

association of Professional advisers and counselors

apac newsletter

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WELCOME TO APAC

The UW Association of Professional Advisers and Counselors would like to extend a welcome to all new UW counselors, and also to any continuing UW counselors who haven't heard of us before. First established in 1976, APAC has provided for UW advisers and counselors a continuing series of meetings on topics of professional interest, as well as an organization in which advisers isolated in various departments can communicate with one another. Last year we also began publication of this monthly newsletter of policy changes, campus events, and articles of interest to our members. All UW faculty and staff whose positions involve student counseling are eligible to join APAC; a form for making yourself known to us appears on the last page of this newsletter. Our meetings are open to all UW advisers and counselors.

OCTOBER APAC MEETING: VP FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

The first APAC meeting of the 1982-83 academic year will be on Wednesday, October 6, from 12 to 1 in HUB 200A and B. Until 12:15 we will describe APAC for those of you new to counseling at the UW, and we'll discuss APAC's plans for the year. At 12:15 Ernest Morris, the new Vice President for Student Affairs, will speak about the current status and the future directions of student affairs at the UW. There will be time afterwards for questions and answers. Bring your lunch; APAC will provide coffee. Come join us and find out what APAC is all about!

NOVEMBER MEETING: CAREER PLANNING RESOURCES

On Wednesday, November 3, we will hold a panel discussion on career planning resources available at the UW for advisers and students. Panel members will be Rick Fite, Placement Center; Dick Hedges, Counseling Center and Disabled Student Services; Vicki Wilson, Psychology; and Kathleen Waldron, Arts and Sciences Central Advising. The panel will discuss the services available from different offices around campus as well as some of the books, tests, and other counseling aids advisers might want to employ. This panel discussion will introduce a series of APAC meetings to be held this year on career planning; included in the series will be meetings on interpreting WPCT scores and the Strong-Campbell test. The meeting will be held in 1B Gowen over the noon hour.

ALL-ADVISERS MEETING

The Autumn quarter version of the semi-annual All-Advisers Meeting will be on Thursday, October 21, from 9 to 12 in 309A HUB. The agenda includes Kay Hubbard, Foreign Study Office; Tim Washburn, Director of Admissions and Records; Mary Ellen Asmundson, Placement Center; and Dorothy Sale of Graduations and Sara Jones of Arts and Sciences Central Advising, who will run through the major pitfalls of graduation applications. Ran Hennes will discuss the Honors Program and his other hobbies, and Dick Simkins of Arts and Sciences Central Advising will discuss one of our favorite topics, evaluating X-credits for distribution. Various edibles will be provided by the staff of Central Advising, gourmands all.



REPEATING COURSES: A POLICY CHANGE

Beginning Winter quarter, 1983, students will no longer be able to repeat a course and use the new grade to "line out" the earlier grade. In the past, the first grade was still visible on the transcript but was not counted in the student's GPA. Starting Winter quarter, students will be allowed to retake a course only once, and then only if the first grade was below 2.0. Both grades will count in the student's GPA.

This policy change was supposed to go into effect Winter 1982 but was deferred for one year. Because of the deferral, it is very unlikely that petitions will be granted for special permission to repeat a course and line out a grade -- for example, for a course offered only once each year.

Some students (and advisers) may also be confused about how incompletes fit into the change in requirements. Basically, a grade counts in the quarter it is posted. For example, if a student repeats a course Autumn quarter 1982 but takes an incomplete, then receives the grade conversion Winter quarter 1983, the grade may not be used to line out an earlier grade.

If you have questions about the new policy, call Grade Recording or Arts and Sciences Central Advising.

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

--- John Armstrong

During the June through August registration period there were 9,917 students registering at the UW. Last year for the same period 9,975 students registered. Interestingly, 69.2% of those registering this year received complete programs of study with no course denials, which is down from 1981 by 4%. This year 29% received partial programs, and 1.73% didn't receive any of the courses they attempted to register for. The increase in students closed out of courses during preregistration is attributed to the fact that fewer courses are available, an indication that there have been budget cuts at the UW (you've heard of that phenomenon).

In the category of students who received partial programs, most (2,193) were denied only one course. Other figures for the partial program category are: 572 students denied two courses; 102 students denied three courses; 8 students denied four courses; and one poor student, in desperate need of some decent advising, lost big and was denied five classes.

TUITION SURCHARGE

Also from Registrarland -- don't forget about additional tuition charges for more than 18 credits. Each credit over 18 that industrious students register for will cost an additional \$35, thus eliminating the bulk bargain shoppers.

NOTES FROM THE HOUSING OFFICE

-- John Armstrong

The campus housing picture is rapidly diminishing for students this coming Autumn quarter. Hansee Hall is filled and the other dorms have spaces available only for men; all the spaces in all the dorms for women are filled. According to Carol Ditlevson, Assistant Director of Housing and Food Services, the housing picture is not quite as pinched as it has been in the past three years on campus.

On the horizon, the work has started on what is now called the West Campus Apartments. Located at Pacific Avenue and Brooklyn, this new structure is intended for graduate students. There will be private bedrooms and shared living rooms and kitchens for clusters of five or six students. First priority will be given to groups of students who have identified themselves as wishing to live in an apartment cluster together. Rates will average around \$150 per month and there will be room for 300 students in the complex. The unit, which will be a break from more traditional dormitory housing, should be completed in time for Autumn quarter, 1983.

DENTAL HYGIENE MAJOR DROPPED

The basic dental hygiene major at the UW has been dropped, but the Degree Completion Program for Expanded Function Auxiliaries is being continued. The Degree Completion Program is designed to assist practicing dental auxiliaries in updating and enhancing their skills, perhaps leading to other types of dental careers such as teaching. Information is available from the Department of Dental Hygiene, 543-5820.

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