Human ecology being taught

WASHINGTON — Howard University is one of four universities that offers academic credits in human ecology.

According to the 1971 Annual Guide to Graduate Study, "These sciences have, in part grown out of or replaced some formerly isolated academic areas and now constitute a single study of human ecology and are therefore presented here as a new discipline for the first time."

Howard sees the documentation and characterization of the activities of human beings in communities, cities and other geographical settings as the research phase of human ecology.

Human ecology provides the subject matter to work with people to help them improve their environment and the standards of living which will improve their quality of life, officials said.

According to Howard's School of Human Ecology, the quality of life can be improved if people learn to:

Manage their internal and external environments more effectively, practice improved coping skills, reach higher planes of self-actualization, enhance family relations to insure love, respect and security, and practice moral and ethical concepts in decision making, in the home and outside of it.

Human ecology is a new academic discipline which seeks, through a study of the interaction of man with his environment, to improve the near environment and the quality of life, officials said.

It focuses knowledge of technological advances and improved coping skills in strengthening the ability of people to cope with the environment and to improve it.

It is a field of study which prepares leaders to work with people to make them more useful in improving the standard of living and the quality of life.

It is an academic discipline which seeks to make the world a better place in which to live through working with individuals and the resources available to them.

Human ecology is people-oriented. Not only because man makes his environment and can change it, for better or for worse through his impact on land, water and air, but also because man's interaction with man is a prime concern.

Because the mission of human ecology is to improve the quality of life, it seeks to understand a human development, to understand the role and function of food and social interaction, the effect of clothing and housing on behavior and to understand environmental science.

Ecology strives to understand the impact of population expansion in relation to the world's resources, to provide sharing the skills and coping behaviors typical of human ecology with others through an international component, and to prepare teachers through community service education, officials said.

Since the inception of the School of Human Ecology at Howard, its students and faculty have been cited as recipients of numerous recognition awards for outstanding achievements.

Loretta Hurley, a graduate student in the Community Service Program in the school received a $2,500 scholarship from the Giant Food Corporation.

Patricia Simms, a senior, received a $1,000 grant from the Pillsbury Foundation in the human nutrition and food program.

And Dr. Barbara Nordquist was elected to the eastern regional section of the American College Professors of Textiles and Clothing, to name a few.

Human ecology draws on the fine arts, liberal arts, health and the behavioral, natural and physical sciences. It works side by side with other disciplines to provide training for a new breed of people in this 20th century, who view the worth of the person as greater than that of material resources.

Foreign Service recruits minority grads

WASHINGTON — The Department of State Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEO) is recruiting minority candidates to fill a limited number of junior Foreign Service Officer positions.

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Once this information has been obtained and evaluated, applicants will be invited to appear before a panel of State Department officers for an "oral examination." The oral usually lasts between 1 and 1½ hours.

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