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THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT
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When the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts opened on Young Street near Thomas Square in September, 1908, one of the four curriculums offered led to a B.S. degree in Domestic Science. Staff members at that time were Agnes Hunt, Instructor in Domestic Science and Minnie E. Chipman, Instructor in Ceramics.

Introductory statements in the catalog were as follows: "There is an increased appreciation of the fact that much that relates to the home may be studied scientifically not only for the practical value of knowledge thus gained, but as a means to a liberal education. Manual skill has not been ignored although intellectual training and development is the main objective. Equal stress is laid upon food, clothing and shelter from a scientific and artistic point of view."

From 1916-18, the course Dietetics, Composition and Utilization of Foods was given by Arthur L. Dean, Professor of Chemistry and also President of the College of Hawaii as it has been renamed when it moved to the present site in Manoa Valley.

Madame Anna Von Balzer Dahl, Assistant Professor of Textiles and Design and Mae L. Wells, Assistant Professor of Household Science arrived in 1919 and courses in the department were expanded.

In the early days, most of the students taking these courses were married women and not students working for a degree.

In 1920, the institution became known as the University of Hawaii and the Home Economics Department became a part of the College of Applied Science with Professor Arthur R. Keller as Dean. The first Home Economic student to graduate

from the University of Hawaii was Ruth Ho in 1921. The first B.S. degree in Home Economics was granted in 1922 to Mary Ling Sang Li, now Mrs. Richard Sia.

Miss Carey D. Miller came as Assistant Professor and Head of the Home Economics Department in 1922. She taught courses in food preparation and investigation, nutrition and home management. In addition, she carried on research work for the Hawaii Agriculture Experiment Station.

Mrs. Dora Lewis was Assistant Professor of Home Economics and Dean of Women from 1927 to 1929. When she resigned, Miss Katherine Bazole came as instructor in Home Economics to teach foods, elementary nutrition and home management and supervise practice teaching in Home Economics.

In order that students have an opportunity to put into practice what they had learned, a home management house was established on Hyde Street for the second semester of 1930-31. Both juniors and seniors lived in the house that year for a period of four or five weeks under the supervision of Miss Bazole (now Mrs. L. N. Gruelle). Faculty members and mothers of various students loaned furniture. Students gained excellent experience in planning and buying the necessary furnishings and equipment.

Although courses in methods of teaching Home Economics and practice teaching had been established earlier, cafeteria practice was not begun until 1932 when students were assigned to various school lunchrooms for one or two days a semester, supervised by Miss Bazole. Several years after the University Home Economics Department took over management of the University Cafeteria, a course in cafeteria practice was given on the campus by Miss Maurine Flint, the cafeteria manager. The first courses in institutional management given by an instructor trained in that field were organized and offered in 1938 and 39 by Mrs. Bessie Brooks West of Kansas State College who spent her sabbatical year here. She also helped plan and equip the cafeteria in Hemenway Hall.

The Home Economics building was completed in 1939 and the department moved from Hawaii Hall into much more spacious and well-equipped headquarters. Additional staff and courses were made possible through federal funds for the training of teachers and increased enrollment. Ruth Douglas (now Mrs. Sulenta) joined the staff as resident instructor of the home management house and in charge of teacher training.

The home economics department was the first one on the campus to have their own building. At the time of the 50th anniversary celebration of the university, former students honored Professor Miller with a tea. Alumnae and friends contributed to the Carey D. Miller Loan Fund and the Miller Award ^{for} to an outstanding senior in home economics. She was retiring after thirty-five years in the department.

After her retirement in 1957, the building was rededicated and named Miller Hall in honor of Carey D. Miller, who had been chairman a total of 23 years. Dr. Arthur R. Keller, ^{He was of College of Applied Science} former dean and retired vice-president, and acting president of the university was the chief speaker at the dedication ceremony. ↘

When the College of Agriculture was established in 1946, Home Economics was incorporated in it and it continues to be in the College of Tropical Agriculture.

Graduate courses leading to a M.S. degree in Nutrition were offered. The first one granted was in 1932, to Marjorie Grieg Abel, a 1924 graduate. Previously, a Master's degree in Home Economics had been granted to Mrs. Inez Wheeler Westgate. To date a total of six master's degrees in nutrition have been granted. Most of the graduate courses are offered by the staff of the Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station Food and Nutrition staff.

At present, five major curriculums are offered: (1) General, for students who are not planning a vocational career or wish to go to mainland institutions for special work not offered here; (2) Home Economics Education, for those students expecting to teach, go into agricultural extension service or a home service

department of a utility company, (3) Institutional Management and Dietetics, for students who wish to go into hospital dietetics, tea room, cafeteria or dormitory management. A fourth curriculum is designed for students who plan to specialize in food and nutrition research. The fifth and newest curriculum is in clothing design. It prepares a talented student for positions in the clothing design, manufacturing and sales fields. Excellent cooperation with the local clothing designers and manufacturers assures success in this endeavor. Hospital affiliations for an undergraduate course in hospital dietary management ^{at present} include Leahi, Queen's and St. Francis Hospitals. ~~formerly Kuakini Hospital.~~

Last year there were 160 majors in home economics and over 200 non-majors taking one or more courses each semester.

At present, there are eleven staff members, six of these are teaching full-time in home economics. *In addition, there are several lecturers teaching a single course.*

Our largest graduating class was in 1954 when forty-two were graduated. In 1961, we had 17 graduates, 5 in institutional management, 9 in home economics education, 1 in foods and nutrition and the remaining in general home economics.

Our graduates in institutional management and dietetics usually apply for dietetic internship in mainland hospitals approved by the American Dietetic Association and spend one year in additional training before applying for positions in their chosen field.

After graduation, students interested in teaching transfer to the College of Education for a 5th year of training. They spend one semester at a rural training center at Waipahu and teach full-time under supervision. They are paid a teacher's salary during that time. The other semester is spent taking graduate courses on the campus at the University of Hawaii making them eligible for the professional certificate granted by the State Department of Education.

A number of East-West scholarships and other foreign students have taken courses in our department.

In 1930, students organized a Home Economics Club which is affiliated with the Hawaii Home Economics Association and the American Home Economics Association. It is quite active on the campus. ^{Many} ^{ales} ~~Other~~ students belong to the 4-H Club on the campus and frequently volunteer their services as leaders of local groups.

Several special awards are available for home economics students. The Danforth Summer Fellowship provides a month on the mainland for an outstanding junior. Two weeks of study are spent with representatives of other land grant colleges at the Ralston Purina Mills in St. Louis and two weeks at a youth leadership training camp at Shelby, Michigan.

The Hawaii Dietetic Association and the Carey D. Miller monetary award are given annually to outstanding seniors.

The Crisco Award is given each year to the home economics students voted to be the best representative and most outstanding one in the group.

For 10 yrs previous to 1961, the Dole Haw. Pine Co. had a travel award to send 2 promising juniors to the Amer. H. Econ. Assoc. & spend a month ACHIEVEMENTS traveling on the mainland. Later this was changed to a scholarship for 1 junior student.

Most of the Home Economics teachers in the ~~Territory~~ ^{State} have received their training in our department. Others have changed to allied fields of teaching and have proven successful.

After receiving their master's degrees on the mainland, two of our graduates are now Assistant Supervisors of Vocational Homemaking Education in the State Department. Another is on our University staff teaching at the University High School. She supervises our practice teachers there. The supervisor of intern teaching at Waipahu is also one of our graduates.

In extension work, one specialist, one county agent, and three of the assistant

agents are our graduates.

most of the Five head dietitians in local hospitals are University of Hawaii graduates. Twenty-one of the available hospital positions for dietitians in Hawaii are filled by our graduates. A number of others are holding responsible positions in mainland hospitals.

The cafeteria managers at the University Pre-School and elementary schools are graduates of our institutional management course. Three graduates are assistant supervisors of the University Cafeteria and Food Service, one being our only male graduate.

per the Nutritionist for the ~~Territorial~~ *State* Board of Health and *me* ~~a~~ Public Health Nutritionist are ~~graduates~~ *graduates*. One received her master's degree in Public Health Nutrition at the Western Reserve University. Another attended the University for two years before transferring to Kansas State University.

Four of our graduates are in the Home Service Departments of the Hawaiian Electric and Honolulu Gas Company.

Several are in business or secretarial positions.

One physically handicapped student is a librarian in a Cleveland Ohio School after having attended Peabody Institute for advanced study. Several *are* graduates have gone into *pre-school* or social work.

Previously our graduates have held positions in research in the Agricultural Experiment Station's Food and Nutrition Laboratory, Y.W.C.A. cafeteria, Mid-Pacific School's food service, and as head of the cafeteria training in the Honolulu Vocational School. One who received her master's degree here was on the teaching staff of the University of Michigan, School of Nursing. Others are teaching or are hospital dietitians on the mainland.

Affiliated Groups

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Within a week after the Pearl Harbor attack in December, 1941, the Home Defense Committee was organized by a group of public spirited home economists whose purpose was to help homemakers with their many problems. Members of the home economics department included Carey D. Miller, Katherine Bazore, Marian Weaver and Mary Bartow. Radio talks, food demonstrations, newspaper releases and work with community groups continued throughout the war years.

H. Econ Staff members were instrumental in organizing the Food & Nutrition Council in May, 1923 which was renamed the ~~Haw H. Econ. Assoc~~ in 1926. Early meetings included reports of the work being carried on by members of the group and special speakers. Mrs. Jas. Russell was ^{named} ~~for~~ pres., Miss Carey D. Miller, vice pres., + Miss Alice T. Jones secret. In 1926, the name was changed to ~~Haw. H. Ec Assoc~~.

The school lunch + lunch wagon problem was one which occupied their attention + they worked toward better supervision + sanitation measures.

HHEA In 1926, the organization was renamed the ~~Haw Home Econ Assoc~~ which is its present name + is affiliated with the Am. H. Ec Assoc.

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