Workers in and out of the government sign up for courses offered by the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture. Most classes begin at 6:10 p.m., so everyone is home at an early hour.

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By Patricia Griffith



Courses in photography are among the school's most popular offerings. Here instructor Elridge Purdy focuses light on a subject in a class on portrait photography. Color photography is also taught.

Nothing Corn-y About Agriculture's School

REGISTRATION BEGINS HERE

> L HE GRADUATE School of the Department of Agriculture does not, as its name implies, offer courses in advanced milking or corn-growing techniques.

> Its curriculum does include almost everything else. however, from automatic data processing to Mandarin Chinese, from medical microbiology to institutional housekeeping.

> In fact, almost everything about the school is unique. It was started 40 years ago when Congress urged Federal departments and agencies to do everything possible to promote additional training and education for their employes.

> Since the beginning, the Graduate School has been an independent, self-supporting agency within the Department of Agriculture. The only Government support it receives is in the form of free office and classroom space made available at the Department of Agriculture and over 20 other locations.

> Student tuition fees-generally \$12 per credit hour --pay for staff and faculty salaries, office expenses and classroom equipment, excluding textbooks.

Despite its name, it is not a true graduate school.

"We do not issue any degrees," explains director John Holden. "About 30 to 40 per cent of our courses



Special daytime program for executives on "Critical Issues and Decisions" brought Prof. Hans Morgenthau of the Univ. of Chicago here for lecture, several seminar discussions.

Pioneer Programs Benefit



Statistics take on new interest when Nelson P. Guidry, below, points out a variety of methods to illustrate the subject graphically to his students.





Many of the Graduate School's classes are taught in rooms scattered around the Washington area. For example, this course in lithography, which requires the use of regular printing equipment, is given at night at Gallaudet College.

Thousands

are at the graduate level, another 30 per cent are undergraduate courses and the rest are non-credit."

Many universities and colleges do accept Graduate School credits, however, and the Civil Service Commission recognizes them on the same basis as those of other accredited institutions.

The Graduate School has pioneered in Washington education. It was the first to hold evening courses for adults. It has introduced courses in hospital administration, cartography, oceanography and statistics that have been picked up, in part or whole, by local universities.

"We render a tremendous service to the universities around here," Holden says.

"We attract the hesitant student, the person who wouldn't enroll someplace else, and get him to continue with his education. After he takes one or two courses with us, he often goes on elsewhere . . . so we face the constant job of recruiting new students."

If success can be measured by numbers, the Graduate School has statistics on its side. Last year's enrollment was over 10,000, representing about 8000 individuals. This year Holden expects to do better.

One problem he doesn't face is a shortage of qualified instructors. Out of a faculty of 325, almost 300 are former teachers and college professors who left school for Government employment.

"They still like to teach more than anything," Holden says. "We certainly give them the chance."



Deputy Attorney General Byron (Whizzer) White, front desk right, tries to live up to his nickname in a speed reading class offered by the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture. Instructor is Gerold Willmore.

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The following publications will give you information about the Graduate School:

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Printed three times a year to announce the fall and spring semesters, and the summer session. Includes registration information, the courses offered, the instructors, and the days and hours the classes will meet.

ANNUAL CATALOG

Includes the entire program and services of the Graduate School, a description of all courses scheduled for the school year, and a roster of faculty and committee members associated with the School.

CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAM BULLETIN

All courses offered by correspondence are listed and described. These courses are generally for field employees of the Federal Government outside the Washington, D. C. area.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS BULLETIN

Registration in these courses is generally initiated by the agency. This bulletin lists the institutes, workshops and seminars planned to supplement in-service training programs of Federal departments and agencies.

GRADUATE SCHOOL PRESS

A list of publications issued and sold by the Graduate School. These are not textbooks. They are speeches and papers presented at lectures or seminars sponsored by the School.

Four Decades of Service ...



For over 40 years The Graduate School and the 125,000 students who have studied there have recognized the fact that education is a continuing process

What Does The Graduate School Offer?

- A Resident Evening Program providing a wide choice of over 400 courses ranging from Accounting and Automatic Data Processing to Medical Microbiology and Satellite Meteorology.
- A Correspondence Program that offers government field employees a choice of 22 courses ranging from Report Writing to Review of Engineering Fundamentals.
- A Special Day Program with courses designed to meet the specific needs of an agency or group of agencies.
- A Counseling and Testing Service, publications, and free public lectures.
- An Unusual Faculty, most of whom are engaged during the day in substantially the same areas they teach in the evening. They bring to their classrooms a fresh, professional point-of-view and practical approach to teaching.
- The 1,000,000-volume National Agricultural Library is augmented by the Graduate School's own special collection.

An educational program for adults at convenient hours and at 20 locations in the metropolitan Washington area.

The Graduate School is a Unique Institution of Learning

It is an organization that receives no appropriated funds, although the Department of Agriculture and other Government agencies provide space.

Fees are nominal.

- The Civil Service Commission accepts Graduate School credits for examination and qualification purposes on the same basis as from colleges and universities.
- Because degrees are not given, there is a freer choice of courses, which permits broad flexibility in arranging and selecting classes. (Many colleges and universities do accept Graduate School credits.)