

Educators Discuss Research Methods

A new comprehensive method of teaching botany, said to be "revolutionizing courses for large numbers of students at Purdue University," was described to educators attending a special conference at Nebraska Center.

Dr. Samuel Postethwait, professor of botany at Purdue and founder of a special teaching center, spoke before an assembly of specialists on educational media for the deaf.

Postethwait, who five years ago had to borrow tape recorders and assorted other equipment to pursue his idea, stated he has found the way to teach 500 students in a class, give them individual attention, and at the same time, produce far superior

students than with the conventional lecture-laboratory methods.

Educators who have been watching the development now point to his success measured in terms of rising enrollments in botany at Purdue, students achieving higher marks, and the increasing percentages of his students graduating and being accepted in graduate schools elsewhere.

The center at Purdue consists of 30 students carrels equipped with eight-millimeter color movie projectors, microscopes, tape recorders, plants and workbooks, which can be used at the students' convenience to supplement lecture periods.

Dr. Postethwait explained that the movies and taped messages are carefully programmed to supply a step-by-step series of learning experiences to be accomplished by individual students at the rates best for each student.

"We find now that we can ask our students to do three papers or outside projects involving library research instead of one, as before," he said.

"We are removing the student from the spoon-feeding and one-way discourse of lectures and the teaching environment of most schools which make the student study only for examinations," he said. "In place of this, the student progresses at the rate best for him, can be shown things and told things in ways that the traditional lecture and laboratory techniques can't even begin to accomplish."

Dr. Postethwait said he started the center because he was "tired of seeing potentially good students penalized in their study of college botany because of weak preparation in high school." The weakness, he said, often results because staff shortages in high schools force English instructors, athletic coaches, and instructors in other fields into the teaching botany.

Cornhusker Staff To Be Chosen

Applications for next year's Cornhusker staff will be available April 18.

They may be picked up at the Cornhusker office, the Student Activities office or the School of Journalism.

The applications are due April 22 at 5 p.m. and interviews will begin April 23 at 3 p.m.

The positions students may interview for include: editor, copy editor, photo editor, business manager, assistant business manager and seven managing editors.



LINCOLN . . . will be left behind by many University students Friday as they leave the school for a nine day spring and Easter vacation. A large percentage of the students will be going to homes either in Nebraska or other states with ideas of catching up on study and term papers. More realistic students will realize as they drive away from the Lincoln skyline that vacation will probably result only in a needed rest. Other students no doubt see the nine days as a good time for skiing, group trips as far as Mexico and lots of fun.

Is God Dead?

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Interpreted that the "Protestant faith now means not intellectual acceptance of an ancient confession, but open commitment—perhaps best symbolized in the U.S. by the civil rights movement—to eradicating the evil and inequality that besets the world."

How does this death of God theory show itself on the University campus? Phillips answered that "people often live out their thoughts without really formalizing them. In this manner it is possible for the faith attitude to exist side by side with that of the death of God. Culture is a mirror for real feelings. Culture is, then, expressing the ideas before theologians can say them."

Students Disinterested The fact that most students seem to display a disinterest in religion, is in Phillips' estimation, an expression of the belief, though maybe unconscious, that God is dead.

"Through Christ," concluded Phillips, "we come closest to God. The crucifixion is the high point in man's search for God. When Jesus, at His crucifixion, cried 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken Me?' this can be considered the high point. But, it is also the low point, for here we find the abandonment of man by God."

The opposite opinion can be found, apparently in the majority, on the campus. One of the opponents to those who say "God is dead" is Father Peek, of the St. Marks-on-The-Campus Episcopal Church.

"As to this Christian atheism," said Peek, "these are the ideas of either sincere but misguided men or those of publicity seekers. This is not the first time that an attack of this nature has been leveled at the church."

"The words 'Christian atheism' are alone a paradox of conflicting words. They are either spoken by someone who misuses the words or misunderstands what they mean."

Peek admits that he takes a conservative stand. He stated that he supports the ancient doctrines of the church.

No Proof "It's not possible to prove that God really is when you use the scientific meaning of 'prove'. But by experience, I know that there is a God."

"Those who say that they are not able to understand God are saying that God isn't much or that they're on the same plane as He. God is neither. He is above us, and all we can hope for is to understand a little bit about Him."

A parallel problem, according to Peek, is in attempting to prove what beauty is. One can't describe it and it is different to every person. But, when one sees beauty, one recognizes it as such.

Teach And Exemplify "I doubt that the duty of the church is to get involved in a lot of outside problems. It is the church's job to teach and exemplify," stated Father Peek. "I don't believe in discrimination of minorities, but I think that if we taught people to love each other as Christ showed, then there would be no need for these marches."

Concerning civil rights, he said that he does not oppose demonstrations against discrimination, as long as they are within the law. But when they are illegal, he feels that "two wrongs do not make a right."

"All men have a job to do. If I preach well, that's my job and I've done it. It is not my job to go out and parade." "In my estimation, those who believe in the death of God are only showing that their faith is weak. Because they don't know, they say God doesn't exist. Simply because we can explain physical things doesn't mean we should be able to explain the supernatural." "Christian witnessing should be done quietly, and not with banner headlines. If everyone would live a Christian life from day to day, there would be no need for marches. Besides, when one

preaches, he must preach for all groups, not one in particular. It appears to me that some people have forgotten about the American Indian."

Forgotten Main Aspect

In addition, Peek stated that some people have forgotten a main aspect of the church. That is that the act of worshiping should be one of giving of the self to God, not a taking. "No situation can be solved until we love one another."

Concerning the seeming lack of student interest in religion, Peek said that this is merely an expression of what students see in their parents.

"Often times, too, when students get out of the discipline of the home, they tend to fall out of the habit of attending church. This is not a new development with this generation, either. There is just too much competition for the student's time and religion isn't stressed enough as an important factor which deserves a portion of the student's time."

Laziness "Certainly a lack of discipline and laziness on the part of the student accounts for this lack of interest. Perhaps one out of every hundred truly believes that God is dead, but this is not the fact with the other ninety-nine. The motivation to go to church must come from within. The individual must develop the discipline to get himself started."

Peek summed up his opinions by saying, "You can only go so far in searching for God. The limit is the five senses and a small bit of mentality which man possesses."

"But, in talking of God, one must go far beyond these limits. Those who say they believe God is dead, must have neglected their spiritual lives not to be able to know His presence without being able to touch him."

12 Scholars Recognized By Greeks

Fraternity and sorority members with the top scholastic averages in their classes were honored at a recognition dinner Tuesday night, concluding Greek Week activities.

Interfraternity Council honored the three top men in the senior class. They are John Cosier, 4.157; Bob Bell, 4.139, and Bruce Snyder, 3.886.

Panhellenic honored the top three sorority members in the senior, junior and sophomore classes. They included seniors Vicky Dowling, 4.138; Judy Young, 4.033; Emily Schlaht, 4.198; juniors Erma Winterer, 4.198; Jackie Eads, 3.988; Marcia L. Gerstron, 3.905; sophomores Kris Bitner, 4.078; Nancy Fritzier, 4.028; Glenice Barrows, 4.021.

Computers Discussed At Seminar

Nebraska industrial executives are fast becoming conscious of the advantages of using computers in their businesses, according to Don Costello, assistant director of the University Computing Center.

From 250 to 300 persons—primarily Nebraska industrial managers and line officers—have already evidenced interest in attending a one-day seminar April 22 on "Industrial Applications Using Digital Computers."

Costello explained that the seminar, to be held at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, is one of a number of events to be held April 18-22 to better inform the public on the use of the University's Computing Center.

The seminar, with registration still open to interested parties, will deal primarily with applications of digital computers beyond the simpler uses in record keeping of payroll and other accounts. Attendees will be shown how computers can be used to solve such problems as determining the completion date of construction through program evaluation, and to evaluate public demand and quality of product in business.

Lectures on computers and their potential will be given by Mike Munger, research associate of the University's Computing Center; Dr. Mario Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, Calif.; Dr. Don J. Nelson, director of the University's Computing Center; Costello and Roy Hallquist, assistant directors of the Center; and Dr. Emerson Jones of Technical Management Inc., Lincoln.

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'Success Depends On Issue'

Unless a definite issue arises on which a definite stand can be taken, Demos Kratos will not function as a political party this year, according to Dave Snyder.

"If such an issue should arise, then the name would be rejuvenated," explained Snyder, a candidate for ASUN president and organizer of what was to have been a political party.

He added that the group would not slate candidates or draft a platform for the April 27 ASUN election.

"No platform will be drafted," he said. "We will exchange information and debate issues and then decide if the individuals agree or disagree on various points."

The group will serve to give inexperienced candidates background on issues in the campaign, Snyder noted.

If the individuals wish to take stands as individuals or small groups, he continued, they will then have a basis on which to make their decisions.

"I personally don't know if parties are good or bad," he said, "but I do think that this is the year to decide the matter."

"My hope is that with two parties (the Vox Populi and the Campus Freedom Democratic Party) more definite lines can be taken on various issues," he said.

"You can argue back and forth forever about parties, but until an election takes place where there are two of them, you just don't know," he commented.

Med School Hosts Upperclassmen

Junior and senior University students interested in medicine, nursing, medical technology and radiologic careers will be guests of the University College of Medicine April 23 in Omaha.

Pre Med Day 1966 will offer displays, campus tours, presentations and discussions.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the Conkling Hall Lounge.

Honors Speaker Is Krag

The speaker at the annual Honors Convocation on April 26 will be Prime Minister Jens Otto Krag of Denmark.

His visit to Nebraska is in response to a joint invitation extended last year by Chancellor Clifford Hardin and Val Peterson, then president of the Board of Regents.

Krag, who has long been associated with the Danish government, started his career as a directorate of supply in 1940-45.

In succeeding years, he has served as chairman of the parliament; minister of commerce, industry and shipping; economic counselor to the Danish Embassy in Washington; minister of economy and labor; minister of external economic affairs and minister of foreign affairs.

Campus Calendar

- FRIDAY
- ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, 12:00, Nebraska Union.
- ALPHA DELTA PI MOTHERS, 12:00, Nebraska Union.
- A. P. H. A., 1:30, Nebraska Union.
- AFRICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION, 7:30, Nebraska Union.
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Vox Populi Is Attacked By CFDP

Delegates of the Campus Freedom Democratic Party (CFDP) attacked the Vox Populi party Thursday at the Hyde Park forum in the Nebraska Union.

Steve Abbott, CFDP's candidate for ASUN president, charged that the Vox Populi party was a farce and that it had no principles. He noted that the party slated its candidates on the basis of five minute interviews. Vox Populi has no party responsibility, he said.

"Vox Populi is a tremendous machine. We'd like to see this machine think and come up with some issues," Abbott continued.

A meaningful bill of student rights will be one of the CFDP principles, stating that "students should have the final say over all things that govern them outside of the classroom."

Abbott announced that chairman of the CRDP Bill of Rights committee is George Duranske and chairman of the research committee is Allen Kessler.

Randy Prior, a candidate for ASUN first vice-president, said that ASUN in the past year could be characterized by trivia, triteness and attempted tyranny.

He suggested that Student Senate be reappointed and apportionment made by housing units.

He said that ASUN had grabbed for power and had dropped their most worthwhile projects.

Applications For Grants Due June 1

Announcements of Fulbright-Hays awards for faculty members for research and lecturing during the academic year 1967-68 are now available in the office of James C. Olson, faculty Fulbright adviser.

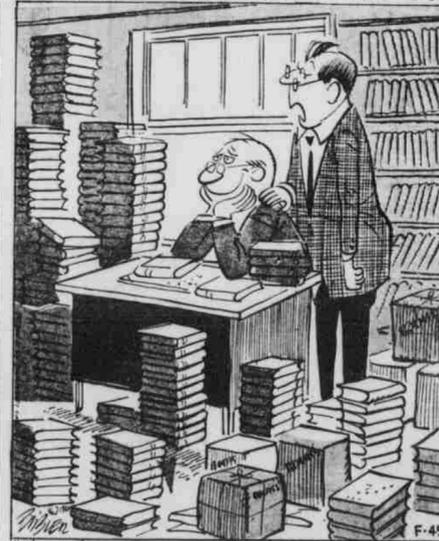
Olson, whose office is in Administration 306, said the awards are for Europe, Africa, the Near East, South and East Asia, the Pacific, the Far East and Latin America.

He noted that he does not distribute application forms, but that they are supplied to individual scholars by the Committee on International Exchange of Persons at 2101 Constitution Ave., N. W., Washington, D.C.

The closing date for applying for research awards is June 1, and applications will continue to be accepted for lectureships as long as they are available.

Persons interested in filing applications for lectureships are advised to apply for them before May 1, after which date regular screening procedures will be put into effect and available appointments will begin to decrease in number, Olson said.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



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