and R. T. Glassco, Rock county agent, consists of approximately one-fifth of an acre and will grow seedlings of the white pine, Norway pine, Scotch pine and white spruce varieties of coniferous trees. The nursery will also grow deciduous trees. The seeds of this group will be planted as they ripen. These will include the white elm, hard maple, the oaks, basswood, black walnut, butternut, horse chestnut, hickory nut, and native ash and mulberry.

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Honor 6 American Leaders

In addition to the more than 1,500 academic degrees to be granted at the commencement, honorary degrees will be conferred upon six American leaders in the fields of science, landscaping, law and finance, medicine, and education. The six American leaders who will be present at the exercises to receive the honorary degrees are:

Martha McChesney Berry, founder of the Berry schools for mountain boys and girls at Mount Berry, Ga.; William Kies, New York city lawyer and banker and distinguished Wisconsin alumnus; Harry A. Curtis, chief chemical engineer of the Tennessee Valley Authority; Jens Jensen, internationally known landscape architect; William O. Hotchkiss, famous geologist and president of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York; and David Riesman, professor of the history of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

U. W. Alumni to Go
Back to Classes at
Reunions June 18

Alumni of the University of Wisconsin who return to the campus of their Alma Mater for their class reunions this year will go back to "classes" for one day, to be taught by 13 State University faculty members, during the second annual Alumni Institute, sponsored by the Wisconsin Alumni association.

The Alumni Institute was held for the first time during the State University's commencement weekend last year, and proved to be so successfully received by reuniting Wisconsin alumni that it was decided to hold it again this year, it has been announced by Frank O. Holt, dean of the extension division, member of the alumni association's board of directors, and chairman of the committee making plans for the Institute.

The Institute will be held during Friday, June 18, the first day of the State University's 84th annual commencement weekend, Dean Holt revealed. During its classes, the Institute will consider the following subjects: Outline of Science Inquiry, Wisconsin Wild Life, Soil Erosion, the Citizen Committee's report on State Welfare, Light of History on Current Tendencies, the State and the University, and Adult Education and the University.

Those who will lead discussions at the Institute are Professors Noble Clark, Aldo Leopold, E. R. Jones, J. H. Kolb, Selig Perlman, C. J. Anderson, Lester F. Brumm, John M. Gaus, E. B. Gordon, F. O. Holt, A. W. Hopkins, W. H. Lighty, W. W. Clark, and Harold

Members of '87 Class to Get Awards in
Recognition of 50-year Loyalty to U.W.

In recognition of their half-century of loyalty to the University of Wisconsin, members of the Class of 1887 who return to the Wisconsin campus for reunions in June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from the State University, will be presented with Golden Jubilee Certificates by the Wisconsin Alumni association, it was announced today by John Berge, executive secretary of the association.

Presentation of the certificates will be one of the features of the annual senior-alumni dinner, which is held during commencement weekend, on Saturday night, June 19, Mr. Berge said. The Class of 1887 will be the oldest class reuniting this year. It will be the first time in the history of the State University and its alumni association that such certificates have been presented Wisconsin graduates.

Many Classes Reune

The senior-alumni dinner will be the climax of annual Alumni Day during the commencement weekend. Hundreds of Wisconsin alumni, members of the classes of 1897, 1902, '07, '12, '17, '25, '26, '27, and '28, besides 1887, are expected to return to the State University campus for their reunions this year.

Other events on the Alumni Day program on Saturday, June 19, are: the annual meeting of the Alumni association at 10 a. m.; the annual meeting of the association board of directors at 11 a. m.; class luncheons and picnics during the afternoon, ending in a parade of the classes from the Union Terrace into the Great hall of the Union at 6:30 p. m.; Pres. Clarence A. Dykstra's reception for the alumni at 9:30 p. m.; and the annual Pipe of Peace ceremony on the Union Terrace at 9:45 p. m.

The Alumni Day events annually

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New Booklet Reveals
Many Advantages of
U. W. Summer Study

The beautiful natural attractions of Madison and Wisconsin, and the social, recreational, and educational advantages of summer study at the University of Wisconsin, are revealed in a booklet entitled "Northern Summer—A Program of Recreation and Study at the University of Wisconsin" just issued by the State University's division of social education.

The booklet presents informative material and pictures of the beautiful Wisconsin campus, of Madison, and of southern Wisconsin, and contains a calendar of scheduled outings for State University summer school students. Copies of the booklet may be obtained by addressing S. H. Goodnight, dean of the summer session, 201 South hall, Madison, Wis.

Describing its purpose, the booklet declares that:

"Wisconsin's cool lake and forest land is always an invitation to come north for the summer. And to those who would join a northern vacation with a period of summer study, the state offers the facilities of its University at Madison, itself encircled by some of the most charming of the lakes and woodlands.

"Requirements for admission to the summer session do not differ materially from those of the regular term, nor is the standard of classroom work less exacting. But the session is so arranged, with classes held only in the mornings and only on the first five days of each week, that recreation holds a place of special importance. Study and play become cooperative factors in the educational plan.

"This booklet is presented by the University's Division of Social Education to inform students of the summer facilities of the campus social career—the Memorial Union; to outline the recreational programs of other University departments; and to orient newcomers in advance of their arrival in Madison with respect to opportunities for sports and outings on the campus, in Madison, and throughout the lovely countryside of southern Wisconsin."

M. Wilkie, president of the University board of regents.

Job Outlook for
U.W. Graduates Is
Better This Year

Percentage of Seniors Placed
in Jobs Rises 15-25 Per
Cent, Survey Shows

Favorable increases in the percentage of the number of seniors who are placed in new positions immediately after graduation by the various departments of the University of Wisconsin are shown by a recently conducted survey on the State University campus.

The most promising outlook is in the field of engineering where many of the students have already received jobs and others will be placed at the end of graduation or shortly after. In the electrical engineering division all but two students will receive employment as soon as they receive their diplomas, and provisions are being made to place these other two, said Prof. F. W. Watson, chairman of the department.

Professor Watson attributes this increase to business conditions. Many of the concerns have not been able to do much during the depression, he explained, but now they are in a period of expansion and naturally need more men.

Prof. R. A. Walker, of the school of education, pointed out that there has been a rise of 15 per cent in the number of students placed this year as compared to the June graduates of a year ago. This increase is due to the rise in the number of marriages of women graduates, better business conditions, and the reduction in the number of classes, he explained.

In the school of commerce, the job situation also looks bright. Prof. Henry R. Trumbower reports an increase of 20 to 25 per cent. Like the others, he attributes the increase to better business conditions, and the expansion of industries and business establishments.

The school of journalism, under the directorship of Prof. G. M. Hyde, reports that it is placing more students this year than any previous season since 1929.

"Although, it is a bit too early to know the exact number," Prof. Hyde said, "since many newspapers will not take on additional help until later, we have placed more students thus far this year than in 1936."

From Badger Cities

10 FRESHMEN WOMEN
EARN PERFECT GRADES

Because they earned perfect grades—a straight "A" average—during their first semester in the University of Wisconsin, 10 women students, nine of them from Wisconsin homes, were recently granted Freshman Scholarship Awards by the student Women's Self-Government association at the State University.

The Freshman Scholarship Awards are given annually by the association to all freshmen women students who earn perfect grades during their first semester in the University. Those who win the awards also automatically become members of a committee which makes plans for the annual freshman women's scholarship banquet held each fall shortly after the opening of classes in September.

The 10 women students who won the award this year are: Ingeborg M. Bruns, Elizabeth Gay, Shirley J. Kaub, Jean L. Powell, and Helen Thompson, all of Madison; Virginia L. Crump, Rochester, N. Y.; Hjordis M. Rossing, Argyle; Shirley D. Weimar, Wauwatosa; Janice I. Smith, Richland Center; and Hildegarde M. Schultz, Milwaukee.

SIX BADGER STUDENTS
WIN VILAS MEDALS

Six University of Wisconsin students from Wisconsin homes are included in the list of eight forensic stars awarded Vilas medals for "excellency in debate and oratory" at the annual recognition banquet held recently on the State University campus.

Two out-of-state residents, Samuel Mintz of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Margaret L. Baker, Delaware, Ohio, received the award.

Considered the highest forensic achievement on the campus, the six Vilas medals went to Edwin Wilkie, Madison, son of Harold M. Wilkie, president of the University board of regents; Marie E. Muth, Two Rivers; John Dietrich, Madison; Jack Eisendrath, Milwaukee; Robert Gunderson, Sparta; Cyril Hager, Marshfield.

EIGHT JOURNALISM SENIORS AT
U. W. GET SCHOLARSHIPS

Eight seniors in the University of Wisconsin school of Journalism have just been honored by being awarded Certificates of Scholarship by Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic society.

Such certificates are awarded annually to the highest ranking 10 per cent of the graduating class of each of the schools of journalism. Among the 73 students graduating from the Wisconsin school of journalism this year, these eight ranked highest scholastically:

Ellen R. Sorge, Madison; Carol S. Wagner, Milwaukee; Charles L. Fleming, Madison; Robert A. Matson, Marinette; Hyman H. Bornstein, and Doris C. Kelley, Milwaukee; Millicent L. Pacey, Sturgeon Bay; and Ethel A. Boehm, Wausau.