

UN Gears Educational Program To War Effort; Not in Vacuum

By Alan Jacobs.

Law

With older students enrolled in law, this college is more beset by the problems of the war than any other college. Altho, judging from the last war, a new demand for lawyers will be reflected after the struggle by a swift increase in law students. But meanwhile, the army, and defense jobs are cutting deeply into enrollment, forcing courses to be adapted and reduced where possible. But as for 1943, it is hard to tell what the status of the law college will be.

Fine Arts

Altho a large drop in enrollment is anticipated, this semester's registration was surprisingly equal to last year's. Fewer students are expected to enroll in this college, but much extra-curricular activity will center here as students seek "escape" in time of war.

Journalism

Here is another school which will in all likelihood be dominated by women as war continues to take young men. Emphasis of courses will be placed on background material needed by writers such as international studies, history of wars and peace treaties.

Altho the war will cause changes and reductions in the field itself because of paper shortages and limited advertising, educators are confident that newspapers will exist as long as democracy continues.

Graduate

With so many older students making up this college, its enrollment has dropped until there are more assistantships than qualified students to take them. Especially in physics is the war demand great. And it will be greater.

For the research worker in grad college whose study is directly related to defense, another problem exists. The ban of secrecy will prevent students from publishing their research work in thesis form.

Military

There is little possibility that ROTC courses will be condensed into shorter periods, because of a present war department ruling. However, the basic course now gives all the training needed for non-commissioned officers in the army, and the advanced course gives adequate training for officers.

Under a new ruling, this summer will mark the end of ROTC summer camps. Men will be sent to special service camps following completion of the advanced course.

Physical Education

Present indications point toward expanding general physical education program at the expense of reductions in interschool athletics. There is now a great demand for well-trained men and women, and that will be the major objective of the physical education department.

As for athletic income—mostly from football—it is expected to drop and expenses are being cut in anticipation.

Extension

If the university becomes an information center for the state, a larger share of that job must be carried by extension. Night classes, extension courses and field centers are being keyed to the war program.

Summer Session

Summer school, at least for 1942, will continue to be organized into short (6 hours) and long (9) hours sessions. A large part of the enrollment will be school teachers,

desiring to get back into active duty during the emergency.

Junior Division

The Junior division may come into its glory during the war emergency with young students dominating the university. The division will be charged with giving these young persons the training they want in the limited time they have before being called into military service.

Many prerequisites will be abandoned; testing and aptitude tests will be enlarged and emphasized. Almost any action will be taken as long as it better fits the UN educational program to the emergency.

This is wartime. And altho critics say that the university is in an "educational vacuum," action taken by the board of regents and predictions made by UN educators indicate that the University of Nebraska has already felt the effect of the war and is making plans for more violent repercussions.

Already the university has made special arrangements for students entering the armed services and have organized two-year terminal courses, but what of 1943?

In reviewing the situation here, Ralph Reeder of the Nebraska Alumnus wrote in the last issue, "The university of 1943 will consist of a faculty of older men and women, teaching students whose average age is considerably younger than now. It will be co-educational with emphasis on the coed. A majority of the students will be taking short, concentrated courses designed for war needs."

Reeder warned of a small staff working overtime in overlapping fields while students in medicine, physics, chemistry and perhaps eventually in all fields will be assigned to essential war work, effective at the moment of graduation.

Fewer automobiles and more bicycles are in store for the campus of 1943. Some fraternities will undoubtedly be closed. The extravagance of social occasions will be limited by the war, and there will be a dearth in the number of luxuries as is evidenced by the present struggle to get coca-cola syrup. And there will be more struggles, losing struggles as far as luxuries are concerned.

According to the Alumnus article, here is what university educators foresee for the various colleges.

Engineering

Altho this is the college offering courses most vital to the war effort, many students are dropping out to engage actively in the war. Three alternatives are offered engineering students: (1) They may take the full course for technical duties in which men are badly needed; (2) They may take a half course concentrating on information of value in the armed forces; (3) They may take special government-provided training courses in drafting, shop mathematics, aircraft assembly, radio, etc. The civilian pilot training program, now a couple of years old, is also sponsored by the college.

For the future, more women are expected to enroll in the college as the war progresses. Already inaugurated to a certain extent is the policy of the army to require that good students complete their engineering courses rather than leaving for the armed services.

Agriculture

Here too, a drop in enrollment is anticipated because of the need for farm workers. However, short courses will be offered, and women will be urged to take technical

training for the place they must fill in the nation's work.

Busy now and busier later will be the ag extension division which has three aims: (1) to convince homemakers that they can contribute to national defense by care for home and children; (2) to increase 4-H club work; (3) to promote "victory gardens" for more food and better diet.

Dentistry

With 100 percent of its graduates assigned to the army and navy, the college of dentistry is preparing for capacity registration, even to the point of anticipating a possible move into the middle-west by coast students if their own schools are bombed.

Dentistry students are especially classified in the draft, and a war emergency course has been added to the college curriculum. Dentists serving in the last war are handling a lot of the instruction.

Medicine

As in the case of dentists, doctors are needed, and the army has set special exemptions for medical students. The UN college's program has already been accelerated with a three-semester schedule and no vacation period going into operation probably by this summer.

Teachers

Finding and training teachers for the expected shortage in Nebraska is the present problem of this college. Early reports show greatest need for commercial, athletic and science personnel.

Attempts are being made to get students, trained for teaching, but who have left the field, to return. The educational field center idea, unique in Nebraska, will probably be expanded, and university sponsored correspondence courses will be increased. Inauguration of war production courses is also being studied.

Arts and Sciences

Future changes in this college are almost impossible to predict. Here will be felt the impact of

shift in emphasis as terminal courses go into effect and requirements are altered. War demands seem sure to cause mathematics, physics, chemistry, bacteriology and pre-med courses to flourish.

New background courses such as Far Eastern and Latin American history, along with the geography of these regions, and more of such languages as Spanish, Swedish, Norwegian, Portuguese and Russian will be offered.

Pharmacy

Never was there such a demand for pharmacists, but the future picture is complicated by the fact that there are too many drugstores. Men trained in pharmacy are needed for military service, and the coast guard and marines

are enrolling UN students prior to graduation.

It has been the policy to defer pharmacy students, but work in the college may be hampered by the shortage of pharmacy teachers and graduate students.

Business Administration

This college will feel the effect of the terminal courses with great emphasis on secretarial courses and a few other subjects that might fit students into the war program. Anticipated is an increase in the number of women in the field of accounting because of the war, but lasting after the war.

With a fourth of its faculty now on leave for government work, biz ad college is giving remaining staff members more and varied subjects to teach.

Holck Attends Annual Biology Meet in Boston

Dr. Harald G. Holck, associate professor of pharmacology, will read a paper in the pharmacology section of the 29th annual convention of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, which meet this year from 31 through April 4 in Boston, Mass.

In his paper, Dr. Holck will present the results of his and his collaborators' statistical studies of the effects of anesthetics in the intravenous cat method of standardizing digitalis. His paper will be presented during the Friday morning session.

Also presenting a paper in collaboration are Dr. A. R. McIntyre of the school of medicine, and Mr. R. E. King, assistant in the medical college. This paper concerns the polarographic investigation of local anesthetics. James M. Dille and Edwin L. Smith, each of whom obtained their M. A. from Nebraska's college of pharmacy and Robert H. Shuler, who received his M. A. in the depart-

Band . . .

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serenity returns to Sleepy Hollow.

Following is the order of the program:

If Thou Be Near; Bach.
Sunday Morning at Gilboa; Beethoven.
Three American Pieces; A Rustic Scene; Busch.
Battle Scene (from the Victory Ball); Schelling.
Manhattan Beach-March; Sousa.
In the Province of Lorraine; Balay.
Song of Songs; Maya; Mr. Larsonson.
Built on a Rock; Lindeman-Uggen.
Tenth Regiment—March; Hall.
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow; Bennett.

ment of zoology, are also to attend the convention and present papers.

Dr. Holck will be joined in Boston by James R. Weeks, graduate student in the college of pharmacy and holder of the George A. Breon fellowship, who attend the meeting.

Upon the close of the convention, Dr. Holck will hurry to Cleveland, Ohio, where he will serve as delegate representing the college of pharmacy at a special meeting held there April 7 of the U. S. Pharmacopoleia convention. Dr. J. B. Burt, chairman of the department of pharmacy, will also attend this meeting as a delegate of the Nebraska association.

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