

MISSOURI ALUMNUS

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HOME EC SECTION

Omicron Nu Seeks Alumni Chapters

Alumni who have been initiated into Omicron Nu, international home economics honor society, are encouraged to support the School of Home Economics' attempt to establish college and alumni chapters on the Columbia campus.

Several faculty members of the School belong to the society, whose purpose is promotion of scholarship, leadership, and research. A grade point average of 3.5 or better of a possible 4 points is required.

According to Miss Patricia Klobe, associate professor of home economics, the School is currently in the process of completing application forms. Anyone interested in belonging to an alumni chapter may contact the office of Dr. Margaret Mangel, director of the School.

Work on Exhibit

Currently on exhibit at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is a sculpture by Columbia campus faculty member Richard Helmick.

Helmick, an assistant professor of interior design, is one of seven sculptors teaching at universities and colleges in seven states whose work is on display at the UTC art gallery.

Coordinator of the show,

UTC sculptor Jim Collins, said the sculpture "runs the gamut from realistic figures to experiments in media as diverse as epoxy resins and wall hangings of rope and nylon hose."

He explained that each of the participants in the show has established himself as a contemporary sculptor of national or regional note. Helmick's work has been exhibited at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, as well as throughout the midwest. He has won awards from the Quincy, Ill., art center; the Springfield, Mo., art museum; and the first ICASALS Juried Competition at Texas Technical University.

Home Ec Alumni Hold Annual Award Luncheon

School of Home Economics alumni on campus for their March 12 meeting attended a luncheon honoring outstanding persons in their field and heard a panel discuss "Affluence and Poverty in a Shrinking World."

The all-day event began with an alumni board meeting followed by a reception.

Following the alumni meeting, a luncheon was held in the Memorial Student Union.

Highlighting the luncheon was the presentation of three awards. Dr. Anita

Dickson, associate dean, School of Home Economics, Purdue University, BS Ed '32, and the recipient of the annual Citation of Merit Award (see Class Notes page 11) addressed the group on "Poverty of Expectations." Receiving two honorary alumni awards were Dr. Ruth Cooper Cook, chairman, child and family development, retired, at the Columbia campus, and Miss Joan Reynolds, executive director, dairy council, greater Kansas City.

Dr. Cook was distinguished as an honorary alumnus for her work as a "scholar, teacher and her contribution to the profession and the University." Under her guidance, the child development section expanded from two to seven faculty members in addition to more graduate assistants and extension staff members.

Miss Reynolds was selected for the award because of her "demonstrated ability as a creative home economist of the future." She heads the education program of the greater Kansas City council and is responsible for providing nutritional information oriented toward the use of dairy products to schools, clinics, county extension services and other institutions and individuals.

The program concluded that afternoon with a panel moderated by Dr. Gordon

Bivens, family economics and management on the Columbia campus. Panel members discussing affluence and poverty were Mrs. Betty Blase, Columbia resident who lived in South America; Mrs. Selina Mhango, graduate student in nutrition from Malawi; Miss Ellen Blosser, an American Field Service exchange student to Denmark; Delia Navarete, a nutrition instructor at the Medical Center from Honduras and Bina Davis, a former home economist with experience in India.

Chairs Committee

During a February National Council of Home Administrators of Home Economics meeting, Director of the School of Home Economics, Dr. Margaret Mangel, was selected to chair their committee for research for 1971-72.

The theme of the meeting, "Administration in Higher Education: A Search for New Perspectives," was studied through a series of speeches, panels and group discussions. The keynote speaker, Dr. John Caffrey, director of the Commission on Administrative Affairs, American Council on Education, opened the meeting with his talk on "New Perspectives in Higher Education."

The purposes of the organization are the strengthening of higher education in home

economics through teaching, research and service, and the encouragement of cooperation among home economics administrators.

Membership is composed of home economics administrators in colleges and universities throughout the United States that have at least a four-year program.

Grad Writes From Venezuela

This letter received by the School from a June, 1970 graduate proves that career opportunities in Home Economics can be unlimited. Carol Twellman of Bowling Green, Mo., writes of her experiences in Maracay, Venezuela as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate:

"Although they do not have the same holidays we do in the U.S., Venezuelans do have many similar customs. Take forms of entertainment and recreation as an example.

"Very few Venezuelans have telephones but T.V.'s are everywhere. They have many shows on T.V. that were filmed in the U.S. "Bonanza", "To Catch a Thief", "Walt Disney" and the "3 Stooges."

"Also, believe it or not, they have T.V. soap operas. And, just like in the U.S., many women are fanatics about watching them. Here, however, they are on in the evening.

"Sports are also very popular. In a country where the climate is always like our summer, baseball, of course, is the most popular. Every larger city has a team and they play against each

other year round. Football, as they call it here, is what we call soccer. They refer to American football as Rugby. No one here seems to like it as a sport, much less play it. Also, all the major cities, such as Caracas, Valencia, and Maracay have bowling lanes and popular discotheques. Venezuelans, like most people of Spanish descent, love music and dancing so discotheques are always swinging places to go.

"With all the beautiful beaches along the Venezuela coast, many families spend their weekends swimming and basking in the sunshine. Getting a tan down here is certainly no status symbol like it is in the U.S. People here are constantly telling me to stand and walk in the shade. They hate to see a light-complexioned person browned by the hot sun!

"I did witness one sport down here that I never heard of before and must tell you a little bit about it. One afternoon three of my host sisters talked me into accompanying them to a Torro Coleado. "Torro," of course, means bull and "cola," is the bull's tail. When we arrived at the place where this sport was held, I started sizing up the situation. There were many spectators, mostly men and boys, dressed in grubby jeans and shirts lined up along a fence. The fence was actually made up of 3 or 4 metal rods stretched between posts. Facing this fence was another about 15 yards away. The entire runway was about a quarter of a mile long. Once the action began, I was amazed and a little dumbfounded at the objective of this sport. It seems that a bull is

turned loose at one end of the runway and about 10 men on horseback chase the animal to the other end. The rider who can catch the bull's tail and skillfully twist it so the bull is thrown as they race down the track wins the contest. Winners in the small town contests enter state contests and can win \$5000 or more for throwing a bull there. At first I had a hard time believing that this was such a popular sport but I guess it can be compared to some rodeo contests in the U.S. It really was an interesting spectacle!"

Environmental Design Course Now Offered

Awareness as a person of the vital role of various art in man's physical environment, and commitment as a citizen to support that role are major objectives of the course, "principles of environmental design."

This is an introductory freshman course in the housing and design section of the School of Home Economics. "It was created to help develop among students a personal appreciation of design and a feeling of responsibility for public environment," said assistant professor Richard Helmick. He is one of five staff members who have created the course from existing course content in the section's curriculum.

Development of the course stems in part from the section's leadership in a national conference on "Art in the Environment," held here last spring.

Nearly 60 home

economics personnel, artists, sculptors and architects discussed theories of beauty, mutual responsibilities for beauty from campus to shopping center, and the role that home economics--concerned as it always has been with family, fabrics and shelter--could play in creating a new environmental outlook.

The course is taught in blocks, beginning with two weeks of introduction by Dr. Kate Rogers, head of the housing and design section.

Currently, Associate Professor Joseph Falsetti, who is course coordinator, presents the block on visual elements, organization, line, form, space and design. Gary Hennigh, assistant professor, has the block covering painting, sculpture and architecture. Instructor Pat Hildebrand has the area of arts for home, community, industry and religion. Helmick deals with materials and processes.

This learning and teaching project has been selected by the Columbia campus committee on instructional resources for development under a system involving new design--for curriculum, instructional system, educational evaluation and use of print, film and other media as appropriate.

Supplementing the evaluation of this committee will be student evaluations made on special forms.

Each student has filled out a profile indicating his background and reasons for taking the three-hour lecture course. About three-fourths are in home economics and about a fourth intend to be designers. Others are in fine arts, landscape design and related areas. Design majors take a two-hour laboratory.