

Sci-fi spooks Shakespeare

With the UNL English Dept. now offering more science fiction classes than Shakespeare classes, the bard may be turning over in his grave, but UNL students and faculty seem to like the change.

Ten science fiction classes are presently offered through the English Dept. compared to nine Shakespeare classes. Science fiction English classes are now offered only to freshmen, according to instructor Rob Koelling, who teaches one science fiction class. They will be offered to upperclassmen as well as freshmen next semester.

"Some students probably take science fiction classes for easy A's, but those students have already dropped the class. Some think it'll be easier, and many find science fiction more enjoyable," Koelling said. "We read both good and bad novels, making it easier to determine what makes a good novel good and a bad novel bad."

Koelling's classes will be reading novels and short stories, including H. G. Wells' "The Time Machine" and "War of the Worlds", and "Dune" by Frank Herbert. He said he teaches science fiction from a literary point of view, discussing plot, characters and other components of typical novels.

Reading journals

Robin Sutton teaches her science fiction classes in a slightly different manner. Her two classes, each of less than twenty students, work with critical essays written on the fiction they are reading. Students keep their own reading journals and write one long paper at the end of the semester, she said. The journals contain informal thoughts of stories read in class and deal with theme, technique and evaluation of the reading assignments.

Science fiction is relatively easy to understand and contains little science vocabulary, according to Sutton. It is

good recreational reading, and many students are interested in science fiction, she said.

No decline

Are traditional English classes, such as studies of Shakespeare, suffering from declining enrollment due to increased contemporary offerings?

"As many as ever are enrolled in Shakespeare classes," Tom Bestul, vice chairman of the English Dept., said.

Although Shakespeare is no longer required for English majors, students are strongly advised to take it, Bestul said.

A wider variety of English courses has caused an increase in many areas of English, Bestul reported. Almost 200 students are now enrolled in children's literature classes and composition and writing classes and are also increasing in enrollment. Such classes are good for students intending to enter professional schools, Bestul said.

"Some instructors were apprehensive that students would be attracted to the new areas and wouldn't show up for Shakespeare classes," Bestul said. "But I see no significant loss."

Computer course begins today

The Lincoln Computing Facility (LCF) will offer a three-day mini-course, "Introduction to the Nebraska University Remote Operating System" (NUROS), today, Oct. 1 and 2 with practice sessions to be scheduled Oct. 3 and 4. The "NUROS Users Guide" will be the resource for the course and is available at Nebraska Hall 225 at a cost of \$1.65.

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