

Alternative to foreign language

Alternatives to the foreign language requirement are being considered by the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board.

Arts and Sciences Dean Robert L. Hough said the three advisory board students who also serve on the College Curriculum Committee have been studying the requirement for two years. The committee itself only began consideration last fall, he said.

Advisory board member Don Stenberg said a proposal from the Curriculum Committee will be presented to the Faculty Senate in April. The proposal calls for changing the present pass-fail limit from 12 to 24 hours.

The proposed revision would also allow sophomores to take pass-fail courses as well as juniors and seniors, Stenberg said. If passed it would allow colleges to count pass-fail courses toward group requirements.

"This plan would allow sophomores to take their third

and fourth semesters of language under the pass-fail system," Stenberg said. "As another modification, we will probably recommend that there be separate sections of language courses for majors and non-majors."

Hough said several alternatives are being considered by the study groups. These might include such programs as allowing a student to fill his requirement by living in a language house for a summer or a semester, he added.

"The advisory board has been considering changes in the methods of language placement, also," Hough said. "This would probably involve a University placement test of some kind."

The dean explained that rationale for the requirement stems from two sources.

One of the reasons for the requirement stems from the old liberal arts tradition, he said. The study of languages is meant to broaden a student's

horizons by the study of other cultures.

Hough added that many language courses miss their mark by not considering enough of foreign cultures. "I would personally like to see beginning language courses be more than grammar courses" he said.

Another reason for the study of language is that educated men should know more than one language in order to communicate better, he added. This became one of the principal reasons for language study after World War II when Americans realized they were not nearly as well educated in language as Europeans, Hough said.

Dean of Faculties C. Peter Magrath commented that there is a need to examine all group requirements, not just language.

"The language requirement exists because a judgment was made sometime in the past that it should exist," he said. "This judgment was made in the context of all requirements."

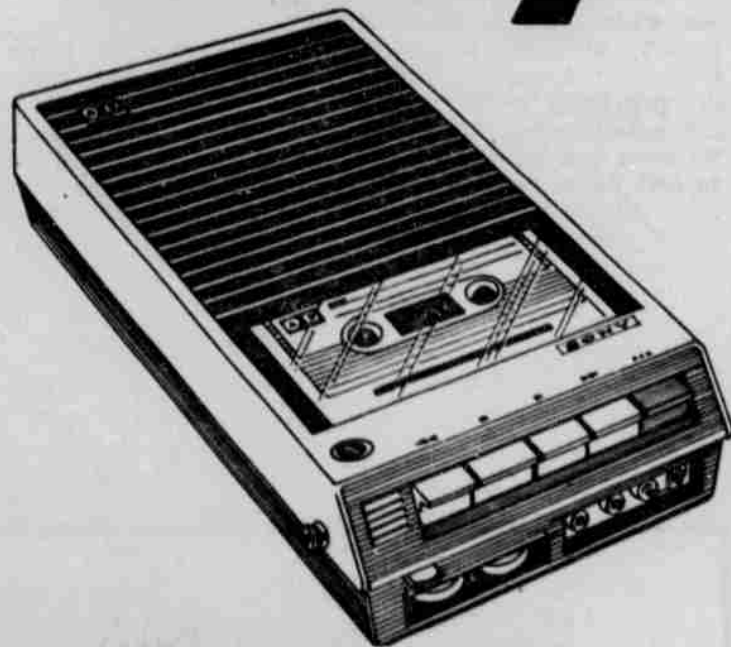


Towne Club elects officers

Towne Club, a sorority for girls from Lincoln, has selected Amy Zimmerman as president.

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Peggy Meyerkorth, Delta Delta junior in elementary education from Rock Port, Missouri to Jim Carpenter, senior in banking and finance, University of Missouri at Columbia, from Rock Port.

Gail Martin, Alpha Omicron Pi junior in journalism from Scottsbluff to John Herstead, junior in pre-law from Scottsbluff.

Ginger Swearinger, junior in speech and hearing pathology from Kimball to Pete An-

derson, junior in business administration from Kimball.

Sherry Galvani, junior in elementary education from Council Bluffs, Iowa to Gary Bills, senior in business administration from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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