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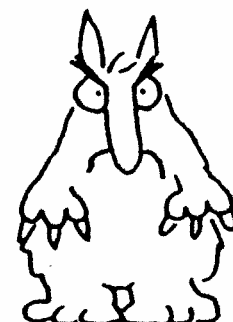
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February Meeting: Retirement Benefits

Are you wondering what you're going to live on after retirement? Do you wonder what your monthly retirement benefits will be? If so, you should plan to attend the February 18 APAC meeting, which will feature Lorraine Volkman, Benefits Administrator from the Retirement and Insurance Office on campus. Lorraine will provide an overview of retirement options and present what a typical 35-year-old employee, earning \$20,000 at UW, might look forward to in the way of retirement benefits. We'll be meeting in Savery 207. Plan now to attend!



APAC Hires a Lobbyist

Martha Brasfield reports that APAC has hired two lobbyists to go to Olympia for us and lead our battle for higher salaries. Sharon Foster has ties to the Democratic Party and to Western Washington congressional delegates, and Dick Barrett has ties to the Republican Party and to Eastern Washington delegates. We seem to be well-covered. Martha's fundraising effort netted us \$1600, but both lobbyists recommend we try to double or triple the amount. APAC members who donated funds during the drive will receive a detailed report (plus plea for more). Anyone who has not yet contributed and would like to may send a check to Martha (payable to APAC), mail stop DJ-10. Those of you who would like to do a little lobbying (cajoling, urging, begging) on your own may wish to try the Legislative Hotline (1-800-562-6000). Just call and leave messages for your state representatives and senators.

Foreign Language Placement

Beginning autumn quarter 1987, students will no longer be given credit for the first-quarter course (usually numbered '101') in the language they presented for admission to the university. At first blush, this ruling seems fairly easy to understand and implement; the attendant complications and effects remain to be seen. Some things to keep in mind:

1. This ruling only affects students who enter college autumn quarter, 1987, or later.
2. Students may be given credit for first-quarter language courses in languages studied in high school other than the one presented for admission.
3. Language instructors in the first-year French, Spanish, and German courses will (computer-willing) have placement scores of their students included on their class lists. Students in 102 and 103 courses who have not presented placement test scores will be asked to take the test.

Reminder About International Students

International students are required to be full-time (12 or more undergraduate credits) each quarter. Many of these students are also required to take ESL courses, which carry no credit towards graduation. ESL courses do, however, count as 5-credit courses in determining full-time status. Students who are required to take ESL courses and do not sign up for these courses may have their registration cancelled, and then will be eligible for deportation. Do urge your students to take these classes. The only undergraduate exception to the full-time rule applies to students in their last quarter of school who have less than 12 credits left to complete their degrees.

New Adviser in CAO

Beret Kischner has joined the advising staff in CAO, replacing Ken Tokuno who has moved to sociology. Beret has been an adviser and history instructor at North Seattle and Seattle Central Community Colleges.

NACADA Call for Programs

NACADA has sent around a flier calling for proposals for programs to be included in the next national conference. Deadline for program proposals is March 1, 1987. Anyone wishing a copy of the proposal form should contact Ann Trail (or any other CAO staff member, for that matter) at 3-2550.

Biological Sciences Career Day

All interested staff, faculty and students are invited to this event sponsored by the Biology Program. Speakers from the fields of environmental consulting, science writing, aquaculture, biotechnology, health service administration and wildlife biology will discuss their career development. Please join us for mouth-watering baked goods and Starbuck's coffee between sessions!

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 1987
Place: Kincaid Hall, 114
Time: 9:30am - 5:00pm

Deanna Fryhle or Barbara Deane may be contacted at 3-6647 for more information.

W Courses, and the Crunch -- Janet Kime

Those of you who received quarterly course information accompanied by Dick Simkins' Crunch memo probably noticed that your stack of handouts was somewhat smaller this quarter. Two of my favorites fell to the budget ax: the evening course list, and the W-course list. We did send copies of the W-course list to advisers, but no longer print enough for students to pick up copies in B-10; and the evening list we wrote up and xeroxed only for ourselves in Central Advising. I did sneak up to the xerox machine to make extra copies and sent them to a few advisers; we have a little private mailing list of advisers who see lots of students, or are easily freaked, or both. At any rate, now that you have survived most of registration without an evening-course list, let us know if you think you could do so again, or if you found this a particularly painful experience.

We feel a little easier about cutting back on the W-course list, because a list appears in the front of each quarter's Time Schedule; please refer students to that. It is very rare that a course listed there has its W removed (and if that happens, we have the instructor announce it in class); we do, however, always add a few W courses after the Time Schedule is printed. We post a revised list in B-10 for students to check.

I've been looking at all the graduation applications of yellow-list students for the W-Course Committee, to see what people are taking to fulfill the requirement, and am truly appalled at the number of students who have not completed the W course requirement by the time they apply to graduate. I'm even more concerned about the number who are planning on overlapping their remaining W course and distribution requirements. W courses, if you haven't heard from your students, are hard to get into -- particularly the lower-division, distribution-list ones. With that in mind, and because so many students are finishing up in Spring quarter and graduating in June, I prepared a list for our office of the W courses this Spring in each distribution area. It is a grim little list, indeed. Advisers should be aware that the W courses that are on the distribution lists as well are almost all in language and literature. This Spring, for example, there are none in fine arts, the only two in natural sciences are the third quarters of two physics sequences, and there are very few in either social science subcategory. If you are talking to a student who desperately needs a W course that will also apply to a distribution area, give one of the advisers at CAD a call.

The Crunch - Revisited

The following mysteriously and without explanation appeared on our staff bulletin board here in the CAD shortly after distribution of the famed "crunch" memo. (Honestly, I couldn't help myself -- sorry, Lewis.)

"The Evil Crunch"

'Twas Janig and the stuedy hordih
Did mill and mible in boeten (B-10, ed.)
All jollsy were the advigoves
And the mome staff outgrabe.

"Beware the Evil Crunch, my son,
The jaws that yak, the claws that stat.
Beware the Distribubird and shun
The frumious Papersnatch!"

He took his budget ax in hand,
Long time the manxome foe he sought.
Then rested he by the selectric tree
And stood awhile in thought.

And as he rested 'twixt the keys
The Evil Crunch with eyes aflame
Came riffling through the handout piles
Burping as it came.

One-two! One-two! And through and through!
His budget ax went snicker-snack!
He left it dead and with its head
He went galumphing back.

"And hast thou slain the Evil Crunch?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

'Twas Janig and the stuedy hordth
Did mill and mible in beeten.
All jollsy were the advigoves
And the mome staff outgrabe.

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I wish to join the UW Association of Professional Advisers and Counselors. Enclosed is \$5.00, 1986-87 annual dues.

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