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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 instalments 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 dairying.

**TO ILLUSTRATE COVER**  
John Steuart 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.

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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 for 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 presswork, 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 alumni 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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## State Potato Growers To Meet at Antigo

Exhibits, demonstrations and an illustrated program that will tell about Wisconsin's potato industry will highlight the 29th annual state potato show when growers meet at Antigo, November 5, 6, and 7, to plan for the coming year. Housed in the Langlade county exposition building will be 12 educational booth exhibits by the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture, state departments, women's organizations, and 4-H groups.

Besides showing ways of producing quality potatoes, demonstrations will tell of new ways of preparing tempting potato dishes that fit well into the family health diet.

On display will be select exhibit stocks representing both new and old varieties, as well as potato machinery, equipment, and manufactured products.

Officers of the Wisconsin Potato Growers' association, in charge of the show are: president, Charles Liehe, Chippewa Falls; vice president, August Winkler, Clearwater Lake; and secretary-treasurer, J. G. Milward, Madison.

Directors of the association are: northwestern district, Barron West, Saron; central district, Ed Rath, Almond; and James Isherwood, Plover; north central district, Walter Von Seggern, Phillips, Paul Bonack, Starks, and James Prosser, Antigo; southeastern district, Reinhold Kressin, Rockfield; and northeastern district, Harry Dixon, Pembine, and Charles Schmolinski, Oconto.

## Library of 12,000 Books Left to U. W.

A 12,000 volume library including many classics in German, history, philosophy, and literature, has been bequeathed to the University of Wisconsin by the late George Wild, of Hales Corners, Wis., in memory of his brother, Robert Wild, former Regent of the University.

According to University librarian Gilbert Doane, many of the classics are in the collection in "good editions" and the books will form a fine addition to present University collections.

George Wild's will was read in June, and since that time the collection of books has been held at his Hales Corners home by executors of his estate until the University library can provide stacks for it.

Robert Wild, in whose memory the collection was bequeathed, was a Regent of the State University from 1927 to 1928. He was appointed by Gov. Zimmerman, and served until his death on Oct. 9, 1928. Wild was a prominent Milwaukee attorney, and was vice president of the state board of law examiners. He attended Wisconsin, and was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in 1897. He gained his law degree in 1899, in the same class as Judge John C. Karel of Milwaukee.

## 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 Almere 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

## 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 work 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.

The alumni association is now preparing a complete list of all alumni and former students in army, navy, or marine corps service.

Copies of the magazine will be sent to the men in the various branches of service when their addresses can be learned. The cooperation of parents, relatives, or friends of these men will be appreciated, the association said.

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.

become the oldest member of the faculty in the point of service in 1934.

Bunn was appointed general counsel of the Northern Pacific Railway company in 1896, after practicing law in LaCrosse and St. Paul for more than 20 years. Following his retirement as general counsel in 1925, at age 70, he was appointed vice-president and special counsel of the company.

He is the author of a book on "Jurisdiction and Practice of the Courts of the United States."

Bunn had been ill for several years before his death. He is survived by a son, Prof. Charles Bunn Jr., of the University of Wisconsin, and a daughter, Miss Helen Bunn, St. Paul.

### Used for Research

"The Bunn fund will be used to further arboretum research in developing better methods for re-establishing wild flowers in Wisconsin bogs and woodlots, and in measuring the turn-over rate in pheasant and quail populations," explained Prof. Aldo Leopold, director of the University arboretum.

A third project will further research on better methods for rehabilitating grazed-out woodlots.

## U. of W. Men Named to Dairy Science Group

Several members of the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture have been named to committees of the American Dairy Science association, to serve during the coming year.

Glen Vergeront, extension dairyman, was named chairman of the extension section; Kenneth G. Weckel of the department of dairy industry, secretary of the manufacturing section; Gus Bohstedt, department of animal husbandry, chairman of the committee on measuring results of pasture investigations, a member of the feeds specifications committee, and a member of the committee on silage methods and evaluation; and I. W. Rupel, department of dairy husbandry, chairman of the committee on rules for conduct of students' national dairy cattle judging contest.

## U. W. Fraternities on "Comeback Trail" Now

Fraternities are on the comeback trail, Harry Schuck, instructor in commerce and chairman of the interfraternity councilors group at the University of Wisconsin, asserted in a recent talk over radio station WHA at the University.

The days of the raccoon-coated, gin-drinking, scatter-brained fraternity men belong to the turbulent twenties when the entire country seemed to be a little off balance, but the pendulum has swung back today, Mr. Schuck said.

The 1,214 men who are members of the 36 local fraternities on the State University campus today make up about 21.6 per cent of the men students in the University, and exemplify the new type of fraternity man to whom improved finances and scholarship mean as much as social activities, according to Mr. Schuck, who said he "finds the new fraternity man with his feet on firmer ground than that of his predecessor, his head held a little higher, his purpose and goal a little more clearly defined."

During the past year Wisconsin fraternities have taken a new lease on life. Their membership is climbing. They have adopted a house councilor plan which has aided them in many ways. Their program of activities is on a much sounder footing. Grades and finances are vastly improved.

Contrary to the popular notion, the fraternity men acquit themselves very well in the matter of grades, Mr. Schuck revealed. The all-University average for men last semester was 1.5 and the all-fraternity average was 1.4, he said.

## 63 Pages Filled by U. W. Student Writers

Student journalists enrolled in the newspaper reporting class in the University of Wisconsin school of journalism produced in the second semester of last year over 63 pages of full eight-column size of news matter for Madison newspapers, the school of journalism has reported.

The students kept their "strings" or clippings in scrapbooks for their class work, and at the end of the semester, the strings were measured by instructors and the results tabulated.

The total number of column-inches, exclusive of headlines, reached 10,181 during the semester. Exactly 100 students were enrolled in the course.

### FARM WEEK SPEAKER

E. E. Heizer, head of the department of dairy husbandry at the University of Wisconsin, will address South Dakota stockmen at their annual state Farm and Home Week at Brookings, November 4. Heizer, who has been assisting Wisconsin livestock producers step up their herd improvement program through cooperative artificial insemination rings, will speak on "Essentials of a Constructive Breeding Program."

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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, Kewaunee; Angus Dow, Whitewater; George Falter, West Bend; Melvin Fenske, Eland; Ross Gibbon, Mineral Point; Francis Hessel, Cameron; Harold Jones, Gillett; Howard Jung, Doylestown; Carl Kampschoer, Stevens Point; Richard Kraemer, Lancaster; Blake Lawrence, LaValle; Glen Moore, Alma; Raymond Naczas, Conrath; 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 Athorp, Cleveland; Harold Branschreiber, Little Suamico; Donald Flint, Watertown; Chester Huber, Melrose; Gerald Kramer, Forestville; Karl Langland, Saron; 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 Wagester, 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 Scholes, 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 mid-western universities. Supplies and instruction will be offered by several local social agencies.

## U. W. Staff Men Aid Federal Government

The federal government in Washington has made many calls on the University of Wisconsin staff members to conduct special studies for the government in recent matters. Where assignments for special research in Washington once went to men from eastern schools it has been noted that Wisconsin is forging ahead in number of men now serving in various government departments.

President C. A. Dykstra was one of the first to be called, to head the selective service program. Other more recent requests for federal aid have resulted in appointment of Prof. Charles Bunn to the state department, in addition to the state department, the departments of labor, treasury, and agriculture are taking advantage of the State University's talents.

## Badger Teachers Hold Meeting at State U.

To meet the needs of young teachers in their first teaching posts, the department of educational methods at the University of Wisconsin recently held a conference for Wisconsin high school and elementary school teachers.

The first institute of its kind arranged by the teacher training department of the University, it attracted 50 June graduates to Madison. Sheboygan had the largest representation, with Beloit and Madison second. None of the teachers had more than one month's experience, but all had many problems for the staff members who met with them in round table sessions and individual conferences on the campus.