

Know Your College . . .

'Progress' Aim of Arts, Sciences



GEOLOGY LAB—LaVonne Lawson is looking at a fossil, used in Earth Science lab. These fossils are used as an index for determining the age. Edward Gengenbach and Clark Mueller are using the blow pipe analysis method for determining elements in minerals for their mineralogy lab. (Rag Photo by Bob Sherwood.)

(This is the seventh in a series of articles about schools and colleges within the university. The Daily Nebraskan is attempting to present the "dream" or plans for expansion, either of facilities or courses in the school or college.)

BY TOM RISCHÉ.
Changing the program of the arts and science college to fit the changing needs of students in the light of new developments in educational methods and increasing knowledge.

That is the dream of the college of arts and science, according to Dean C. H. Oldfather. "Although many people seem to think that the college is 'resting on its laurels' as far as courses are concerned, that is not true. We are constantly changing courses within departments to offer better instruction," he said.

Programs Revised
For instance, the course of study in geology for next year is being changed. Courses are consolidated and new courses are being added to better facilitate teaching. There have recently been far reaching changes in physics instruction, especially on the graduate level.

Generally, as far as facilities are concerned, the college is pretty well taken care of. The botany greenhouse was damaged rather severely by the recent wind storm. Oldfather states that a new greenhouse will be constructed within the next year. The geology department is rather cramped at the present time. If a fine arts building, now in the dream stage, is ever built, the geology department would be able to use the second and third floors of Morrill hall, now occupied by the art department.

52 Per Cent Arts, Science
About 52 per cent of the work on the two Lincoln campuses is taken in arts and sciences. This would indicate the widespread use by other departments and college of Arts and Sciences courses, 22 per cent of the students are enrolled in the college. Courses in the college are designed to provide a liberal arts education for all students regardless of their major.

The basic idea of the Arts and Science college, in the opinion of J. L. Sellers, history professor, is that "a student should get a broad general knowledge in sev-

eral fields. He can then specialize in one field, whether as a graduate or undergraduate student. The college is based upon the idea that a student should know many things."

"General courses are not a waste of time," Sellers said. "The student needs a good knowledge of English, both spoken and written. He needs to know of great philosophy and great literature. There is nothing more stabilizing than to know the course and trend of history. There is no better training in logic than the study of mathematics. If we could get a population which had these qualities of mind, the success of democracy would be assured."

Liberal Arts Important
Liberal arts education affords the student knowledge of the problems of other people. W. W. Ray, chairman of the botany department, said, "Although one may never gain a deep understanding of a given subject, Ray went on, he at least gains a tolerance of the view point of other peoples. There has recently been a trend toward the study of these courses."

Miss Margaret Dolezal, instructor in germanic languages said, "The arts and sciences course introduced student to the humanities. It gives a student insight into what is available in the field of study and learning. The aim of the college, as I see it, is not to give a student any particular life work. Whatever is taught is designed to make the student think. It is the hope in languages, for example, that through the introduction to the language and culture of others, the student will become richer in his understanding of others. Though languages, students learn not only how others talk, but how they think and feel."

Miss Bernice Slote, assistant English professor, believes that liberal arts is and should be the core of University training.

Create "Thinking" Person
"Liberal arts courses are the means through which a student gathers the substance toward a particular end," she said. "In a general sense, the courses are aimed to create a thinking human being who can understand the basic functions of man."

About 320 instructors, including approximately 150 full-time faculty members teach the nearly 1150 courses offered in the college. There are 16 departments offering instruction through the Arts and Science college, not including the Schools of Journalism and Fine Arts which are attached to the college.

Departments will be increased to 17 when the present department of modern languages is divided into two separate departments next fall. The departments will be romance languages.

including French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian, and Germanic languages including German, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian. The classification of the slavic languages, Russian and Czech, has not yet been determined.

Departments Listed
The 16 departments under Arts and Science include: Bacteriology, botany, chemistry and chemical engineering, classics, English, geography, geology, history mathematics and astronomy, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, sociology and anthropology, and zoology.

More students are enrolled in English courses than in any other department of the college. For the present semester, 9,210 credit hours are being taken in English. Chemistry, history, mathematics, political science and modern languages follow in the number of credit hours being taught.

Arts and Science was the only program offered when the University was founded in 1871. It was originally called the College of Literature, Science and the Arts. The name was changed in the early 1900's.

Once Housed in U Hall
The college originally occupied only University hall, which was torn down several years ago. It has expanded so that Bessey hall, Brace laboratory, the Geography building, Burnett hall and Avery laboratory are now used solely for arts courses. Morrill hall, Andrews hall, and the Social Science building house other departments of Arts and Sciences.

Graduate work for the master's degree is offered in each of the 16 departments. Most of them also offer the doctor's degree.

Either the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree may be granted to an Arts and Science major. The requirement for Bachelor of Science degree, is 60 hours work in sciences and mathematics. A dual matriculation exists for secondary teachers candidates. Such students are registered both in Arts and Science and in Teacher's college.

Graduation Requirements.
Each student in Arts and Sciences must have at least 10 hours of English as well as Military Sciences or physical education. He must also complete



LANGUAGE EQUIPMENT—Sue Kent operates the record machine for fellow French students Phyllis Morehead, Arlene Park and Pat Warrick. The earphones are three of twenty in each lab. Two wire recorders, a tape recorder and a record player, are included in each of the Spanish, French and German labs. A short wave radio is equipped to serve all three rooms. These machines are used to aid students with pronunciation, by allowing them to hear the correct pronunciation as spoken by natives of the three countries. (Rag Photo by Bob Sherwood.)

some work in each of four divisions which are as follows: 1. The classics or modern languages, 2. Anthropology, economics, history, political science, or sociology, 3. mathematics and astronomy, or philosophy or psychology, and 4. One of the natural sciences.

Before his sophomore year, the student must decide upon his major subject. He may have two majors or one major and two minors. The number of hours required for majors and minors varies in the different departments. The minimum number of hours for a major is 18.

The specific number of hours and requirements will be discussed in later articles which will treat the individual departments.

Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic honorary for students with the necessary number of hours in arts courses, requires an overall average of 90.

One of the newer developments in the college is the group major in international affairs. The course includes a number of courses from the history, eco-

nomics, geography, sociology, and political science departments. It is designed for students who want to go into the foreign service of the United States, as well as students who want to learn about international relations.

The three modern language laboratories in Burnett hall are among the outstanding college facilities. They are equipped with a short wave radio, wire recorders, tape recorders and record players. They are used for additional instruction and for aid in pronunciation for students in French, German, and Spanish.

Each laboratory is equipped with 20 earphones for individual student use, and with a loud-speaker for use with larger groups. Listening to records is designed to aid students in pronunciation of the foreign words.

The Nebraska Arts and Science college, in Dean Oldfather's opinion, ranks high among the nation's liberal arts colleges. "We can't say we're the best, but we know we are in the ninety-fourth to ninety-fifth percentile," he said.

Norwegian Summer Study Open to American Students

The summer school for American students in Oslo, Norway is now receiving applications for admission. Courses pertaining to Norwegian culture will be offered in classes held at the university of Oslo from June 28 to Aug. 5.

About 250 American students will be admitted to the course. Applications for entrance may be secured now from the Oslo Summer School Admissions Office at St. Olaf College, in Northfield, Minn.

All American students who will have completed at least two years of college by June, 1950 are eligible to apply. All courses are taught in the English language. Emphasis will be on courses concerning American culture—geography, history, language, literature, music and art. Six semester credits may be earned during the six weeks course.

NU Students

Sally Homes and Marian Battey, university students, attend-

ed the summer school held last year. They flew to Oslo and returned by boat.

They studied general courses on Norwegian literature, political institutions, and culture in general. Instructors were Norwegian political leaders and educators. Norway's foreign minister, Halvard Laang, was among the speakers. Several parliament members also addressed the students.

The courses were mostly lecture courses, but the students were required to buy their own books.

During the week-ends, the girls visited Stockholm and Copenhagen as well as other Norwegian points of interest. They made a tour of Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and northern France before they returned.

Hiking, swimming, dancing and sailing were among the activities available to students. Norwegian language presentations of Oklahoma and "Show Boat" were presented on the Oslo stage. Many movies were American, with Norwegian subtitles.

The girls lived in dormitories at Blindern, outside of Oslo. Classes are held in the division of Oslo university at Blindern. All facilities were very modern, the coeds said.

Food Rationed.

Food was rationed at the time, but all students received ample diets, which included much cheese, fish and bread.

"The courses offered are very worth while," Misses Battey and Homes said. "We would urge any one who could go to take the opportunity."

Credits received at the University of Oslo can be transferred to any American university.

A number of scholarships are available to American and Canadian students. Full details about these grants may be obtained from the admissions office at St. Olaf's college. All veterans are eligible for the usual benefits, since the course has been approved by the veteran's administration.

This course of instruction was offered for the first time in 1947. Three Nebraska students, Russel Gustavson, Bob Niekerson and Norman Leger attended the summer school. Dr. Otto Lous Mohr, chancellor of Oslo university, started the school as recognition of the hearty reception offered Norwegian students in America.

Expense Reduced

Charges for the 1950 session have been reduced as a result of the reduction of the Norwegian crown. The tuition for the six weeks term is \$80; the student fee, including health insurance, is \$10; and the excursion fee, \$20. Round trip fare, tourist class, on the Norwegian-American Line's luxury liner, SS Stavangerfjord is \$360.

Application blanks are due April 1. They may be obtained from the Oslo Summer School Admissions Office, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

'Southernaires' To Give Concert

The Southernaires, called "probably the best male quartet in the land" by the Cleveland Plain Dealer, may be heard in concert Tuesday, March 28, at 8:15 p. m. at St. Paul Methodist church.

Sponsored by Frank W. Hale, director of the Hub of Harmony, the quartet consists of William Edmonson, bass; Ray Yeates, tenor; Jay Stone Toney, baritone; and Lowell Peters, tenor. Spencer Odom is their accompanist and arranger.

Tickets can be obtained from Walts Music store and the Dietze Music house. All seats are \$1. None are reserved.

ner to contact as many of the former States as possible in the next few weeks.

Pon Chinn, 1948 Governor of Boys' State, is chairman of the steering committee. The idea of the reunion originated last fall with Chinn and Bill Adams, 1948 Lt. Governor of Boys' State.

Other members of the steering committee, who are all former 1948 States, are: Doris Carlson, 1948 State Treasurer, Willa Hill, a Janet Glock, Sally Kjelson, Dave Sjogren and Jim Justice.

Each of the steering committee members are co-chairman of an individual committee. Carlson and Adams are in charge of publicity; Krueger and Bitner, program; Hill and Chinn, refreshments; Glock and Sjogren, decorations; and Kjelson and Justice, refreshments.

Other College Union Photos Go on Display

A photographic exhibition of Union buildings from other colleges will be displayed in the halls of the Union during this week, according to members of the Union expansion committee.

The committee which is investigating the possibilities of obtaining a Union addition to be completed through the University building program, announced that the photographs will show the interiors and exteriors of unions, large and small.

Included will be shots of entertainment facilities and meeting rooms.

Nearly 120 pictures have been procured by the committee for the students to see. A part of the program to acquaint University students with the comparative set-ups of other Unions throughout the nation, the display will show other unions' new and improved facilities.

The expansion committee which was organized by students shortly before the end of last semester, has been obtaining information thru letters, bulletins and other sources from various large colleges and universities in order that Nebraska students might see what other schools had that NU lacks.

The committee earlier expressed the hope that students might be well enough informed about the situation to be polled later this spring as to whether a Union addition was desired. The proposed addition would mean a raise in the student's semester registration fee.

New Greenhouse Plans Revealed

Trees are being removed from the area between Bessey and Burnett halls in order to make room for a new greenhouse which is to be built some time in the future.

Noel L. Smith, maintenance engineer for the Division of Buildings and Grounds, said Thursday that one reason for the choice of location for the new greenhouse was that it would be advantageous to instructors in Bessey hall. "The old greenhouse," he said, "has seen better days and is in a rather disadvantageous area."

The new building is still in the planning stage and no definite information is available as to when construction on it will begin.

'48 'Staters' To Inaugurate Joint Reunion

Former Boys and Girl Staters from the years 1946, '47 and '48 will initiate the first joint reunion of the groups Saturday, April 22 in the Union ballroom.

Proposed and planned by a group of 1948 Boy and Girl Staters, the reunion is slated to enable students at the University who are former Staters, and former Staters from other places to become acquainted.

The reunion will feature a dance which will include a program consisting of skits by both the Boys Staters and Girl Staters. Acting as toastmasters for the evening will be Joan Krueger and Bud Bitner, 1948 representatives.

Plan are being made by the steering committee in some man-

Five Journalists Win Gold Keys

Recipients of University gold key awards in Journalism announced Friday by Dr. William Swindler, director of the School of Journalism.

The awards are given annually by the Lincoln Newspapers to the five students possessing the best scholastic record in their first year in the school. The recipients for the 1949 academic year are:

Lola Banghart, Ladd Duryea, Mohammed Kahild Roushan, Susan Reed and Nancy R. Sayre.

Air ROTC Offers Advanced Course

Students who are now completing their fourth semester of ROTC training and who are interested in the Air Force ROTC advanced program should apply now for acceptance on next fall's roster.

Application blanks and full information are available in Room 202, Air Science department, in the Military and Naval Science building.

Men accepted receive about \$27 a month during the four semesters of their advanced training. They are also issued a new Air Force blue uniform which they are permitted to keep upon graduation.

Upon completion of their advanced training, accepted students receive reserve commission in the U. S. Air Force and distinguished graduates may apply for regular commissions.

The department here offers specialized training in communications and in administration and logistics.

Adelphi Initiates 9 New Members

Adelphi, an independent women's social organization, initiated nine pledges at a dinner in the Union Tuesday evening, March 21.

The new members initiated are Eldean Brees, Lois Eddy, Phyllis Heaton, Katherine Hollingsworth, Fran Hulac, Marilyn Karel, Marilyn Jo Martin, Eleanor Sklenar, and Ethel Woodward.

Mary Lou Carson, president of Adelphi, administered the pledge to the nine girls in a brief ceremony.

Prom . . .

(Continued from Page 1) a spotlighted "beauty queen dance." The year '50" was used for both table and ballroom decorations.

Presentation.
The six new queens stepped out of individual corn cobs after the cobs were "husked" by Dick Kuska. Each girl stepped out, followed by her escort.

Miss Champine is a 19-year-old Teachers college sophomore from Omaha and a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Miss Gessner, 21, is a senior in bizad from Lincoln, and a Delta Delta Delta. The only out-state queen, Sue Samuelson, of Long Beach, Calif., is a junior in Teachers college and a Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Miss McDill, 21, is a senior in college of agriculture, member of Chi Omega, and a Lincoln resident. A junior in arts and sciences, Ann Webster, 20, is from Lincoln, and is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Miss Stevenson is a Phi Beta Phi, and a 20-year-old junior in arts and sciences.



Hello Cornhuskers:

You know this fellow as a good all-around Cornhusker--now you are going to meet him in a new capacity. Jim Buchanan is official representative on UNI campus for Miller's COLLEGE MEN'S SHOP.

Jim has a real record of campus activity. He's a Teachers College sophomore, member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and first string guard on the Varsity basketball team.

Saturdays, you'll find him in Miller's COLLEGE MEN'S SHOP, First Floor, where the new and the best in men's wear is arriving daily. Jim will also book dates for showing college items in the campus houses, at your request.

Be seeing you,
Alex Cochrane
ALEX COCHRANE
Manager of Men's Wear and Men's Shoes

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