Human ecology

Howard students study the relationship of man to his urban environment

Human Ecology is concerned with the interaction of people with their environment. It is the new direction of Home Economics at Howard. The School of Human Ecology seeks to train individuals who are skilled in techniques and methodologies for solving or coping with the human micro-or macro environment. The curricula of the school focus on the impact of social, economic and technological changes on the human experience.

The school's academic offerings are presented in six program areas: Community Service Education, Human Development, Human Nutrition and Food, International Studies in Human Ecology, Macroenvironmental and Population Studies, and Microenvironmental Studies and Design.

An important part of it's program is that they are multidisciplinary, providing our students with varied skills so they will be prepared for more than one career. This feature is particularly important considering what the job market is like today.

The Program in Community Service Education is designed to prepare professionals to help families and their individual members improve or maintain the quality of personal and family living. Majors include home economics and community service.

Bachelor of science degrees are offered in community service education and home economics. A master of science degree is awarded in human ecology with a concentration in community service education.

Students in the Community Service Program prepare for teaching, community service, extension work, consumer services, research and other related educational roles in private and public agencies serving youth and adults.

The Program in Human Development provides training directed toward the study of development and change through the human life cycle and in family life. Students in the program may select majors in human development, family studies and early childhood education.

The School of Human Ecology has its own on-site preschool which provides facilities for training students to become child development specialists. Professionals in this area might work not only in preschools but also with service programs or with human development agencies.

With appropriate courses in design, human development majors might become consultants or designers of childrens' toys or of children's clothing. Others can work in health-related institutions and government agencies.

Students in Human Development are also trained in gerontology, enabling them to work with the aged and to study the perplexities of the world's growing number of senior citizens.

The Program in Human Nutrition and Food is concerned with teaching and research in nutrition and the science of food and its applications. Specializations are: Human Nutrition and Food, Institutional Food Service Administration, Food Promotion and Testing, and Dietetics.

Knowledge of the complex interrelationships between nutritional supply, technological growth and food consumption behavior will be used to increase understanding in making the best possible use of foods to promote health throughout the life cycle.

The School of Human Ecology has nutrition laboratories where students and faculty can analyze food and physiological samples. Our students conduct animal studies in our own laboratories as well as in the Medical School to determine nutrient requirements.

The School of Human Ecology has a quantity foods laboratory where students plan, prepare and serve food. Students and faculty in the School of Human Ecology are able to eat nutritious

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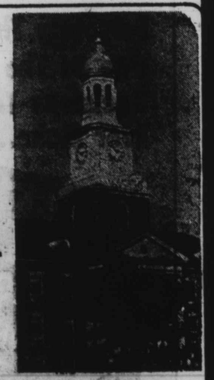

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unches there three days a week.

The Program in Human Nutrition and Food will prepare students for teaching and service professions related to nutrition in community agencies and private and commercial organizations as well as in government agencies.

The focus of the Program in Macroenvironmental Studies is the large physical environment. Students will be educated concerning the goal of protecting and improving the quality of life by understanding environmental dynamics. Majors are Population Ecology and Environmental Science.

When, land is inhabited and increases in population genetics and needed to help maintain an equilibrium between population growth and new technology. The Population Studies curriculum includes subject matter on population dynamics, population genevics and demography.

In the Program in Microenvironmental Studies and Design, the focus is on the near physical environment. The Microenvironmental Studies curriculum gives emphasis to courses dealing with the design of shelter, interiors, clothing and textiles.

Students in Microenvironmental Studies and Design can major in Textiles, Fashion Fundamentals and Interior Design. Students can apply their knowledge of design to textiles and design fabrics or clothing. They can minor in chemistry and become textile chemists, analyzing and developing textiles for maximum usage and durability by the consumer. The numerous supportive industries related to textiles such as design, manufacturing, retailing and caring for textiles provide many job opportunities for the major in Microenvironmental Studies.

The Program in Microenvironmental Studies has an extensive historic and ethnic clothing collection including apparel from Guatemala and West Africa and the United States. The program is also concerned with the need for continuing research to more adequately manage and improve the near environment by studying housing wants and needs and interior design.

Microenvironmental Studies and Design majors, with appropriate business skills can become merchandisers of clothing, textiles, or home furnishings.

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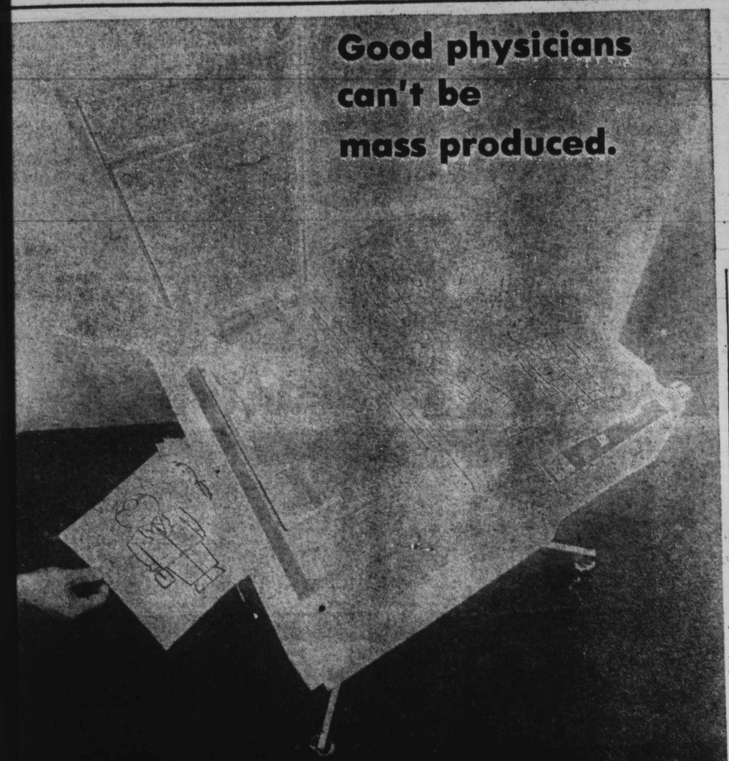

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