Friday, March 12, 1948 THE DAILY NEBRASKAN Page 3 Dean Oldfather Encourages Study of History

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When it comes to history, the Greeks had a word for it: "It piles up experience for man," according to Dean Charles H. Oldfather of the College of Arts and Sciences. As a scholar in history and Greek, he should know.

"History," said Dean Oldfather, "is now being taught more and more through social and economic interpretation of events than through a dry compiling of dates. If you study in history the experience of all mankind, you don't have to make the same mistakes yourself. To quote a colleague, History puts old heads on young shoulders.

In his leisure hours Dr. Oldfather is translating from Greek the history of the world written by Diodorus of Sicily. Four volumes of this scholarly work have been published, another is on the press, and he is at work on his sixth and last volume.

Born in Persia, having studied in Mnuich, Germany, and having taught in Beirut, Syria, Dean Oldfather has a broad interest in and understanding of world affairs. He has made many walking trips, he said, through Syria and Palestine, and is strongly against partiton there. "That is the opinion of almost all educators who are familiar with that area," he continued.

Unhappy over 'Modern Art.'

Dean Oldfather describes his taste's in art as classical. "I like art to be restful," he said. "Art has been very important in every civilization, and it is a very happy antidote for the utilitarian tendency of our American civiliza-tion. Even in a kitchen, don't you rious programs. I told him that Today this college gives 50 perhave a happier cook if the room I always listen to 'Elmer Davis and its furnishings have pleasing lines? Maybe you even get bet-ter meals."

"I am not very happy about modernistic painting," the dean admitted.

Commenting on radio pro-grams on the air today," Dean Oldfather said, "I like the free enterprise system on the radio chairman of the history depart-even though it does give us a ter-ment from 1929 to 1946 and beeven though it does give us a ter-rible lot of tripe!" He continued that he felt radio's influence could He enjoys the administrative dube enormous in the field of edu-cation and true appreciation of the better things. "One of the boys from radio asked me to fill ways interesting." out a questionnaire as to what programs I listened to. He said was the first college of the uni- quite professional in their ad- taken for the institutional ad



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and the News,' and confess that Amos 'n Andy and Charlie Mc-Carthy were also among my regulars,"

People Always Interesting.

reer at the University as a professor ancient history in 1926, was

The Arts and Science College the radio people were afraid that versity, opening its doors-the vanced work, for example, geol-

And here's another great record -

More people are smoking

than ever before!

people don't listen enough to se- doors of University Hall, in 1871. cent of the instruction in credit hours on the two Lincoln campuses, he said. Instruction in English and mathematics, for example, is taken by all students of the university through the Arts College, rather than in separate de-Dean Oldfather began his ca- partments in college of their major.

"The Arts College has general requirements wider than any of the professional colleges, to give a student background in the main bodies of knowledge. Its general aim is to develop a student's mental powers, rather than to fit him for a specific profession," the dean said. "However, a number of our departments are

ogy, chemistry and bacteriology, and give the student a foundation for a professional career.'

The 16 departments of the college fall into four main divisions, corresponding to the four main bodies of knowledge; the formal sciences, the natural sciences, social studies, and humane letters.

Fundamentals Stressed.

"After all," said Dean Oldfather "the Arts College teaches sub-jects which are still considered to be the fundamentals of knowledge. The degree offered by this college is still the prize undergraduate degree in the minds of the public. Other colleges are allowed to give degrees of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in a specific subject. Only the Arts and Science College confers the unspecialized degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science.'

In Dean Oldfather's opinion, Latin definitely has a place in modern education. "Its vocabulary is diffured through every other language." I am one of these oldfashioned people who believe that you learn your own language by studying another. Latin should be the first foreign language learned. In most other countries they start it in what we would call the seventh grade." are experimenting with very gen-

eral courses such as a course in ical science,' a course in social

Dean Oldfather expressed his regret that in this age of specialization of knowledge, most people now cannot get even the elements of knowledge in all fields. "Educators are very greatly concerned about the problem," he said, "and sciences,' so that introductory courses at least in the basic fields of knowledge may be available to all college students.

Campus News

In Brief

Simon's winning ad of the dis-

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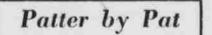
able delay in judging and re-production of the ad. The winning

ad will appear in next week's Rag

and winners will be notified next

week. Entries are now being

cigarette



And then there's the weather. Some like it hot, some like it cold but all agree they need a change.

For instance, Freddie Herzog is praying for a spring thaw to further his cause with Ruth Ann Finkle. When interviewed on the subject, Fred stated, "Just how long can things freeze up?"

Although stormy weather caused a break in the Johnny Williams-Bobbie Sprow relationship, Johnny is in pursuit of a silver lining-and Phil Kone, If this doesn't pan out, Dauntless John has two other Tri Delth in view.

Chills and Thrills.

After going barefoot for one entire chill and icy semester, Ervie Evnen has prospects of a cozy spring due to the argyle socks Eileen Gotsdiner is knitting for him.

Complications have been clouding up George Bostwick's week-ends of late. He is sure, however, that Norma Spear could clear things up if she would only save her week-ends for him.

The latest in vocal organizations, renowned as Krause's Kampus Krooners, are planning a spring concert as soon as the weather permits. The group in-cludes Bud Krause, tenor, Dick Olney, alto, Van Bunger, soprano, and Gene Berg, plan to tour the sorority houses where they will all join hands and sing something gay

Sandy Crawford allegedly prefers a warm and torid climate. Maybe that's how he found out so much about the Zulu people.

Engaged: Bev Stenberg-Bill Carlson, Probable: Eldonna Swan-Bill Critchfield, Improbable: Ramdy Ewing, Impossible: Carter Iddings,

That's that, Pat.



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keeping jukes in clover.

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