

# Reading Course Cuts Time in Half

**By RICK WOLPERT**  
How would you like to breeze through those homework reading assignments in half the time that it takes you now and get twice as much out of them?

Education 105, a course in improvement of basic reading and study skills, doesn't promise miracles, but it can make a jet-propelled reader out of you.

G. R. Selders, who, along with A. J. Amato, teaches the course, says that the main value of the instruction is that students are taught to read instead of merely recognizing words. He explained that most students are using third grade reading methods in their preparation of assignments.

**Increases Eye Span**  
The first step in increasing a student's reading speed, Selders said, is to increase his eye span. To develop this, he said, a tachistoscope is used. This machine is essentially an overhead projector which flashes from four to seven digits on a wall for periods of time between one second and one one-hundredth of a second.

By using this machine along with other suitable exercises, the student first learns to take in a few words at a glance, then a paragraph, and finally a page.

Next, movement of the lips and throat are eliminated through having the student chew gum while reading.

Finally, the student is instructed in preventing the mental repetition of words as he reads.

**Fast Progress Noted**  
Selders said that students begin to read faster immediately after starting the course, while their comprehension of the reading matter drops off. In about a month, although the time may vary with individuals, the comprehension catches up with the speed.

The average student reads at a rate of about 250-350 words a minute, Selders said, and has 60-75 per cent comprehension.

Within three months after starting the course, the average student has boosted his reading rate up to 1000 words a minute. The comprehension does not rise as sharply, but it does follow fairly close, again, the time varying with individuals.

Reading, Selders said, is a man-made skill, and as such can be improved just like any other human skill. If the student ceases to practice, however, his reading rate and comprehension fall off accordingly.

**Students' Grades Improve**  
Selders stated that there was a definite improvement in student grades after the course, and added that personnel in the Division of Intermediate Registration agreed with this.

About 350 persons are taking the course this semester. In 1948, when Selders began to teach it, only 30 persons enrolled. Since then it has increased its scope,

until now not only undergraduate students, but faculty members and graduate students are permitted to take it.

The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8, 9 and 10 a.m. and 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

## HomeEc Plans Leader Course

The Student-Faculty Board of the College of Home Economics will sponsor a Leadership Training Program in two parts, beginning at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Home Economics Building.

Dr. Grace M. Henderson, dean of the College, will speak. Groups will be formed to discuss the responsibilities of offices and positions.

The second session will be held Thursday, when a panel discussion will be led by Mary E. Fuqua, professor of foods and nutrition.

The program was planned by the Student-Faculty Board last fall to better acquaint students with the responsibilities of holding office and to promote stronger organization among Home Ec clubs.

## Marketing Club to Meet

Robert B. Flynn, manager of the local Sears, Roebuck and Co. store, will speak on "Marketing for Sears Roebuck" at the Marketing Club meeting at 7:30 tonight at Phi Sigma Kappa.

## Seating Plan--

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Season tickets will be sold for four games at \$15 per set and previous season ticket holders will be given priority over all other ticket requests if the requests are received by the AA office prior to August 1. Individual game ticket orders will be filled in the order received and immediately after the season sales close.

Because of the unprecedented demand, no applicant may request more than four tickets for the Army game on October 5, Czekaj said.

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### LOST

BROWN PACKAGE containing sweaters, May 4, vicinity of College and Allen Streets. Reward. AD 8-6323.

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TWO ROLLS 8mm movie film in yellow Kodak boxes in front of Lion Shrine Friday. Finder please call Paul AD 7-2134.

TWO "WAGON WHEELS" from Kappa Delta Rho; taken during party. Return will be appreciated.

BETWEEN LEWISTOWN and State College, one piece of inlaid linoleum. Call Lewistown, 2681.

WILL THE PERSON who took an Alligator raincoat with a Rex label from AXP Saturday night please call Bob Terry, AD 7-2207.

KHAKI COAT from Theta Xi Sat. nite; green lining. Call Sue, 401 McElwain.

WHITE BLAZER at Hill about 3 weeks ago. I have yours. Call Diane Lindenheim ext. 1176.

### FOUND

GIRL'S EYE glasses and Shaeffer dot pen in 110 E.E. Call Oaks at AD 8-9006.

### WANTED

WANTED—Roomers for summer school, if planning to stay 6-9-12 weeks. Price \$4.00 per week. Contact Dave Lenzer, Pi Lambda Phi, 125 S. Pugh St. Phone AD 8-9185.

ONE DOUBLE or two single rooms for fall semester. (Female students). Preferable close to campus. Call Jan at AD 7-3992.

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