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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.

MADISON, WISCONSIN

New Judging Plan Adopted For 1936 Play Tournament

Changes in Rules to Govern In Future Contests of State Drama Guild

Changes in judging and procedure will apply to the preliminaries in the play tournament of the Wisconsin Dramatic guild early next March, under new rules issued by Miss Ethel Rockwell, secretary, who also heads the University of Wisconsin bureau of dramatic activities.

The finals will be held at Bascom theater on the State University campus March 21-28. Original plays will be received until Jan. 18. Plays by non-club members will be accepted upon registering for guild membership, it was announced.

Little Theater groups have been divided into two classes: Urban community clubs and small dramatic clubs in towns under 2,500 and in rural communities. A division for CCC camps has been created. Other existing divisions include college, church, and women's clubs; A. A. U. W.; high school groups, for playwriting and stagecrafts; and vocational schools.

Rating Standards Altered

Plays will hereafter be classified according to standards of production instead of by giving them first and second places. These classifications are: Below standard, fair, good, very good, excellent. It will be possible thus for more than one group to win a rating of "Excellent" and receive the state award, or it may happen that none will be so rated.

During the March festival, each judge will pass upon the plays in his classification, first viewing them as a witness to obtain his impression of the plays as a whole, then registering his rating of players and of each play. His ratings will be announced at the tournament's close, and copies mailed to the participating groups.

New Judging Plan Offered

When more than four groups in any classification desire to participate in the Festival week tournament, one of two judging plans may be selected. One involves naming first place from plays in two to four groups in each classification which will meet on the stage at an agreed place in a preliminary tournament. The other offers the services of a critic judge, upon payment of his expenses, to come to any group during the year when it stages one-act plays, and to select one of these for production during Festival week. This judge will select the four best plays for final appearance and rating at Madison.

Two critic judges already have been chosen: Henry Youngerman and Delwin B. Dusenbury, of the University. Youngerman, a member of the Wisconsin Players since 1930, has directed large productions in Madison, Milwaukee, and Winona. Dusenbury, now president of the Wisconsin Players of the University Theater and also of the National Collegiate Players, has had extensive experience in University and Milwaukee productions. In addition to a bronze medallion regularly awarded by the guild, a number of special awards will be made to playwriters.

85 Per Cent of U. W. Students Come From Homes in Wisconsin

Although out-of-state enrollment at the University of Wisconsin this year increased 12 per cent, 7,699 students, or 85 per cent of the total enrollment of the State University at the present time come from Wisconsin homes, a survey recently completed by the Miss Annie Kirch, University statistician, reveals.

The survey shows that only 1,366, or only 15 per cent of the 9,065 students now enrolled in State University classes come from homes outside the state. Delaware and Nevada are the only two states in the Union which have sent no students to the University this year, according to the survey, which reveals that 14 foreign countries are represented by 51 students on the campus.

With every one of Wisconsin's 71 counties sending students to the State University, the survey shows that the total enrollment this year has increased more than 1,000 students or about 12 per cent over last year; and that enrollment of boys and girls from Wisconsin homes has increased 959 students or more than 12 per cent, jumping from 83 to 85 per cent of the total. Since 1933, enrollment from Wisconsin homes has increased more than 1,700 students.

Foreign countries, which are represented by nine women students and 42 men students on the campus, are Hawaii, Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, China, England, France, Germany, Mexico, Switzerland, and Turkey.

U. W. Student Heads National Ag Group

Henry Haferbecker, a junior in the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, was elected president of the national association of agricultural student councils at the annual meeting of the organization recently held at Chicago.

The association is composed of agricultural student councils from many of the agricultural colleges in the

U. W. Faculty Members Take Part in National School Press Meeting

Three members of the staff of the school of journalism at the University of Wisconsin played leading parts in the combined convention of the Wisconsin High School Editors' conference and the National Scholastic Press association held in Milwaukee last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Faculty members who took part included Prof. Grant M. Hyde, Prof. Helen Patterson, and Fred E. Merwin. Hundreds of Wisconsin high school editors and business managers, accompanied by their faculty advisers, attended the sessions of their own conference and the national press association.

The Wisconsin High School Editors' conference is sponsored annually at the University of Wisconsin by the school of journalism, but it was decided to hold it in conjunction with the N. S. P. A. this year since it was the first convention of that organization ever held in the state, and the first national gathering of high school editors in Wisconsin since 1926, when the Wisconsin school of journalism held the last of seven national meetings of the old Central Scholastic Press association at the University.

A program of 35 roundtables for newspaper business and editorial staffs, 20 roundtables for yearbook staffs, and six magazine roundtables made up the joint program of the state and national organizations.

Wisconsin school of journalism faculty members conducted five roundtables and spoke at several other sessions of the convention. Prof. Hyde was honored as one of the "oldtimers" in scholastic journalism at a banquet held during the event. He also spoke at a luncheon meeting of directors of high school publications from all parts of the nation, and presided at one of the convocations Friday afternoon. On Saturday morning he conducted two roundtables.

Prof. Patterson conducted two roundtables during Friday afternoon, and on Saturday morning, Mr. Merwin had charge of a roundtable meeting on sports writing.

Publications advisers from schools throughout the nation were guests at a tea given by the Wisconsin Journalism Council, composed of faculty advisers of student publications in Wisconsin schools, on Friday afternoon, and Saturday noon the members of the Council held their annual luncheon.

This year's freshman class at the University of Wisconsin, 2,700 strong, is the second largest first year class ever to enroll at the State University.

Establish Research Bureau to Aid Small Businesses of State at U. W.

Plans for the establishment of a bureau of business research at the University of Wisconsin were announced at a recent gathering of representatives of more than 40 state professional and trade associations at the State University recently by Prof. F. H. Elwell, director of the school of commerce.

The bureau will be of aid to the many small businesses of the state, helping them solve their problems by working in cooperation with their own professional and trade associations, Prof. Elwell said. He said that he had been considering establishment of the bureau for more than a year, and that both he and Prof. Philip G. Fox, also of the school of commerce, have assembled data on varied phases of certain commercial fields which will serve as a nucleus for the bureau's work.

Plans Are Praised

The plans for inaugurating the bureau were highly commended by the representatives of state associations attending the meeting, and by Gov. Phillip La Follette and Pres. Glenn Frank, who were also present. The meeting was attended by representatives of state associations of retailers, bankers, brewers, medical workers, lumbermen, contractors, furniture dealers, textile business, utilities, automotive trades, pharmacists, hardware dealers, and the Wisconsin Manufacturers' association, and the State Chamber of Commerce.

In presenting his plans, Prof. Elwell explained that at the present time the school of commerce has no funds to carry on the bureau's work, but that all research would have to be financed by the trade associations through which the bureau would work.

Representatives of the associations at the meeting were unanimous in declaring that the businesses themselves would be more than glad to lend whatever financial aid is needed," he said. "The officials showed a genuine interest in the idea, and with such splendid cooperation the bureau should get off to an excellent start."

Explaining how the bureau expected to convey its services to the businesses of the state, Prof. Elwell said: "We will take a given trade association and publish all available data

United States, and concerns itself with current educational problems.

Haferbecker, whose home is in Outagamie county, is president of Blue Shield, an organization of students interested in country life problems at the University of Wisconsin. In his new capacity, he will be assisted by a committee composed of students from Purdue University, Iowa State College, and the University of Wyoming.

University Will Welcome Youth at Speech Institute

Speech Department Plays Host to High School Students At 2-Day Meeting

The University of Wisconsin will draw high school students and teachers of speech from a large area in southern Wisconsin for an institute, Dec. 13-14, sponsored by the department of speech, with the cooperation of the department of debating and public discussion of the University Extension division. The general sessions will be held in Bascom theater on the State university campus.

Prof. A. T. Weaver, chairman of the department, will conduct a session on essentials of good delivery; Prof. H. L. Ewbank will direct a class and demonstration in extemporaneous speaking and conduct roundtables for debate coaches; Prof. Gladys Borchers will direct work in declamation; Prof. L. A. Mallory will hold classes in speech fundamentals for high school students, and Marvin G. Bauer will have charge of the work in oration.

Program Is Varied

Classes or round tables also will be devoted to work in reading, extemporaneous speaking, and oratory, and there will be non-decision demonstrations led by the four instructors, who will offer constructive criticisms.

The first session will be opened by Supt. M. A. Fisher, Dodgeville, district chairman of the Wisconsin High School Forensic association. A Friday noon luncheon will be held at the First Congregational church, with H. H. Ryan, principal of Wisconsin high school presiding. Dean C. J. Anderson, of the school of education, will speak. Prof. Weaver will preside at a dinner Friday evening at Memorial Union. George Duggar will bring greetings of the University forensic board, and an address will follow.

Hold Intercollegiate Debate

The delegates will be guests of the forensic association and University forensic board at 8 p. m. in Music hall for a debate on the question of socialized medicine. Contestants will be teams representing the Universities of Wisconsin and Michigan. Prof. A. Monroe, Purdue university, will act as critic judge.

The closing session Saturday morning will be devoted to a round table on this debate, led by Professor Monroe, with the debaters participating. Professor Weaver will preside.

Arrangements for program and luncheons are in charge of Miss Almere Scott, secretary of the high school forensic association.

Transactions of Badger Academy Completed; Sent Throughout World

Containing reports of 19 papers in the sciences, arts, and letters, many of them by University of Wisconsin faculty members, the current issue of the Transactions of the Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters is now ready for distribution, it was announced today by H. A. Schuette, professor of chemistry at the State University and secretary of the academy.

The 19 learned papers and the proceedings of the academy since the last issue of the Transactions fill 400 pages, Prof. Schuette said. The 1935 edition of the Transactions brings the total number of volumes published by the academy to 29, consisting of more than 20,000 pages recording scientific advances made in Wisconsin during the past 65 years.

The academy was established in 1870 when it received a charter from the state legislature and was empowered to perform certain acts. Under its charter, the academy was to serve as a means of communication between societies and individuals who are engaged in the various fields of research covered by the sciences, arts and letters, was to diffuse knowledge by the publication of original contributions in these fields, and was to form a library.

During its 65 years of existence, the academy has held annual meetings in various educational centers of the state, has published the Transactions, and has built up a library of more than 6,000 volumes which is housed in the State University library.

When the 29th volume of the Transactions is completely mailed out, copies will reach not only all academy members but will also find their way to libraries throughout the United States, and to societies and individuals of science, arts, and letters in 49 foreign countries on the continents of Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, South America, and North America.

Prominent Educator Talks to Ag Students at State University

Wisconsin farm boys, enrolled in the short course at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, are conferring this week with Edmund deS Brunner, rural sociologist, Columbia University, regarding rural educational problems.

Mr. deS Brunner will be remembered by farmers and homemakers of Wisconsin whom he addressed at a recent state Farm and Home Week. He and J. H. Kolb, of the University of Wisconsin, served on a committee appointed by the president of the United States in 1932-33 to make a study and report upon recent social trends.

Education in the life of the modern farm community, informal education, and the relation of rural schools to their communities are among the subjects which will be considered during the week. Mr. deS Brunner, who has made an extensive study of rural life in foreign countries, will address the entire student body on "Modern Trends in Rural Life" of particular significance to students in agriculture and home economics."

Noted Law Professor to Teach at State U.

Charles S. Collier, professor of law at George Washington University, will be a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin Law school for the second semester of this year, it was announced by Dean K. Garrison recently.

Professor Collier graduated with highest honors from Harvard University in 1911. After a year of study in Paris he returned to the Harvard Law School, graduating in 1915. He practiced law for two years in New York City, taught Government and Political Science at Harvard for a year, and then entered upon the teaching of law at George Washington University, where he has been ever since, except for leaves of absence.

Co-operate with the research departments of industries and organizations in furthering the business interests of Wisconsin.

Serve as a central clearing house for statistical data regarding Wisconsin business (perhaps using or correlating the data issued by various state commissions or available in their offices).

Develop a wider appreciation of business opportunities in Wisconsin and help create a more general interest in the business and industrial life of the state.

"I believe," Prof. Elwell concluded, "that the University school of commerce should be so organized and in such relations with the business of the state that business men would come to it with their problems and say, 'Here is a problem of our industry. Will you investigate it and report your unbiased findings to us? We will finance the study and the publication expenses, if the report is to be published as a bulletin of your research bureau'."

Prof. Elwell said that the commerce school has no intention of competing with any private business or profession through the bureau, which would work solely through trade and professional associations, but would not attempt to solve the individual business man's problems in merchandising, advertising, accounting, or income taxes.

New groups carrying out home grounds improvement projects this year are those at Cumberland, Barron county; Mount Hope and Fennimore, Grant county; Amery, Clayton, Fredric, Milltown, Osceola, and St. Croix Falls, Polk county; Rochester, Racine county; and Viola, Vernon county.

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U. W. Among First Four Universities of United States

Studies of 1925 and 1934 Reveal State U. Leadership, Writer Declares

Two investigations of America's schools of higher learning, one made in 1925 and the other in 1934, reveal that the University of Wisconsin has maintained itself not only as one of two leading state universities, but also among the first four public or private universities of the nation, it is revealed in the current issue of the Atlantic Monthly by Walter C. Eells, of Washington, D. C., in a vigorous reply to an earlier article in the same magazine which ranked Wisconsin among the first 10 universities of the country.

The earlier article was written by Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenwald fund, who made use of the 1934 report of the American Council on Education, which placed the universities of Wisconsin and California as the two leading universities of the country.

U. W. Is Leader

In his article, Mr. Eells remarks that he published an article in Schools and Society magazine in 1934 in which he used the same fundamental data of the American Council on Education, "but without subjecting them to such violent and perhaps questionable treatment as Mr. Embree accords them, and with somewhat different results."

"In my study the institutions were ranked in order—first according to number of departments in which they were judged to be adequately staffed and equipped, and second by a composite method in which a weight of two was assigned to each field in which an institution was judged as distinguished and a weight of one to each field in which it was judged adequate but not distinguished," Mr. Eells writes.

"By the first method the University of California and the University of Wisconsin are tied for first place, each adequately staffed and equipped in 31 of 35 departments, while Harvard is third with 29," he continues. "By either method of ranking, my study makes Harvard, California, Columbia, and Wisconsin the first four and either Chicago or Cornell fifth. Yale takes either seventh or ninth place."

After pointing out that Mr. Embree's first five institutions are Harvard, Chicago, Columbia, California, and Yale, with the next six universities falling in the second bracket, Mr. Eells pointedly remarks:

U. W. Advances Since 1925

"In this second group Mr. Embree includes Wisconsin, although it has only 31 departments in which it is judged to be adequately staffed (tying with California for first place by this criterion), in 17 of which it is distinguished, while Yale is credited with adequacy in 26 and with distinction in only 16. Yet Yale is given fifth place and Wisconsin 10th place by Mr. Embree."

In his current article, Mr. Eells also mentions the Hughes study of 1925, the year in which Dr. Glenn Frank became president of the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Eells based another article in 1926 in the School and Society magazine on the Hughes study.

Public Schools Climb

"In my 1934 article I showed that the 16 leading institutions in 1925 as determined by the Hughes study are the same 16 that occupy the top places in 1934, although the order is quite different," he writes. "The most striking and significant fact indicated by the two comparable studies is the marked increase in rank of the publicly supported universities in comparison with those on private foundations."

"Each of the seven publicly controlled institutions on the list raised its rank in the short period of nine years," he continues. "The change of California from 10th to first and of Wisconsin from seventh to second are particularly noteworthy. On the other hand, seven of the nine privately controlled institutions lost in rank. The only two to advance in relative position were Cornell, by four places, and Stanford, by two places. Such facts as these raise the question as to whether primacy in graduate work is passing from the privately controlled institutions to those under public control."

U. W. Students to Hold Christmas Fest, Sing Carols at Hospitals

University of Wisconsin students will inaugurate their own Christmas season next Tuesday evening when they hold their ninth annual Christmas festival in Music hall on the State University campus.

The festival is sponsored annually