

Horse Training Program Petitioned

Hixon Lists Problems Revealed By Survey Financial Burden Of Course Too Heavy

By CHARLES BEAM
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Should a horse training, handling and breeding program be added to the curriculum at the College of Agriculture?

This is the problem which is facing all Nebraskans at the present time. A committee of the Horse Club Associations has prepared and is circulating a petition to Nebraska people. The committee has prepared 100 petitions which are in circulation at the present time and hopes to have 109 more in circulation by the latter part of this week.

Joseph Bovey is the chairman of the Horse Clubs Association's committee. He said that each riding club in the state is helping to circulate the petitions.

Bovey said that movement to increase the horse handling program at the University has been brought by a study of 36 universities and colleges which have such a program for students. Many of these institutions have only the riding academy for the students.

However, Dean W. V. Lambert of the College of Agriculture said that such a course for the University is not practicable. He related that only a few students would benefit by such a program. The Dean said, "The way I see it is that the first things come first." The Dean was referring to the other improvements for the campus such as a new library, an agricultural chemistry building and dormitories.

The Dean of Resident Instruction on Ag campus, Dr. Ephraim Hixon, said that a study or investigation was conducted by the Animal Husbandry Department three years ago. Of the five institutions surveyed they found that such a program for the University would be too costly and require too much space. Hixon related that a study of the student body revealed that a very few were interested in such a program when they found out that a large laboratory fee would have to be paid for such a course. He said even with a large fee the program could not pay for itself.

Hixon outlined a four point program accounting for the lack of a horse handling, breeding and training course at our institution. A large riding area would have to be built for the continuation of the course during the winter months. At the time of the Animal Husbandry Department survey the building for this purpose would cost the University \$80,000. Also a larger and more suitable housing facilities would have to be built. The second objection was that even a state institution is liable for any accident which might happen during this course.

His third and greatest objection

was that a course of this nature would benefit only a small number of the students, while the new library, etc., would benefit all students.

The fourth reason such a course is not practicable for the Ag campus is the large training and handling staff this program would require.

Hixon revealed that the institutions studied by the Animal Husbandry Department, the majority have the course associated with the Physical Education Department. He said that neither the Animal Husbandry Department or the Physical Education Department has the financial capacity to maintain such a course.

Hixon said, "If one looks at this problem of financing an institution like the Board or Regents and the Deans of the colleges have to look at the problem fewer moves to place a college under a financial burden would be undertaken."

It's A Sad Life



BATTLE SCARS . . . Even the cheerleading profession has its drawbacks. Judy Weible found this out when she sprained her ankle while trying out a new stunt on the springboard last week. The junior cheerleader was laid up in Student Health until Friday.

Dr. Moore Studies Radio-Isotopes

CHEERLEADER New Stunts Injure Weibe

A cheerleader with a cane was a novel addition to the Yell Squad Saturday afternoon.

Judy Weibe, who is beginning her second year as a member of the group, was injured last week as she practiced a jump from the springboard. Previously the stunt was limited to men only, but the squad decided to let a girl jump on the seven count.

Judy landed on the inside of both ankles when she hit the ground. The Yell Squad promptly carried her to Student Health. She spent her enforced vacation surrounded by books with the injured foot propped up on a pillow. Her right ankle was badly swollen and she left "hurt." Still she told everyone who came near that she was going to be out in front of the stands Saturday, "Do or die." And she was.

Although she was on crutches when released Friday morning, following treatments that afternoon, she was able to use a cane. Judy came into the stadium under her own power despite an ankle that is still taped up.

Asked if she planned to attend the Colorado game Judy replied with a lively, "Yes." She expects to be fully recovered by that time.

The springboard is an effective pep device, but it seems to take a heavy toll in cheerleaders. According to Ira Epstein, Yell King, the group averages three or four sprained ankles each season. Judy is the first casualty this year. Considering the number of times that the squad members must jump off the board in practice in order to have the timing right for Saturday afternoon, the casualty list isn't long.

Fans may soon see the springboard stunt in which the girls will participate. Judy has every determination to try again.

By ROGER WAIT
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Dr. R. H. Moore, associate professor of botany, attended an unusual school at Oak Ridge, Tenn., from Aug. 11 to Sept. 5.

No one was required to attend classes, no paper were handed in, and no grades were given out. In this school, he studied intensively the techniques of using radio-isotopes in research.

His study was made possible by a grant from the University Research Council. Others who have made such studies are, in 1949, Walter Miltzer, professor of biochemistry and Dean of the College of Arts and Science; in 1950 Carl Georgi, professor of bacteriology; in 1951, Robert Olson, assistant professor of agronomy.

The methods of instruction were much the same as in most science courses, with lectures and labs. The big difference was mentioned above. However, no one cut classes because many were there on the same basis as was Dr. Moore. Present were many physicians, surgeons, radiologists, and biochemists.

In lecture periods, each lecturer

talked on his own particular field. Dr. Moore had a special word of praise for one of his lecturers.

She was an elderly woman displaced from her position in Europe by World War II. Endowed with a prodigious memory, she would come to class without notes of any kind and cover the blackboard with detailed data on her field.

If a question arose on a point not understood, Dr. Moore said, she would stop and patiently explain all the theory and background for it. With a fair command of English, she was understood at all times except when her accent shaded the meaning of a term. But the term could usually be figured out.

In lab periods, Moore learned about the different types of instruments associated with radio-isotope study, how to operate them and how to use radio-isotopes. Some instruments used were proportional counters, Geiger counters, and those for determining half-life, half the time a radioactive element takes to break down into a stable element, and amounts of alpha, beta, and gamma radiations.

One thing Dr. Moore did was to identify the element, sodium 24. Another project in which he participated was the injection of a rat with radioactive phosphorus and later dissection of it to see the different amounts of radio-phosphorus in parts of its anatomy.

One illustration if isotope study usefulness is to find out the wear of a piston in an engine. The piston is put in the uranium pile, made radioactive, then put back in the engine. Oil is run through and subjected, after being drained from the engine, to tests by all sorts of instruments. From the amounts of radioactive substances in the oil, wear is determined.

Of interest to historians and archeologists is the accurate determination of a relic's age through measurement of the radioactivity of carbon 14, contained in all things even remotely organic.

Due to the nature of the work at Oak Ridge scientists there virtually were volunteer prisoners Dr. Moore observed.

At the University, Dr. Moore's immediate plans are to apply his new knowledge on research on the use of growth regulators in plants. He will trace the path of the growth regulators after absorption by the plant to the accumulation and ultimate fate of them in the plant tissue. Later plans are for more extensive research.

GEM SHOW Girl-Diamond Friendship Is 3000 Years Old

By PAT PECK
Feature Editor

Diamonds are a girl's best friend.

They are also a man's best friend and have been for nearly 3000 years.

These were among the facts revealed by Gladys Babson Hannaford when she displayed her collection of diamonds and delivered a lecture in Morrill Hall Thursday morning. This lecture was sponsored by the Department of Geology.

Three things give the diamond its unique place among gems, its hardness, its rarity and its ability to reflect the light when properly cut.

The first diamonds probably came from India. The Indian diamonds have a soft trace of silky blue that ranks them among the world's most beautiful. Diamonds are found in several colors, rose, pink, yellow, brown, blue and green. The red diamond is the rarest of all gems, possessing the color of a ruby with all the brilliance of a diamond.

The gems are found in "pipes" of blue earth of a volcanic origin. These "pipes" run straight into the earth and are wider at the top than at the bottom. The largest stones are found near the top of the "pipe."

The one diamond field in the United States, at Murphysboro, Ark., is a curiosity, but it is not profitable.

Miss Hannaford, who is associated with De Beers, Inc., of New York, is making her second appearance here in three years.

As a final note to the prowess of diamonds in the world of gems, be it known: If a girl gets a one carat diamond to wear on her third finger, left hand, 250 tons of waste rock have been moved, crushed and discarded to find the stone in the rough. And that is a lot of work.

Coed's Poll Reveals Lack Of Interest In '52 Series

By DARWIN McAFEE
Staff Writer

Grandstand and box seats for the World Series in the Student Union lounge Thursday were filled with spectators who registered emotions over close plays, but not a member of the "weaker" sex was present.

A survey taken in the Union following the above revelation showed that five of eight girls interviewed knew what teams were playing in the Series. However, only one of the eight follows baseball closely, while three follow it in varying degrees.

Bobby Shantz, Philadelphia Athletic's ace and leading pitcher of the American League, was known to all interviewed. Bobby is a former pitcher of the Lincoln A's, a farm club of the Athletics.

Patsy Liang, formerly of Hong Kong, China, who has been in this country for one year and is currently attending Brownell Hall High School in Omaha, said that before coming to the United States she knew that baseball was our national sport but didn't hear much about it in Hong Kong. Miss Liang, who was in Lincoln for Senior skip day, said she didn't know who was playing in the Series and hasn't followed baseball since her arrival here.

Frances Leacock, sophomore music major from Lincoln, said she "didn't know who was playing Wednesday and wasn't sure who was playing Thursday." Miss Leacock expressed a lack of interest in baseball. She feels that interest in sports of any kind depends on one's knowledge of them.

An elementary education sophomore, Lee Spencer, from Lincoln, knew who was playing and favored the Dodgers. She couldn't recall any of the stars, and said that she reads the sports page occasionally but depends on listening to her brothers for most of her information. Lee felt that "girls should be interested in baseball because men play baseball and girls are interested in men."

Greta Craig, from Clarinda, Ia., didn't know who was playing in the Series, and furthermore didn't know they were being played. Greta, a junior in journalism, said she listened to games occasionally during the regular season only because her father was listening to them. She had heard of the Brooklyn Dodger's star, Jackie Robinson, and Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals. Greta felt that girls should have an interest in baseball but did not elaborate further.

Ilene Frailey, Lincoln, a sophomore majoring in Social Studies,

Gamma Alpha Chi Initiates 11 Coeds

Gamma Alpha Chi, national fraternity for women in advertising, held its annual initiation ceremony Sunday for 11 new members.

The women, who were pledged last spring, received the traditional yellow roses along with their membership pins.

Those being initiated were: Janet Nuss, Peg Bartunek, Virginia Holloway, Joan Cunningham, Barbara Templeton, Darlene Podlesak, Marjorie Moran, Beverly Deories, Diane Downing, Terry Barnes, and Tish Barry. Following the initiation they attended a journalism reception in the Union.

Ag Y's To Hold Picnic Hayrack Ride Saturday

YWCA and YMCA members from Ag campus are staging a hayrack ride Saturday after the football game.

A picnic and campfire will highlight the party. Members who are going are to meet at 6 p.m. in front of Ag Hall. Reservations may be made by signing up at organized houses and on posters in Ag campus buildings. Picnic tickets are fifty cents.

Adelphis To Hold Initiation Ceremony

The annual pledge ceremony of Adelphi is being planned for Tuesday evening in the Student Union. It is to be a 6 p.m. dinner meeting.

Weekly meetings are held every Tuesday.

Jean Rhiley was appointed chairman of the Homecoming committee. The social chairman said she has scheduled several hour dances, informal get-togethers and parties for the coming semester.

Adelphi is a social organization for independent women on the campus. Anyone interested please contact president Charlotte Mason.

Deferment Test

Selective Service boards have received application blanks for students who are interested in taking the Selective Service College Qualification Test for deferment from the armed services.

The test will be administered on Thursday, December 4. Applications for the December 4 test must be postmarked not later than midnight Saturday, November 1. If a student has taken the test at a previous time, he may not take it again.

Application blanks and other pertinent information regarding the test may be secured at Room 202, Veteran's Building, 12th O St. or at any other selective service board.

Journalism School Sponsors Reception

One big happy family.

That is what the School of Journalism might be called after Sunday's student-faculty reception in the Union Ballroom.

Served with apple cider and donuts, students were introduced to newspaper men, alumni, members of professional journalism chapters and the faculty.

A receiving line was formed by the faculty members and their wives while journalism students and leaders of journalism groups circulated and made introductions.

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