

SOC Planning Experiment In Freshman Curriculum

Curriculum planning meetings are being held and textbooks have been chosen for the \$15,000 block-teaching experiment which Southern Oregon College will conduct during the 1957-58 school year, according to Dr. Arthur Kreisman, project director.

SOC is one of 17 colleges and universities in the country taking part in the program on a grant made available by the U.S. Bureau of Health, Education and Welfare.

"Faculty co-workers on the project have been holding meetings to complete our plans for the experiment," Kreisman said. "We have been working to determine the time barriers for the course, so that we will know how far we can go chronologically, each term." The staff members have also planned selection and registration of students.

Six areas of subject matter in the humanities and social sciences will be integrated to give a total of twelve hours college credit for three quarters. This

will include three credits each for world history, world literature, and English composition, and one credit each in art, music and speech.

Primary object of the experiment is to demonstrate that the required freshman subject matter can be taught more efficiently in twelve sections than it is now being taught in seventeen sections.

One hundred students and seven faculty members will take part in the experiment. If the project is successful, S. O. C. will adopt it as part of the required program for freshman students. By adoption of such a plan it would be possible to save the time of one faculty member for every 100 students.

This saving is possible because students will be taking all the correlated subjects at the same time from the same faculty members. When a topic is studied, it will be studied in history, literature, art and music at once.

Students in the experimental group will be chosen from en-

tering freshmen on the basis of tests, and a control group of similar ability and size will be taught in the traditional way. At the end of each quarter, both groups will be thoroughly tested with standardized and other tests for the purpose of comparison.

Records will be kept of students' grades as they progress through the four years of college, and there are tentative

plans for a student retest at the end of the senior year to check carry-over and follow-through.

In addition to Dr. Kreisman, who initiated the project, faculty workers include Dr. Dorothy Stolp, assistant professor of speech and drama; Dr. F. D. Haines Jr., assistant professor of social science; Henry Frances, assistant professor of English; Dr. Herbert M. Cecil, assistant professor of music; Otto Wilda, associate professor of art; and Dr. Richard Burns, associate professor of English.

Dr. Burns comes to S. O. C. from the University of Alaska, and has his doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, according to Dr. Kreisman. He replaces Dr. Alvin Fellers, who will be director of personnel.

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News and Notes
From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
Manager E. K. Ricker has called attention to the fact that frequently in giving notice of the VAVS membership, mistakes or oversights occur. This is due to the "changing of the guard" during the year in most instances.

The domiciliary at Camp White at present has 23 organizations listed on the VAVS roster. In proportion to the size of the station, this is as large a representation as can be found in the country.

Here is the list of representatives of volunteers with their organizations:

Mrs. Marian Cech, American Gold Star Mothers; Tom Ginn, American Legion; Polly Offutt, American Legion auxiliary; Frances P. Flinn, American Red Cross; Adena Kretschmer, Blue Star Mothers; Emil Kroeger, B.P.O.E.; James Lillie, DAV; Mrs. Bertha Neff, DAV auxiliary; Mrs. George Ware, Daughters of Union Veterans; Ivan Lusk, Military Order of the Cootie; Martha Bishop, Military Order of Lady Bugs; Pat Graham, National Order of Trench Rats; Frieda Lawrence, National Woman's Relief Corps; Myrtle Coggins, Navy Mothers clubs; Mrs. Charles Long, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs; William Ricken, Salvation Army; Andrew L. Unger, United Spanish War Veterans; Austia Barneburg, USWV auxiliary; George Perry, VFW; Lelia Birch, VFW auxiliary, and Hazel Rawls, WWI auxiliary.

World War I Veterans and National Catholic Community Service have no representative at the present time.

G. E. Heller, national field representative of the American Legion, was at the VA Domiciliary several days last week. He is "pinch hitting" in the northwest, since the region has no field representative for the national office at the present time, and he is combining business with pleasure.

Miss Grace Stuhler, chief nurse, learned that Melvin Lewis, who has been seriously ill in the Portland VA hospital during the past month, has been discharged and may return to the domiciliary soon.

New members of the nursing staff are Mrs. Ethel Reed and Mrs. Lorraine Nicholson. Gerald Gould has been appointed nursing assistant.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Schoenberg have left for Central America, having decided to brave the threats of further trouble in that region in order to spend their vacation with their son, Richard, an auditor located with a British firm in Honduras. They plan to be away a month.

The Schoenbergs go first to Guatemala City and then proceed to Honduras.

Veldon J. Diment, contact officer for the past four years, is retiring account of disability. He plans to live in Medford where he and his family have their home. Diment expects to do some writing to occupy his time. He came here from the Portland office.

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War have added a redwood to the grove of miscellaneous trees planted at the picnic area. A bronze plaque giving the date will be planted with this contribution.

Labor and the church will be discussed on Monday, Labor Day, at a service arranged by Chaplain Feller. It will be held in the theatre at 10 a.m. and will be the first public gathering since the remodeling of the stage and the redecorating of the interior.

The writers of Camp White