

Sandwich seminars spark noontime talks

by Kristy Beattie

"One of the things that I enjoy about the academic community is the chance to talk about ideas and it's fun to do it outside the classroom." Others must have echoed Dr. Jack Huber's comment, and for this reason, sandwich seminars were begun. Held each Friday at noon, the sandwich seminars give interested persons a chance to talk about various ideas stimulated by common readings.

Getting together and talking about ideas is something that everyone likes to do, Dr. Huber states, but also, something that they do not get to do often enough. So, he continues, when you like to do something, you should make an opportunity to do it. He recalls that the first place he ever taught he and a colleague would read different things and then get together on Friday afternoons to discuss them and share ideas.

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To keep the seminars from becoming dry, a stimulus was provided in the form of a list of short articles from various professional journals that would be of general interest. The readings are then discussed informally over lunch in the president's dining hall, where the weekly seminars are held.

Although invitational information was sent to all the faculty members and all the students majoring in psychology, Dr. Huber cites that it was an interesting group that became faithful seminar attendees. As he puts it, "most of us have seen our 29th birthday more than once."

The small group of eight, most of whom are day students, enjoyed the seminars to such an extent that even though the planned program was completed, they are meeting again in hopes of continuing their get-togethers.



Continuing education and adult students comprise the Friday noon sandwich seminars organized by Dr. Jack Huber. Next semester, the seminar participants will discuss other topics besides psychology.

Students compose haiku poetry

Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson, faculty emerita and Meredith College historian, continues to teach through the continuing education program day enrichment courses. Dr. Johnson and her class have just completed her fall course, "The Best of Robert Browning." The course, which was a study of Browning's representative poems and plays, with selections from other Victorian poets, was held Tuesday mornings in Cate Center. Next semester, the topic for Dr. Johnson's course will be John Milton.

The continuing education program is sponsored by Meredith for "Women who wish to resume a structural learning experience." The coordinators are Mrs. Anne C. Dahle, Dr. Rosalie P. Gates, and Mrs. Betty Curtin. Continuing education offers three

choices of pursuit: personal development is "offered in response to the needs of women as they cope with the fast pace of change"; enrichment courses are structured classes for which "units" are awarded but this is not transferable college credit; the credit program is designed to allow women over 23 years of age to earn a college degree.

Courses are available in a variety of areas, including music, religion, art, literature, dance, home economics, and a community forum series.

Following are haikus written by the women in Johnson's Browning class:

The River
Out of the jungle
Onto the golden sickle of
Sand, the river spills.

Domesticity
Kitchen fires are lighted
China, silver, checkered
cloths
Set at long tables, shared
lovingly.

Lola S. Borden

Anger
Brittle words, quick tears
Sultry sky exploding sound,
Your drawn lips, silent.

Kitty Cope

"Young, young faces their
thoughts can hide,
But old, old faces never can
hide
The life-long thoughts of the
folks inside.

Sea shells, white sands stir
Dreams of tall ships sailing
Sailing far away.

Petals drifting down,
Floating, the brook winds
beneath
Branches white as snow.

East wind blowing chill,
The rain strips golden leaves
From naked branches.
Chimes ringing clearly
Call-Lift up your hearts--
God's Love
Fills all earth and Heaven.

Home fires burning bright
light
The way--a golden path for
Tall ships sailing home.

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