BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE TOO

Two Majors Approved By Faculty

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Waiving the normally required second reading, the faculty approved an undergraduate major in behavioral science at the third meeting of the year, held on March 31.

In other actions taken at the same meeting, the faculty gave final approval to the modified undergraduate curriculum in architecture and the new major in sociology. Both programs had been passed on first reading at the faculty meeting on December 16.

Course Nucleus

The curriculum for the new behavioral science major, which will be available in 1966-67, centers around a nucleus of courses in anthropology, psychology, and sociology. Students majoring in behavioral science will emphasize one of these three areas but will also receive instruction in the other two central fields. Instruction in related subjects such as political science, economics, biology, and history may be substituted with the approval of the adviser.

Supervision and administration of the program will be conducted under the guidance of the Departments of Anthropology and Sociology and Psychology.

Ten Courses

Students majoring in behavioral science will be required to take a total of ten semester courses in anthropology, psychology, and sociology, six of which must be numbered 300 or higher. Not more than twelve semester-courses in the major will be permitted, and a maximum of two semester-courses outside the nuclear fields may be included in the major.

Sociology majors will be required to take ten semester-courses in sociology, eight of which must be 300 level or above. The remaining courses in the last two years are electives, one of which must be group A. Students must achieve at least third year level proficiency in a foreign language. During the summer between the junior and senior years, students are urged to gain experience in a foreign society. The department considers this to be a particularly important method of teaching a comparative approach to human behavior.

Architec's

Students of architecture may now postpone physics, mathematics, or history from the freshman to the sophomore year if they wish to continue study of a foreign language begun in high school. Art 325 and 435, as well as History of Art 315, will be required in addition to the usual architecture courses.

Teachers

Dean M. V. McEnany, Chairman of the Education Council, presented a report on the present Rice program for Teacher Certification.

Dr. T. W. Wann presented a report from the Committee on Student Health, which operates the Student Health Service in Hanszen and Jones Colleges under the direction of Dr. Ray Skaggs. The report noted the establishment this year of psychiatric consultation with Dr. Cassard at Baylor University College of Medicine. A recommendation for a new infirmary, housed separately in its own building, has been accepted in principle at the board level.