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Badger Youth Show Progress in State Plan of Work-Study

High school graduates who are pursuing special training through University Extension college courses at selected centers in the state, and financing their work through part-time employment provided by the National Youth administration, have furnished evidence of excellent scholastic ability and persistence in following through, according to extension division reports at the University of Wisconsin. The reports portray results of first semester studies.

Two students maintained a steady flow of five lessons per week; six completed four lessons per week; 18 returned three lessons per week; 13 had a record of better than two per week; nine returned one lesson per week, and the rest a lesser number.

Individual programs were complicated, it was revealed, by problems of adjustment, illness, and plans for transferring to residence institutions. Yet only five students dropped out, and the rest gave evidence of diligent attention to the courses marked out for them.

The study centers reported on are Columbus, Lancaster, Mt. Horeb, Portage, and Tomah. Students participated also from Black River Falls, Blair, Camp Douglas, Cazenovia, Deerfield, De Forest, Galesville, Gays Mills, Hancock, Hazel Green, Kendall, La Crosse (Aquinis), Livingston, Lodi, Lone Rock, Milton, Montfort, Muscoda, Necedah, New Glarus, Ontario, Patch Grove, Plainfield, Poyntette, Redgranite, Rio, Seneca, South Wayne, Sun Prairie, Viroqua, Westfield, Whitehall, and Wilton.

These are "locally directed" correspondence courses studied under direction in high schools. The programs are based on financial and educational need, making possible profitable employment and college training at the same time.

"Under this plan of work and study," commented Dean F. O. Holt, "the student learns while he earns. Not only can he secure the beginnings of a much coveted college education but he can meet pressing family responsibilities and at the same time be of service to his home community and to his country in these times when young men and women must prepare themselves, at a minimum of expense, for more effective contributions of national defense."

Hitler and Japs Please Note: U. W. Marksmen Practice

University of Wisconsin marksmen are sharpening their shooting eyes for collegiate competition (and maybe for the Japs and Nazis) on one of the finest indoor rifle ranges in the state, a \$10,000 "double-deck" installation in the east section of Camp Randall stadium.

Sponsored by the University Reserve Officers Training corps, the rifle and pistol teams are firing 80 postal matches against other squads all over the country, and will engage in several shoulder-to-shoulder matches in one of the heaviest inter-collegiate schedules ever arranged for the Badger marksmen. The teams and use of the range are supervised by members of the ROTC instructional staff.

The rifle team season began early in December, and will continue until April. The range which they use was completed last year in the new addition to the stadium, and it has 20 firing points arranged in a double deck, with firing from the central aisle in two directions. "Daylight" lighting and acoustic treatment are modern features of the range. A carrier system is provided for bringing targets to and from the backstops.

Interest in rifle and pistol competition is extremely high, according to Col. H. H. Lewis, commandant of the ROTC. In addition to the large schedule of postal matches and shoulder-to-shoulder matches, the riflemen will participate in the Hearst Trophy match and Corps Area Intercollegiate match this season. The pistol team has nearly 30 postal matches with teams throughout the country, and will attend the regional match at Purdue University early in the spring. Other shoulder-to-shoulder pistol competition is pending with Illinois, Missouri, and Michigan State universities.

The Wisconsin rifle range is built directly into Camp Randall stadium beneath the stands where thousands of football fans are seated each fall. The huge new unit houses football, track, baseball, boxing, and wrestling training quarters in addition to the rifle layout.

On the new range, all shooting is done at 50 feet, with pistol competition on the ground floor and rifle firing from the upper deck. Marksmen are protected from ricochetting slugs by steel flanges mounted against all sharp corners of the walls. Targets are backed up by one-fourth inch thick steel plates slanting into sand pits, which receive the spent bullets.

U. W. Men to Address Foundry Conference

Dean Ellis Johnson, head of the University of Wisconsin College of Engineering, will give the welcoming address at the fifth annual Wisconsin Foundry conference in Milwaukee Feb. 26-27. The two-day meeting includes a series of talks and roundtable discussions on current foundry problems. Dr. J. F. Oesterle, of the Wisconsin department of mining and metallurgy, is co-chairman of the conference. Pres. Clarence A. Dykstra will be the principal speaker at a luncheon and joint meeting Feb. 27.

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University Promotes Defense Plans In Many Badger Cities

Adapting its normal peacetime activities to new needs arising from war emergencies, the Extension division of the University of Wisconsin is operating greatly expanded programs on various fronts as contributions to the allied war effort. These have one objective, described by Dean F. O. Holt as "to cooperate in government ventures essential to the successful prosecution of war."

Responding promptly to the government's call, the State University set up a statewide program of classes at the college level to promote maximum efficiency and speed up outputs of defense industries in cooperation with the National Committee on the Conservation of Manpower.

The courses were planned for Appleton, Beloit, Clintonville, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kaukauna, La Crosse, Manitowoc, Racine, Stevens Point, Superior, Waukesha, and Wausau, and possibilities for others are being surveyed. Similar classes have been organized in the metropolitan area by the University Extension division at Milwaukee.

The scope of classes is indicated by such subjects as machine shop methods, applied geometry for defense industries, engineering sketching and advanced blueprint reading, applied engineering mathematics, time and motion study, metallurgy, general machine shop inspection, safety engineering, Diesel engineering, plant protection, engineering psychology, cost accounting and personnel management.

Give Radio Instruction

Subject to government approval, the University will offer instruction in classes in radio fundamentals to be formed at radio centers in the state. The government reported a demand for several thousand radio technicians to help meet pressing needs for the army, navy, and the radio industry.

This course will be conducted in cooperation with the National Association of Broadcasters and will be open to men and women, boys and girls who have had a high school education or its equivalent. The instruction will be free of expense. Enrollments are being received by Wisconsin radio stations and by the University Extension division and its district representatives.

Pilot Training

Opportunities for civilian pilot training for young men of college experience, given by the University since 1939, have been enlarged for the new programs starting this month. Age limits were lowered from 19 to 18, married men of some college experience were made eligible, and enrollment fees were substantially reduced. Centers where Extension-supervised training courses are given are located at Madison, Milwaukee, La Crosse, and Oshkosh.

The new pilot training program at the University of Wisconsin will start Feb. 17 with 50 students in the elementary course and 30 in the secondary phase. Ten are allotted for each of the other educational centers giving elementary training.

Lead Local Forums

The Extension division is also making available to groups, anywhere in the state, instructors on its social science staff to lead local forums on the war issues with a view to affording more intelligent understandings of the world conflict and of the requirements for a permanent peace. This service has been recommended to the people of the state by the state council of defense.

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120 Men, 20 Co-eds To Study Army Radio Communication at U. W.

University of Wisconsin students and Madison civilians will soon begin training in army radio communications in a new radio code instruction room being completed in the University armory under direction of Reserve Officers Training corps instructors.

The new code room is being built to accommodate 40 students at one time, with individual code "tickers" installed at each small booth. The new room will more than double the size of classes which can be handled by military department radio instructors.

Already 120 men have signed up for the radio training course being offered as a public service by the University ROTC unit, and 30 of them have begun work in courses taught by University signal corps instructional staff members. In addition, 20 University women have requested instruction in a radio course which will fit them for duty with civilian defense projects.

"Civilian defense is our first interest," Lt. Frank Glassow, ROTC instructor, commented. "We are also training for possible duty in the army signal corps, and there are civilian jobs in radio communications which do not require army personnel, but in which army training helps," he explained.

U. W. Geologist's Work On Minerals Is Praised

The work of Dr. R. C. Emmons of the University of Wisconsin geology department was praised by Prof. E. R. Larson, president of the Geology Society of America, at the society's annual meeting in Boston recently. Prof. Larson, in his presidential address, advised all mineralogists to familiarize themselves with Emmons' methods of determining mineral identification.

Final permission has been granted by the British Admiralty in Washington for girls in the British Women's Royal Naval Service to be the guests of the boys in the University of Wisconsin Haresfoot club for the weekend of Military ball, April 10, at the State University.

The girls, more commonly known as WRENS, are serving with the British navy in the United States. They will fly to Madison from Washington

as guests of the Haresfoot club under the sponsorship of the Chicago Sun.

According to Fred Doerflinger, president of the Haresfoot club, the whole idea came about from an article in the Chicago Sun two weeks ago announcing the arrival of the girls from England.

"We hope to do our part in bettering relations between the youth of this country and Great Britain," Doerflinger said.

Haresfoot is the all-male organization on the campus that has as its famous slogan, "All our girls are men, yet everyone's a lady." Each year the organization tours the state with a musical show written and directed by University students.

The WRENS are a bit of wartime England transplanted to wartime America for the duration. WRENS get their name from the organization of which they are members, the Women's Royal Naval Service.

Stiff white collars, brass-buttoned

uniforms, dark four-in-hands and black stockings identify these charming products of naval discipline, who work long hours doing technical work at the British Admiralty office.

The 30 officers and girls report to work daily in the highly confidential field of communications. Most of them received technical training at the Royal Naval college in England.

Since they were organized in 1939, 15,000 of them have been attached to the Royal Navy. To the plotters of the WRENS goes part of the credit for the sinking of the German battleship, Bismarck.

Revised calendars for the 1942-43 and 1943-44 school years, saving from three weeks to a month's time in each of the two school terms, were unanimously adopted by the University faculty at its February meeting.

The abbreviated calendars do not shorten the actual teaching and class work periods for either of the two years, but make up the saving in time during the two school years by reducing the length of vacation periods and examination and registration periods. The University continues on the semester system under the revised calendar.

Monday's action of the faculty in reducing the University's calendars for the next two years, is in line with earlier faculty action taken in December, cutting three weeks' time from this year's school term to release students earlier from their studies for national service or for work on farms and in factories.

The revised calendars were recommended to the faculty by the University's special committee on Emergency Educational Policy, and were presented at the meeting by Dr. J. H. Mathews, head of the chemistry department, chairman of the committee.

The committee's recommendation explained that the shortened calendars do not reduce the actual number of days of instruction, and pointed out that the reduced school terms were necessary for the advancement of the national war effort, by releasing students for a longer period of summer employment on farms and in industry.

Following are the revised calendars for the next two school years:

1942-43 Sept. 14, 15 (MT) Sept. 13, 14

Register 1st year & new students

Sept. 16-19 (W-S) Sept. 15-18

Register continuing students

Sept. 21 (M) Sept. 20

Classes begin

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving

Dec. 3-Jan 4 (W-M) Dec. 23-Jan. 3

Christmas Recess

Jan. 5-9 (M-S) Jan. 4-8

Pre-registration—2nd Semester

Jan. 18-23 (M-S) Jan. 17-22

Examinations

Jan. 26 (Tu) Jan. 25

Registration new students

Jan. 27 (W) Jan. 26

Classes begin

Apr. 15-18 (Th-Sun) Apr. 13-16

Spring Recess

May 19-25 (W-T) May 17-23

Examinations

May 29 (Sat) May 26 (Sat)