

# TEACH THEM WHILE THEY'RE YOUNG Youngsters Study Foreign Tongues

By PAT PECK  
Featurer Editor

It's easy to learn while you're young they say, and the University Department of Romance Languages is out to prove that theory true.

Every Saturday morning the department holds a class in French and Spanish for elementary school children and some of pre-school age.

The classes were started after Mrs. James Olson called to ask if a class in French could be started for elementary schoolers. This was the beginning of the 1951-52 term. Charles W. Coleman, associate professor of Romance languages had had experience in teaching children from kindergarten to the ninth grade, and he was interested in the project. He agreed to try it if Mrs. Olson could find 10 children who would participate.

The beginning of second semester, 1951-52, found the class organized with 10 students. The rules were flexible. Children could enroll for \$3. per month if they desired to attend regularly, or they could take single lessons at 25 cents per lesson.

More interest was created in the

project and the enrollment grew from 10 to approximately 30. The group was divided into two parts since the children ranged in age from three-year-old pre-schoolers to seventh graders. The lowest age group included students through the second grade. The others were placed in a higher group.

Children in the lower group learn by ear alone. Those in the older group may learn to read and write a little. The classes were taught by Jeanne Beck, undergraduate student, a native of France. In the spring Miss Beck's aunt, Madame Denise Nordon, arrived from Paris where she had worked with elementary children in the teaching of languages. She assisted Miss Beck and now teaches a regular class.

Interest continued to grow and at the beginning of the first semester of the current term the enrollment had risen to 47. The children were divided into four groups of about 10 students each. This seems to be the most convenient number to handle, according to Coleman.

Requests began to pour in for groups to be started in Spanish, French and Italian too. Lloyd Teale, assistant professor of Romance languages, organized two sections in Spanish and increased the enrollment to about 80 children.

Miss Bridget Watson, undergraduate student and a native of France took over one section in French. The only French instructor who is not a native is Sebastian Gulizia, graduate student and one of the regular instructors in the Department.

Sections in Spanish are handled by Miss Arlene Irons, Miss Barbara Colwell and Miss Margaret Arriaga.

Classes meet on Saturday morning for about one hour. In addition to the classes for children there is one which a few mothers requested be held to enable them to brush up on their French. The class is taught by Coleman.

Enrollment appeared to be closed for the coming semester when Mrs. Raymond Cook, also a native of France, called and offered her services to Coleman. In addition, Gulizia will take a second section, increasing the enrollment by 20 students. At the moment there are 11 prospective students for next semester. The groups will be limited strictly to 10 children each and the first parents who call to enroll their children will receive the remaining memberships in the group.

Students learn to count in French and all students can count at least to 20. They sing French songs and play games in French. These prove the easiest ways for the children to pick up vocabulary. Students pick up pronunciation quickly and accurately at this age, according to Coleman.

Language is not taught in elementary schools in the United States and that is why Americans are, as a general rule, poor linguists, Coleman says. A project is now in progress under the auspices of the Modern Language Association of America to study reasons why languages have not been taught in our elementary schools. The project is being financed by a Ford Foundation grant of \$120,000. The need for teaching languages has been realized and the project is intended to encourage the study of foreign language in the United States. Coleman is the Nebraska representative of the Association committee studying this project.

Dr. Theodore Anderson of Yale has been most active in the support of such a program. He believes that there is a "revolution brewing in language learning and teaching." Yale offers a Master of Arts degree in teaching to prepare teachers to conduct elementary school instruction in the field of languages.

In some communities in the East French, Italian and Spanish are being taught in elementary schools. The Cleveland plan under which French is taught in elemen-

tary school is quite well known. French is being taught as a regular school subject in elementary schools in Louisiana, but this is probably due to the large French population in that state, Coleman said.

The German department is planning to begin classes for elementary school students at the beginning of the 1953-54 term. A class in Italian may also be added.

The instructors of the elementary classes report that the

children like to sing songs best. They like to sing the same songs repeatedly, "Frere Jacques" being a favorite. Students pick up the names of objects in the room that they can see readily. Instructors in Spanish have used cardboard animals to teach children the names.

The Spanish sections had a party at Christmas time complete with a pinata in the shape of a duck.

French sections taught by Madame Nordon and Gulizia combined for a Christmas party. Students sang French songs and feasted on refreshments of bonbons, chocolate cherries and the rest of the "trimmings." Children in the older age group wrote about "Pere Noel" and the younger children drew pictures of him.

Minutures of "Pere Noel" were awarded the best writers and the best artists.

Children are sometimes helped by drawings on the blackboard to show the objects to which the names correspond. If the students write out words they tend to veer away from the correct pronunciation when they look at the writing.

Trends would seem to indicate that interest in elementary school language courses is increasing. Coleman has been asked to give a report on the elementary courses offered to children at the University at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference at the University of Kentucky in April. The group chose this topic as the most interesting on the list of those offered.

# Peterson Suggests NU Budget Increase

By DICK RALSTON  
News Editor

A \$2 million increase in appropriations for the University was recommended by Gov. Val Peterson in his budget message to the state legislature Wednesday.

The retiring governor told the legislators the increase is necessary to enable the University to "maintain its program at a very high level." The increase, he said, would be used to cover increased operational costs.

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson, commenting on Peterson's recommendations, said, "I find Gov. Peterson's budget message a forward looking statement of executive leadership. His recommendations for the University reflect a fundamental understanding of the University's problems and its place in Nebraska progress."

Peterson's outlined budget falls more than \$2 million short of the budget requested by the University. The Governor's recommendations call for an overall grant of \$33,661,600 to the University. The University had requested \$35,550,073.54.

However, Peterson's recommendations did not include the \$1.6 million asked for expansion. Peterson said he left that up to the legislators.

The proposed expansion fund would be used for improving the College of Medicine and the University Hospital, the College of Agriculture, Agricultural Experiment Station, Agricultural Extension Service, and "all other colleges and divisions, both instructional and administrative."

Discussing the expansion increase, Peterson said, "I am of the opinion that if this institution is to make its maximum contribution to the state, some expansion is in order. It appears to be particularly true with respect to the College of Medicine and the School of Nursing.

"It is possible and probable that unless the College of Medicine and the University Hospital are greatly strengthened and improved, our medical school may lose its recognition and rating," the Governor told the legislators.

Peterson warned that Nebraska with 1,300,000 people can never afford a Harvard University, or a Sears Roebuck catalogue of higher education.

"Rather," he said, "we should do some things in a first rate manner."

George Round, director of public relations, and C. Bertrand Schultz, professor of geology, will review the history of the horse on the television program, "Doors of Knowledge," Monday over WOW-TV at 6 p.m.

Schultz will trace the evolution of the horse from the "dog horse" who lived 45 million years ago through the development of the modern horse. He will illustrate his discussion with museum exhibits and pictures.

The next three programs in the "Doors of Knowledge" series will be devoted to discussions of the ROTC. The Jan. 21 program will feature the Air ROTC; Feb. 2, Army; and Feb. 11, Navy.

# Exam Schedule

Laboratory classes meeting for several continuous hours on one or two days shall meet for examinations as follows:

Classes meeting on Monday and Tuesday shall be examined on the date scheduled for the first hour of their laboratory meeting; Wednesday or Thursday classes on the second hour of their meeting; Friday or Saturday classes on the third hour.

Unit examinations have been scheduled for all sections in the following subjects: (1) Business Organization 3, 4, 21, 141, 147, 190; (2) Civil Engineering 219; (3) Economics 11, 12, 103, 115; (4) Education 61, 62; (5) Electrical Engineering 134, 198, 236, 237; (6) English A, B, 1, 2, 3, 4, 100; (7) French 11, 12, 13, 14; (8) Home Economics 41, 42; (9) Mathematics 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 41, 42, 105, 106, 107; (10) Mechanical Engineering 1, 6; (11) Spanish 52, 54. If students have regularly scheduled examinations conflicting with the above specially arranged schedule, arrangements to take such specially scheduled examinations at another time should be made with the department concerned on or before Jan. 12. For example: If a student is scheduled for an examination which conflicts with a specially scheduled examination in French, arrangements should be made with the French Department to take such French examination at another time.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 17**  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.—All sections in English A.  
(This examination is given at this time in order that students making sufficiently high scores may take the examination in English B for credit).

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21**  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 10 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 8 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 22**  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 10 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in English 2.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in English 3, 4.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Economics 115.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 23**  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 9 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 4 p.m., five or four days or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.—All sections in English B, 1. (Coliseum)  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Civil Engineering 219.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Business Organization 190.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 24**  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 3 p.m., Tues., Thurs., or either one of these days.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in English 100.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Mechanical Engineering 1 & 6.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Home Economics 41 and 42.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Business Organization 21. (Coliseum)  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Business Organization 141. (Coliseum)  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—All section in French 11, 13.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Spanish 51 and 53.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Elec. Engineering 134, 198, 236, 237.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 1 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

**MONDAY, JAN. 26**  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 11 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 2 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 27**  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 4 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.  
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Mathematics 11, 16, 41, 105. (Coliseum)  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—All sections in Mathematics 14, 15, 17, 42, 196, 197. (Coliseum)  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 8 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28**  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 1 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 3 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 5 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 7 p.m., Tues., Wed., or Fri., or any one or two of these days.  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 7 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 2 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Economics 11 and 12. (Coliseum)  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Economics 103. (Coliseum)

**THURSDAY, JAN. 29**  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 9 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Friday., or any one or two of these days.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 30**  
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Business Organization 147. (Coliseum)  
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Education 61, 62. (Coliseum)  
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—All sections in Business Organization 3, 4.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 11 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 31**  
9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 12 m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

# Elections . . .

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Council, Coed Counselors, Union, and assistant treasurer of Alpha Chi Omega.

Miss Laese, a sophomore in Teachers College, is a YW Community Tours leader, Coed Counselor Cabinet member, NU-CWA Steering Committee member, member of the debate squad, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Alpha Xi Delta.

District representative candidates are Pat Lindgren and Janet Quinn.

Miss Lindgren, a junior in Teachers College, is a YW Cabinet member, Conference Co-op chairman in YW, and attended the YW-YM regional conference at Estes, Colo., and YW-YM United Nations seminar in New York. She is secretary of Red Cross, AUF Board member, a member of the Lincoln Counseling Project, and Treasurer of Gamma Phi Beta.

Miss Quinn, a sophomore in Teachers College, leads a freshman commission, was on the Freshman Cabinet, and attended YW-YM regional conference at Estes, Colo. She is a member of builders, Coed Counselors and Chi Omega.

# Ag YW Slate Named

Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Ag Union, Ag YW members who have attended four meetings will vote for next semester officers.

Barbara Crowe and Mary Ellen Maronde head the slate as presidential candidates with Mary Jean Niehaus and Rose Ann Stiffler vying for secretary. Chloeyce Ode and Marilyn Musgrave are candidates for treasurer and Helen Weatherup and Geneva Burns vie for District Representative positions.

Miss Maronde is Secretary of the Ag Executive Board and served as YWCA Bible Study Chairman. She is a member of the Home Economics Club Council, Phi Upsilon Omicron and Kappa Delta.

Miss Crowe is president of Ag Interdenomination Youth Fellowship and past treasurer of Ag YWCA. She is a member of Student Council, Phi Upsilon Omicron and Alpha Chi Omega.

A past Ag YWCA noon commission chairman, Miss Niehaus is a member of Home Economics Club Council, Phi Upsilon and is an Ag Builders assistant.

Miss Stiffler, past publicity chairman of Ag YW, is a member of Tassels, Home Economic Club and Phi Upsilon Omicron.

Miss Ode is a past social chairman of Ag YW and a member of Tassels, Home Economics Club and Coed Counselors.

A past YW Cabinet member, Miss Musgrave is also a member of Home Economics Club and University 4-H Club.

Miss Weatherup's activities include Home Economics Club and Square Dance Club.

Miss Burns is past Ag YW district representative and is active in University 4-H and Home Economics Club.

# Home Ec Club Ballot

Election of officers and council members of Home Economics Club will be Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Ag Union. Jeanne Wierk, president of the club, urges all members to vote.

Candidates for president are: Connie Clark, whose activities are Home Ec Club Council, Tassel Notification chairman, Phi Upsilon Omicron Alpha Lambda Delta, YWCA and Vice President of Alpha Chi Omega.

Lura Ann Harden, whose activities are Home Ec-Club Council, Ag Executive Board, Phi Upsilon Omicron, Alpha Lambda Delta and Chi Omega.

Barbara Spilker, whose activities are: Home Ec Club Treasurer, AWS Board, Farmers Fair Board, Phi Upsilon Omicron and Alpha Lambda Delta.

Candidates for secretary are Carolyn Gierhan, Clara Gregersen and Marilyn Schnerdt.

Candidates for treasurer are: Betty Hrabik and Elaine Miller; for historian, Janet Lindquist and Dorine McMullen.

Council candidates are: Marjorie Antes, Virginia Barnes, Adeline Dubas, Shirley Flanagan, Martha Glock, Pat Graham, Jo Heliman, Lois Kiechhafer, Carolyn Lawritson, Lora Lee Lindgren and Lorna Lou Lindgren.

Mary Jean Niehaus, Pat Frazier, Sharon Reed, Jenny Smith, Betty Sisson, Ardyth Smith, Joyce Taylor, Mary E. Taylor, Madeline Watson and Anita Young.

Twelve council members will be elected. The woman with the second highest number of votes for president will be vice president and the coed with the third highest number of votes for president will have her choice of council positions.

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Tours of five Kansas City industries will highlight the annual industrial tour sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi, professional Business Administration fraternity.

About 25 fraternity members, including William G. Dick, instructor of business organization, will make the two-day trip leaving from the Union bus depot at 6 p.m. Friday.

Among the industries to be visited are the Kansas City Star and the newly built television station.

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