Fine Arts adds music, art appreciation

by Cassie Daeges

Students looking for something different in the way of curriculum may find the answer in Music 23 and Art 108, new additions to Creighton's Department of Fine Arts.

Music 23, (Music Appreciation I) is designed to familiarize students with many aspects of music ranging from 20th century music to electronic and commercial music to orchestral conducting and problems.

Students are required to attend lectures given by guest speakers. Among the guest lecturers are Yuri Krasnapolsky, conductor and director for the Omaha Symphony Orchestra; Jonathan Dudley, conductor for the Omaha Opera Company and Carole Bean, choral director for Chanticleer Community Theater.

Understanding Music

Bob Jenkins, principal oboist for the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, was scheduled to give the first set of lectures. Jenkins said he sketched the history of music from the 1600's to the late 1800's and brought in several instruments to demonstrate to students.

Students are also required to attend various rehearsals and performances of the symphony, ballet and opera. Mrs. Frances Kraft, assistant professor of fine arts, said some of these rehearsals are open just for the benefit of Creighton students.

"This course is designed to give students some general knowledge of the kinds of things to expect from various types of music," said Kraft.

Joslyn classes

Art 108 is a comprehensive training program designed to heighten a student's knowledge and appreciation of art and allows students to assist the Joslyn Museum in conducting guided tours.

All classes are held at Joslyn with students attending lectures on the history of art based on the collections housed at Joslyn. "This way students will be able to work with history and the real thing at the same time," Kraft said. She also said that because Joslyn's collections vary from year to year the course will also vary.

Students will be taking part in Joslyn's Guided Tour program, according to Kraft. She said Joslyn has updated the program in order to accommodate college students and allow them to receive credits.

Tour guides

"Joslyn is very excited about the set up," said Kraft. "They are happy to be bringing in the vitality of younger people." She said that once the students have attended the instructive lectures they are asked to give a guided tour in exchange for Joslyn's services.

The two hour course is open to juniors and seniors but freshmen and sophomores may take it upon departmental approval. Grades will be based on a final paper which is reviewed by an instructor at Joslyn and Creighton.

The course will be scheduled only for second semester.

Kraft said she designed these two courses because she felt there was a very real need for them. "The need is shown by the 30 students who enrolled in Music 23," said Kraft.

Kraft said she has further plans to expand the fine arts program but is not able to give any details yet.

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