



ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS AND COUNSELORS  
ARTS AND SCIENCES CENTRAL ADVISING OFFICE

# APAC NEWSLETTER

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## FEBRUARY 29 MEETING: ADMISSIONS EVALUATIONS

On Wednesday, February 29, transfer-credit evaluators from the Office of Admissions will meet with APAC members. Fay Priddy, the head evaluator, will discuss with us the new transfer evaluation form, how transfer credit information will be available to advisers on the new computer system, EOP and foreign admissions, and grey-area courses. The meeting will be at noon in 1 B Gowen.

## MARCH 14 MEETING: WORKING WITH THE DIFFICULT STUDENT

On Wednesday, March 14, Vicki Wilson from the Department of Psychology will meet with APAC members to discuss strategies for working with "difficult" students — the student who cannot express why s/he has come to you, the student with a chip on his/her shoulder, the student who keeps returning with the same problem, the student who wants something other than the kind of service your office provides, etc. Come with your horror stories and receive advice from an expert (all the difficult ones seem to end up in the psych department, sooner or later). The meeting will be at noon in 1 B Gowen.

## NEED A RIDE TO THE NAA CONFERENCE?

Since many UW advisers are planning on attending the Northwest Academic Advising Conference at Simon Fraser University in March, APAC would like to help coordinate rides to and from Vancouver. The conference starts Thursday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. and ends Friday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m. Many advisers will be driving up and spending the weekend, but if there is enough demand APAC can reserve UW passenger cars to leave early Thursday morning and return to Seattle Friday evening. The cost would be about \$10 per person, round trip (university vans would be a little less expensive, but there are none available for March). If you are interested, call Lynda West at 543-2770. Also, if you are driving and can take passengers, please call Lynda and we will try to connect you with people needing rides. If we will be reserving university cars we need to do so as soon as possible, so please call Lynda soon.

MATH 105: CR/NC AGAIN

Contrary to earlier information, MATH 105 will continue to be offered on a CR/NC basis for the time being. The math department is working on plans to offer two versions of MATH 105, starting in Autumn quarter, 1985. One version will be a terminal course and will be offered CR/NC; the other version will be designed for students continuing on to calculus, and will be offered on a graded basis.

COMMITTEE FORMING: STUDENT EVALUATION OF ADVISERS

Some advisers on campus have become concerned about the lack of feedback from students concerning the advising and counseling they receive on campus — is it meeting their needs, is it terrific, etc. Also, it would be very useful for advisers to have statistics derived from student evaluations when requesting additional staff, promotions, and merit raises. Anyone interested in developing a process by which students can evaluate campus advisers and counselors please contact Gail Wilkie at 543-9456.

APAC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Holly Bauman	—	Business Administration
Darlene Bush	—	Computer Science
Kate Nelson	—	Counseling Center
Lois Werelus	—	Sociology
Lynda West	—	Physics

Kate Nelson will be replacing Doris Olch, also of the Counseling Center, for the remainder of the 1983-84 academic year.



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I wish to join the UW Association of Professional Advisers and Counselors. Enclosed is \$5.00, 1983-84 annual dues.

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Mail to: Holly Bauman, Business Administration, DJ-10.

## SIGI HAS ARRIVED!

SIGI (pronounced "siggy") is an acronym for System for Interactive Guidance and Information. It is an interactive computer program, available at the Counseling Center to students who want help in choosing a major and/or career. It consists of a career decision-making model and emphasizes personal values (what satisfactions do you want from work?), career information, and a planning strategy. The program consists of five parts:

1. Values: The operator is shown ten occupational values and asked to rank them, assigning each one a rating from 0 (no importance) to 8 (highest importance).
2. Locate: The operator is asked to specify the kind of satisfaction that is acceptable for each of five values. SIGI will then sift through the specifications and display a list of occupations which meet or exceed the specifications.
3. Compare: Using any three occupations, the operator may ask up to five questions at a time. SIGI will compare three selected occupations on such things as training requirements, income, personal satisfactions, opportunities and outlook, working conditions, etc.
4. Planning: This section helps the operator discover and evaluate methods of entering any occupation in SIGI.
5. Strategy: By using a combined weighting and ranking system, the operator learns how to determine a "desirability index" for selecting an occupation.

SIGI should help the operator understand his/her values and how they relate to career satisfaction. In addition, SIGI contains current occupational information (updated annually) which can help in making sound decisions.

Before using SIGI, students must make an appointment for a 45-minute orientation session. There is a limit of three participants for each orientation session. After the orientation, students may stop at the reception desk and make a two-hour appointment with SIGI. If further time is needed, another appointment can be made. There is no fee for using SIGI.

APAC members are invited to meet SIGI by attending a 45-minute orientation with Kate Nelson. Appointments can be made by calling 543-1240 and scheduling with the Counseling Center receptionist. Groups of three are optimal; any more people and things get too crowded. Fewer than three isn't time-efficient, so try to come with a buddy, if possible.

## RETURNING STUDENT DEADLINES FOR SPRING QUARTER

Returning students who have been out only one quarter will be accepted through the first week of Spring quarter. All other returning students will be accepted on a moment-to-moment, space-available basis.

## MATH/SCIENCE TUTORING AVAILABLE

Tau Beta Pi, a national engineering honor society, offers free tutoring in math, physics, chemistry, engineering sciences, and some engineering department core courses. Tutors are available on the third floor of the Engineering Library, Monday through Friday, 8:30 through 4:30, although not all subjects are tutored at all hours. A schedule of the tutors available, by subject area, is posted in the Engineering Library.

## PLACEMENT CENTER REFERRAL FORMS

Advisers who frequently refer students to individual counselors at the Placement Center may wish to obtain a supply of Placement Center Adviser/Counselor Referral Forms. A sample form is attached to this newsletter. Normally, students who wish to see a counselor at the Placement Center must first take a one-hour orientation to Placement Center services. Currently, the orientation deals primarily with the sign-up system for job interviews and may not be appropriate for the students you refer. Students who present referral forms are allowed to make appointments with the counselors without first attending an orientation. Advisers can order a supply of the referral forms from Suzanne at the Placement Center, 543-0535.

## DANCE TRANSFERRED TO DRAMA

Effective immediately, the Division of Dance has been transferred from the School of Music to the School of Drama.