

Ag College Plans 170-510 Minute Labs

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(This is the third in a series of articles describing the adjustments planned in the various colleges for the four-term year.)

Students taking courses in the biological sciences may be scheduling from 170 to 510 minutes of lab next year under changes planned by the College of Agriculture because of the four-term system.

Laboratory scheduling for such courses as Zoology 25, Botany 27, or Bacteriology 6 will be made in one of two ways, according to Russell B. Dickerson, associate dean of the college, and Paul M. Althouse, chairman of the agriculture course study committee.

Three-credit labs may be scheduled in one double period for 170 minutes or two single 75-minute periods. Zoology 25 will probably operate under the two single periods plan while Botany 27 and Bacteriology 6 will be run on a double-period schedule.

A few three-credit and most four-credit courses will carry two double period labs for a total of 340 minutes. Such courses as Bacteriology 1, Botany 1 and AgBioChem 1 will operate on this plan.

Other four credit courses as AgBioChem 35 will have three double period labs a week for a total of 510 minutes.

Regardless of the lab periods

involved, the biological science courses will still carry two lectures each week. Some courses such as AgBioChem 1 will also have a recitation period each week.

Several changes in basic sequences and course credits have also been planned for the new system, Althouse said. Generally, the days of the five-credit courses are over with the advent of the new system, he said.

Agronomy 1, now a five-credit course will be changed to a four-credit one next year, he said. The 400 AgBioChem series which now consists of two five-credit courses (437 and 438) will probably be changed to three three-credit courses, he added.

This type of change will create more courses with a lighter workload for the student in any one term, Althouse said. It will also allow him to use more credits for electives, he added.

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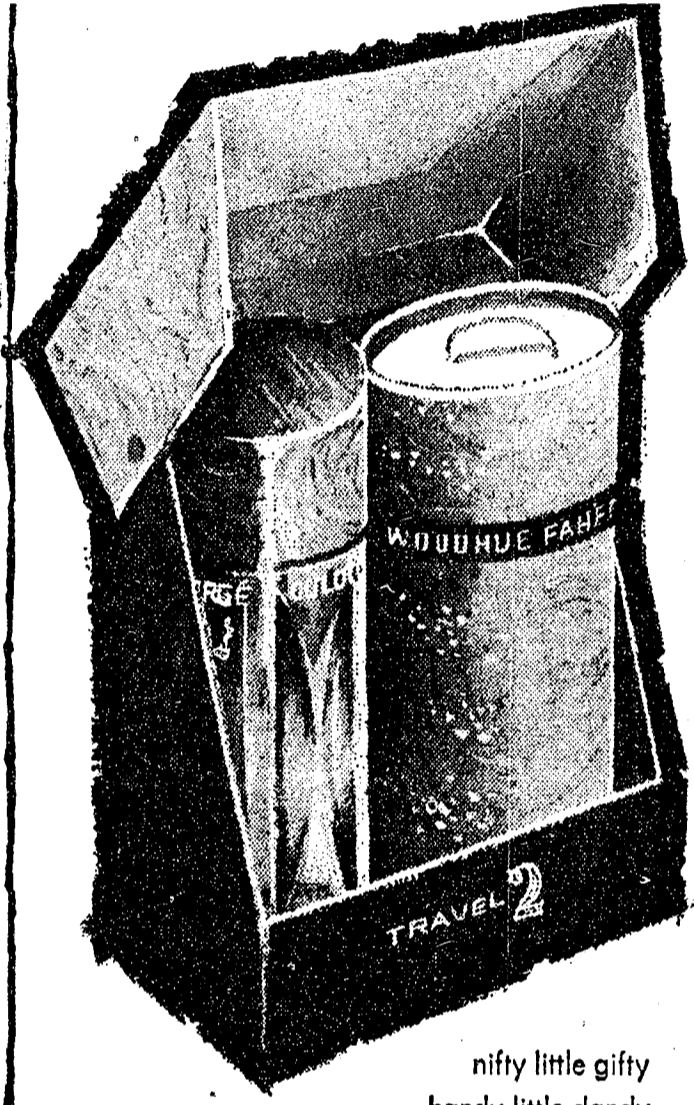
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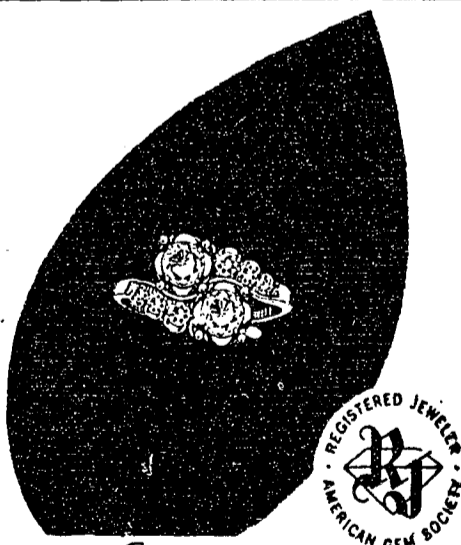
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