

Matson Family

Sociology, Archaeology Unite In University Faculty Family

By JUDY HARKISON

One doctoral degree in an academic family would perhaps satisfy most University faculty members, but not so with the Frederick B. Matsons.

And it works out quite nicely. Dr. Frederick Matson is a professor of archaeology and his wife, Dr. Margaret Matson, is an instructor in sociology.

Mr. Matson specializes in ceramics and has what is probably the most complete fragment collection of ancient pottery in the world.

He and his wife spent the year 1954 digging in Iraq, and traveling in Egypt, Syria and Jordan. They were part of an expedition sponsored by the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.

Indicating that many of their rare finds can be practical, part of their living room "Christmas decorations" this year is a string of camel bells. The original purpose of the bells was to tie them around the necks of camels, so that they can follow one another on the desert.

Carpet Made of Goat Hair

The Matson stair carpet—an attractive pattern of brown, grey and white on a nubby fabric—actually, Mr. Matson says, is a goat hair and wool material used in Syria as sacks for grain, corn, rice and cotton.

Several of their intricately designed floor carpets came from a chieftain's tent in Baghdad. Twin bedspreads, half white and half brown-black, are made of goat and sheep hair, and were originally intended for floor covering and blankets in Syria.

The pottery fragments in the archaeologist's collection have either been discovered by him or sent to his home-laboratory for identification. The oldest fragments date 4700 B.C.

Interested in Pottery History

What Mr. Matson is interested in, he says, is how man made his pottery and what improvements in techniques have occurred through the centuries.

"The beauty of pottery," he says, "is that it's stuff nobody wants. Any early conqueror would steal women and children or gold and silver, but not pottery. It remains in the same ancient village site."

Mrs. Matson explained how the fragments are found. The archaeologists first look for a mound, the remains of a deteriorated mud brick house, in otherwise flat country. There they search for "surface finds," such as fragments, or anything "weathered out." The fragments tell approximately their period of time, she said.

Ate Gazelle Flesh

During the expedition the members pitched their own tent camp, and, because there was a zoologist in the crowd who wanted the bones, they had to eat the flesh of gazelles, ibexes—wild animals of Iraq—and wild goats.

"The only meat I couldn't swallow was the fox," Mr. Matson said.

After six months of excavation in 1954, Mrs. Matson left the expedition to teach at the Beirut (Leb.) College for Women. During the semester she took 47 Arab girls to Cairo for a few weeks and there met President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

Studied Cave Art

Last summer, after co-directing a student European trip, Mr. Matson studied early cave art in southern France and did some work in Oxford and London.

He says that he likes to talk about things in class that he's actually seen. If this is the case, University archaeological students should have a pretty good picture of ancient civilization.



—Daily Collegian Photo by George Harrison
ANCIENT POTTERY has led Drs. Frederick and Margaret Matson to many points on the globe. Here they are shown examining a piece of pottery found in the Near East. The Matsons have a basement laboratory built especially for their pottery collection.



THE OLDEST POTTERY known to man is being examined by Dr. Frederick B. Matson. These 6,000-year-old remains were collected by Dr. Matson last summer. They are dated 4700 B.C.

Approved Fraternities

The following fraternities have been approved for the entertainment of women guests Friday and Saturday nights:

- Acacia, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Chi Sigma, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Phi Delta, Alpha Rho Chi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Zeta, Beaver House, Beta Sigma Rho, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Theta Sigma, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Delta Rho, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Epsilon Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Mu Delta, Phi Sigma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Pi, Sigma Tau Gamma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Tau Phi Delta, Theta Chi, Theta Delta Chi, Theta Kappa Phi, Theta Xi, Triangle and Zeta Beta Tau.

The following fraternities have been approved for Friday night only: Pi Lambda Phi and Pi Sigma Upsilon.

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Music Ed Division To Celebrate Yule

Christmas will be celebrated by the Department of Music Education this week with concerts by the Chapel Choir and University Symphony Orchestra and a departmental Christmas party.

The annual Candlelight Worship Service of the choir will be held at 10:55 p.m. Saturday in Schwab Auditorium. The choir will sing both traditional and less-known Christmas songs and carols.

The program will be repeated at 10:55 a.m. Sunday. For each service, doors to the auditorium will open 30 minutes before the beginning of the program.

The choir is directed by Mrs. Willa C. Taylor and accompanied by George E. Ceiga, organist.

To Present Concert

The orchestra will continue the weekend of music by presenting its annual Winter Concert at 3 p.m. in Schwab Auditorium.

The program has been selected to include both less-known works of the great composers and contemporary works. Theodore Karhan, the orchestra's conductor, has said that he believes the old familiar "warhorses" are over-performed. He has formed a policy, he said, of programming the little-known and less familiar classics.

Both the choir concert and the orchestra concert are open to the public, and no admission will be charged.

Yule Party to Be Held

A Christmas party for music education students and faculty will be held from 3 to 5 Tuesday in 117 Carnegie. The party is sponsored by the Louise Homer Club, honorary scholastic fraternity for women showing an interest in music.

Students and faculty in music education and in the department of music in the College of the Liberal Arts may attend.

Each class will present a short Christmas skit and refreshments will be served.

Coed Psych Test Results Available

First semester freshman women who took the psychological tests during Orientation Week may obtain their interpreted test results at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Alphabetic sub-divisions and rooms for Monday night are A-Bar, 1 Sparks; Bas-Bz, 2 Sparks; Ca-Ez, 10 Sparks; Fa-Gra, 11 Sparks; Grb-Ker, 12 Sparks; Kes-Lin, 18 Sparks; Lio-Min, 19 Sparks.

Tuesday night divisions are Mio-Nos, 1 Sparks; Not-Ryz, 10 Sparks; Sa-Sim, 11 Sparks; Sin-Uz, 12 Sparks; Va-Whi, 18 Sparks; and Whj-Z, 19 Sparks.

Sorority Rush Pre-Registration To Start Today

Pre-registration for women planning to rush during spring formal rushing will begin today and continue until noon tomorrow.

Pre-registration does not obligate women to rush next semester, but is intended solely as a means of estimating the number of women who will rush. Although women who do not register now will be eligible to rush next semester, the Panhellenic Council has asked all women considering rushing to register.

Registration will begin in the back lounge of Women's Building at 8 a.m. and continue until noon. It will re-open at 1 p.m. and close at 5 p.m. Women may register from 8 a.m. until noon tomorrow.

No fee will be charged. Final formal registration will be held Feb. 1 and 2. At this time all women who plan to rush must register.

Indies to Present Christmas Concert

The Association of Independent Men-Leonides chorus under the direction of Donald Berninger, graduate student in music from Bloomsburg, will present its annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Simmons Lounge.

Soloists for the concert will be Elizabeth McKenzie, sophomore in recreation education from Montrose, and Bruce Keeler, sophomore in the Division of Intermediate Registration from Bethlehem.

Emily Wilson, sophomore in music education from Philadelphia, is the accompanist for the chorus.

University to Increase Horseback Riding Fees

The horseback riding fee at the University has been increased from \$25 to \$35 per semester, effective with the fall semester, 1957.

Other increases approved by the Board of Trustees are charges for boarding horses from \$35 to \$45 per month for standing stalls and \$45 to \$55 per month for box stalls.

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