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U. W. Serves Many Nations with Study Privileges by Mail

With all but two of the American states, the District of Columbia, five outlying possessions, and three foreign countries represented by correspondence students, the University of Wisconsin saw its influence as a study center continued last year in many parts of the civilized world, according to the University Extension recorder's annual report.

In giving a literal application of the University's maxim that the University serves without regard to campus limits, the Extension division supplied study opportunities to students outside Wisconsin through 799 registrations in courses taught by the correspondence method.

Sources of Registrations

These new out-of-state enrollments exceeded the previous year's by 118, and were equivalent to 19.3 per cent of all new registrations recorded.

Total new registrations in this field of instruction were 4,026, of which 3,227 or 80.7 per cent, were from Wisconsin people.

Largest volume of out-of-state correspondence-study registrations came from Illinois, with 153, followed by New York, with 40, Ohio, with 44, Connecticut, with 42, Michigan, with 40, and California, with 36.

18,986 Students

Canada was represented by 11 students, Mexico by four, and Chile by three. Of the U. S. possessions, Hawaii had six, Alaska and Canal Zone four each, and Porto Rico and the Philippines two each.

In previous years there were enrollments from China, Iraq and Persia. In 1940-41 these countries, now war torn, have no extension students on Wisconsin rolls.

To the year's 4,026 new correspondence enrollments are to be added 6,136 represented by courses previously recorded but not yet completed—a total of 10,162 in correspondence courses, which were taken by 8,871 students. When class registrations also are included, the year's volume of extension instruction is indicated by 28,247 registrations filed by 18,986 students.

English First Choice

English courses were highest in the list with 692 registrations, followed closely by mathematics, with 685. Large enrollments also were shown as follows: Mechanical engineering, 485; business, 461; history, 261; economics, 205; civil and structural engineering, 198; German, 126; Spanish, 109.

From its organization on its present basis in October, 1906, to July 1, 1941, the University of Wisconsin extension division recorded 157,066 enrollments in correspondence courses and 229,666 in extension classes, for a total of 386,732 registrations. This represents an average of 11,050 registrations yearly during the 35 years in which Wisconsin has offered courses of instruction by extension method.

\$10,227 in Gifts Aid Scholarships, Research, Libraries

Fourteen gifts and grants totaling \$10,227.71 were accepted by the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents at its meeting in Pres. C. A. Dykstra's office in Bascom hall recently.

The funds provided for either research scholarships and fellowships in a half dozen fields of science investigation; for cash scholarship or loan fund aids to needy students; or for aid to departmental libraries on the campus.

Four of the gifts, totaling \$1,450, came from anonymous donors. One of these, for \$500, was given by the donor "to be used for purposes suggested by Pres. Dykstra" for the good of the University. Two of the remaining anonymous gifts, totaling \$550, represented the first of 10 annual installments for the Law school scholarship fund, while the remaining anonymous gift for \$400 was for cancer research to be done under Prof. M. F. Guyer, of the zoology department.

Aid to University departmental libraries came in gifts of \$175 from the Employers Mutual Liability Insurance co., of Wausau, for the purchase of books and periodicals for the Commerce school library; and in the gift of a collection of legal treatises, encyclopedias, court reports, and bar association reports for the Law school library from Jesse E. Higbee, of La Crosse.

Several of the gifts were for University scholarship and loan funds to aid needy students. One amounting to \$52.71 came from the Dane county chapter of the National Lawyers guild for the student loan fund, and the other for \$75 from the St. Paul, Minn., Alumnae club for the scholarship fund.

The remainder of the gifts and grants, totaling \$8,500, were to provide either scholarships or fellowships for scientific research in soils, biochemistry, poultry husbandry, agronomy, plant pathology, and dairy.

TO ILLUSTRATE COVER

John Stewart Curry, artist in residence at the University of Wisconsin, has been chosen as one of several outstanding nationally known rural artists to prepare a series of cover page illustrations which the Country Gentleman will use during the coming year. Curry in his work will depict dairying, the industry in which Wisconsin is one of the nation's leading states.

To Editor:—The news in this bulletin is prepared especially for the press and is released for publication on the date below. Please address exchange copies to Editor, 711 Langdon Street.

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Home Studies of State U. Serve 19,000 in Year

More than 10,000 registrations in courses taught by correspondence made up the teaching load carried in 1940-41 by the instructional staff of the University of Wisconsin extension division, according to annual figures just compiled. These courses, taken by 8,871 students, were made up of 4,026 new registrations, 5,578 carried over by students enrolling the previous year, and 377 transfer registrations, or a total of 10,162. They represented the largest volume of teaching service by correspondence rendered by that department of extension study since 1930.

Large as it was, the report showed, correspondence study was exceeded in registrations by another extension teaching function—extension classes. Milwaukee classes recorded 10,543 and state classes 7,542 registrations. The total number of registrations, 18,085, were represented by 10,115 class students.

Students Near 19,000

Students in all extension courses totalled 18,986, and the number of courses they carried was 28,247. In its volume this teaching service for individuals removed from campus opportunities compared well with that of the campus population at many a large institution of learning.

The Milwaukee area, with nearly a million people tributary, utilized the Milwaukee extension center to near capacity, the extension report indicated. In the two semesters Milwaukee contributed 4,890 students to the center's day and evening class program, with 1,319 enrolled in daytime and 3,571 in evening classes and with a total of 10,543 courses studied. The center's day school provides the full program of the freshman and sophomore years in letters and science and in engineering, qualifying students to enter the University of Wisconsin or other institutions in full standing as sophomores or juniors. Many of the daytime subjects were repeated in the evening for employed students.

State Classes Near Record

In extension classes outside Milwaukee, 4,813 students enrolled in 7,542 courses—largest enrollment in state classes ever recorded except in 1939-40.

Extension classes in Milwaukee and other cities confer advantages alike to the state, to the students and their parents, according to officials, who point to their function in helping relieve the teaching load at the University and other institutions and in providing, at low cost, a good start toward a degree through the student's privilege of taking the first year or two of college while living at home.

World Affairs Are Reviewed in Local Public Discussions

The present international situation, acute domestic defense problems, and implications they involve for the people of the United States and neighbors to the north and south are discussion topics covered in public forums on the "town hall" plan, now offered by the University of Wisconsin extension division.

Forums of this character are designed to disseminate facts under trained leaders, using information derived from authoritative sources and presenting analyses critically but without prejudice. Freedom of discussion to the members is a privilege accorded at every session.

New 'Back Shop' Course for Journalism Students

A new system of "back shop" mechanical training for students who are preparing for weekly newspaper work has been made available this fall in the School of Journalism of the University of Wisconsin, through cooperation with the Campus Publishing Company, the non-profit printing plant set up some years ago to print the Daily Cardinal and other student publications.

In addition to the typographical work in the type lab of the School, which all journalism students are required to take, the students in the Community Journalism curriculum will have an additional lab period each week, receiving instruction in handling the linotype, stereotyping equipment, cylinder and platen press-work, and other mechanics usual in weekly plants, as well as cost accounting and job estimating.

6th Member of Family Gets Degree from U.

The University of Wisconsin alumna records office added another name to its already large folder on the Pike family of Portage, after the June commencement this year. Edwin G. Pike, 22, graduate of the course in chemistry, is the sixth member of his family to attend Wisconsin. Three brothers and two sisters were entered in the State University before him. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Pike, Portage.

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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Interested In "Things Growing," He Bequeaths \$10,000 to State U.

A man who spent a life-time in a Minnesota law office has bequeathed \$10,000 to the University of Wisconsin arboretum because his real interest was in "things growing."

When the late Charles Bunn Sr., Wisconsin alumnus and retired vice-president and general counsel of the Northern Pacific Railway, passed away last February, part of his estate was set aside for the advancement of research work in the 1,200-acre University arboretum on the outskirts of Madison.

The fund was accepted by the Board of Regents at a recent meeting. It will be used to further arboretum research in wild flower propagation, bird banding, and wood-lot restoration.

Born in Galesville

Born in Galesville, Wis., on May 21, 1855, Bunn Sr., was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1874 and began the practice of law in La Crosse in 1876. Nine years later he continued his law practice in St. Paul, Minn.

In 1887, he began law lectures in the University of Minnesota law school, giving to the world only the time he could spare from his practice. He had

To Send 'Wisconsin Alumnus' to U. of W. Alumni in Services

Wisconsin alumni serving in the armed forces of the nation will be sent free copies of *The Wisconsin Alumnus*, official publication of the Wisconsin Alumni association, it was announced this week.

The directors of the association feel that this is but one of the things the association can do to help make the life of the selectees and volunteers more interesting, explained A. J. Goedjen, Green Bay, president of the association.

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Information should be sent to the Wisconsin Alumni association office at 770 Langdon street, Madison.

U. W. Man Aids Actor In Recording Poetry

Prof. Robert C. Pooley, of the University of Wisconsin English department, and teacher in Wisconsin high school, last week directed Basil Rathbone, film, stage, and radio star, in recordings of poetry appreciation records in Hollywood. Prof. Pooley and Rathbone spent three days, Oct. 27-30, together in the Columbia studios preparing the album of six records.

Titled "Great Themes in Poetry," the album contained 25 to 30 poems from the great standard works of poetry. It will be used in high school literature classes over the country.

This is the third album of records prepared by Prof. Pooley and the second in poetry. He heads the committee of the National Council of Teachers of English which is cooperating with the Columbia studios in producing fine literature recordings for secondary schools. Prof. Pooley is president of the national teachers' group.

Military Training Is Radio Debate Topic

Whether military training should be compulsory for young men under draft age will be discussed in a national radio debate. The question, affording argumentative material for high school and college debaters in Wisconsin and many states, will be aired Nov. 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. (CST), over the Blue network of the National Broadcasting company. The debate is sponsored by the National University Extension association through its committee on debate materials and interstate cooperation.

Package Librarians Comb Campus For Answers to People's Questions

An annual outgo to the people of Wisconsin of more than 10,000 packages of selected reference and study materials is the present volume of this activity of the department of debating and public discussion of the State University Extension division. Reporting for the period ending May, 1941, the director, Miss Almira Scott, described this demand as a token of a mentally alert people, eager to take advantage of public resources for information in special fields.

Years of training by a skilled staff are a large factor in this state service. They don't know it all, but when desired information is not readily found the skilled reference librarians know how to find it. In their own files are hundreds of thousands of sources, indexed and cross indexed—newspaper clippings, pamphlets, books, plays, readings—preserved to satisfy quests of inquiring citizens.

Seek Answers Everywhere

The answers may be sought in Reader's Guide, in Who's Who in America, in the Wisconsin Blue Book, or in one of the University libraries. Often requests lead to correspondence with authors, publishing houses, officials, institutions. So if the package library department doesn't have the right answer at the moment, it will go the limit to find it, somehow. That's the established policy.

The 10,335 library loans last year were assembled on 4,116 subjects, of which 1,397 were new. Nine hundred forty-four Wisconsin localities were

served. Significant of the public service function are figures showing that 720, or 76.5 per cent, of the localities served are without public libraries.

The years' requests came from 1,097 organizations, 866 educational institutions, and 612 individuals and other sources. Women's clubs led in number of organizations served, with 365. Large demands were made by 226 Four-H clubs, 123 other rural clubs, 116 community clubs, 61 dramatic organizations, and numerous other groups. Among educational institutions applying were 319 high schools, 257 university extension groups, and 116 elementary schools. "Community" requests came from such purposes as addresses, articles for publication, business development, community welfare, official use, self-improvement, and CCC, NYA, WPA and other purposes.

One of Few

The department loans plays as a large-scale function. Its files contain about 17,000 plays for use by dramatic organizations and individuals. This collection constitutes one of the largest loan libraries of a state-supported character in the United States. The collection of readings for loan also is one of the largest.

Established in 1908, the package library service was created to supply reference material for any worthy purpose to any state resident or group.

One of the first of its kind, it has few counterparts today in any of the states.

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Announce Winners Of U.W. Farm Short Course Scholarships

The winning contestants in the 1941-1942 farm short course scholarship contest were announced today by V. E. Kivlin, farm short course director at the University of Wisconsin.

Money received through the scholarships will be used to defray expenses for the course which will open November 17, and will run for three 5-week terms, to close on March 14.

Winners of the University regents' scholarships were: Wilbur Anderson, Neillsville; Gordon Bradley, Omro; Jerome Dolski, Keweenaw; Angus Dow, Whitewater; George Falter, West Bend; Melvin Fenske, Eland; Ross Gibbon, Mineral Point; Francis Hessel, Cameron; Harold Jones, Gillett; Howard Jung, Doylestown; Carl Kampscheer, Stevens Point; Richard Kraemer, Lancaster; Blake Lawrence, LaVale; Glen Moore, Almena; Raymond Naczas, Comrat; Victor Owen, Mukwonago; Russell Prell, Cumberland; Donald Russell, Pardeeville; Lawrence Stanley, Neillsville; and Melvin Wirth, St. Cloud.

Those who won scholarships made available by a Chicago commercial concern were: Stanley Athor, Cleveland; Harold Bramschreiber, Little Suamico; Donald Flint, Waterford; Chester Huber, Melrose; Gerald Kramer, Forestville; Karl Langland, Sartoma; Herbert Lenz, Columbus; Joseph Neuberger, Butternut; Earl Oestreich, Oconomowoc; Martin Quarberg, Alma; Earl Schoenbeck, West Bend; Kenneth Smith, Lodi; Kenneth Streiff, New Glarus; Donald Teasdale, Schullsburg; and Lavern Wagster, Pulaski.

The ten contestants named alternates include: Roland Gillingham, Richland Center; Merlin Dalton, Portage; Charles McIntyre, Fort Atkinson; Norbert Orth, Cleveland; Grant Sanderson, Columbus; Norman Scholtes, Endeavor; Alfred Meier, Argyle; Robert Halley, Beloit; Roland Gund, Chippewa Falls; and Rueben Klessig, Chilton.

U. W. Coeds Organize To Aid Badger Men in Nation's Defense Work

If coeds at the University of Wisconsin have anything to say about it, the Wisconsin men in army camps throughout the United States will be well-supplied with letters, candy, cookies, and current reading matter.

A Women's Elective Service organization, designed to promote participation in national defense and service work among Wisconsin coeds, was launched on the University campus recently by the Women's Self-Government association and is now in full swing. More than 250 coeds are active in the program.

Rae Kimpel, Cleveland Heights, O., junior, was appointed chairman of the organization.

The service offers instruction in knitting, sewing, first aid techniques, and book and magazine distribution. As the program expands, the service directors will determine what steps the group can take to aid in providing social and recreational facilities for men in camps.

The Wisconsin program has been started along with those at Northwestern, Minnesota, and other midwestern universities. Supplies and instruction will be offered by several local social agencies.

U. W. Staff Men Aid Federal Government