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## Your electives have a future

by Mary Vandecar

Home Economics Sophomore

**T**O BE a practical homemaker, you'll benefit by taking elective courses beyond the Home Economics core curriculum. Yes, investigate the valuable courses in Animal Husbandry, Architecture, Botany, Sociology, English, Horticulture, Landscape Architecture and Industrial Education.

A.H. 374 is a course in Meats offered by the Animal Husbandry Department. Planned for home economists, the course includes selecting, grading, identifying, cutting, curing, freezing and storing meats. Class work is done in the meat laboratory where students do the actual handling of all kinds and cuts of meat, as well as studying home freezing methods.

While reading, have you ever wondered why certain literary characters act as they do in family situations? Literature of Family Life 484, offered by the English Department, gives students an opportunity to understand and analyze family relationships by reading world famous books. Also, the course presents criteria for selection of books and magazines for various members of the family group.

### Homes need plans

The Department of Landscape Architecture offers Planning Home Landscapes 206. Here special attention is given to improvement of home and public grounds and the treatment of small property. Besides learning about various plants and shrubs, the students lay out home areas for different needs.

Such topics as home financing, availability and characteristics of local building sites, "whether to build or buy," and "choosing a home site" are taken up in Domestic Architecture 334, offered by the Architecture Department. Students plan and design small houses, always considering materials, methods of construction and equipment. A special feature is the periodical progress reports on houses under construc-

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tion. The students study the use of floor space and many types of house plans.

Introduction to Social Anthropology 409 is a study of social cultures and of the student's relation to them. Through understanding of cultural forms and processes, comparison of nonliterate with modern industrial societies, and discussions of life's standards, values and role playing, the student sees himself in a new perspective.

#### Gardening is an art

Field trips are a vital part of Local Flora 103, offered in Botany. Students learn to identify winter and spring flowers, trees and some common non-flowering plants.

Two favorite courses for Home Economics students in the Horticulture Department are Garden Flowers 244 and Home Floriculture and Flower Arrangement 346. The former includes description, nomenclature, classification and culture of important garden flowers including annuals, perennials, bulbs, flowering vines and rock and water gardens. Each class member creates gardens with plants, seeds, cuttings and potted plants. In 346 the students work with plants to learn the principles and methods of growing house plants and garden flowers. They also learn to arrange cut flowers.

#### Craft work is applied

Industrial Education offers numerous courses to Home Economics women. Among these are Ornamental Metalwork 104, Woodfinishing 105 and Plastics and Crafts 107. Metalwork involves construction of useful projects by peening, twisting, forming, bending, riveting, spinning, etching, piercing and tooling. Woodfinishing instructors teach techniques used in bleaching, filling, staining, varnishing, lacquering, and applying regular and novelty finishes. An old piece of furniture is refinished by each student in the class. Crafts 107 involves the application of plastic materials to industrial arts shopwork and principles for use in craft classes, such as leather and gem cutting. Examples of student projects are leather handbags, belts and jewelry.

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