



CURRICULUM . . . Dr. Richard Passon, Bob Nolan, and Dr. Charles Keffer discuss curriculum revision. (Photo by Tyrrell)

Coffee House Session Discusses Curriculum

Dr. Richard Passon, Dr. Charles Keffer, and Mr. George Babcock represented the Program Committee in an open discussion with students and faculty in the Coffee House October 29.

Twenty students and faculty members participated in the meeting, the third such informal assembly this year.

The discussion centered on the statement of operational objectives of

the University as presented by the committee. According to the statement the University is concerned with three aspects of human development in general: (1) the deepening of knowledge (content and methodology), (2) the tempering and honing of skills, and (3) the realization of humane attitudes and values.

The Program Committee recently sent a questionnaire to all departments to assess the reaction to the statement of objectives and to examine the role of the departments in implementing them.

Dr. Passon made it clear that the Committee welcomes all reactions, questions, and suggestions on the proposal. Complete copies of the operational objectives are available in Dr. Passon's office.

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Script Notes

Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., has announced that it will again sponsor a summer course in Publishing Procedures.

The course runs for six weeks and the tuition is \$400. It is open to both men and women who are recent college graduates, and considering a career in books or magazines. Dormitory facilities are available for those who wish to live on campus.

Any senior who is interested in application should write to: Publishing Procedures Course, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

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Dick Cawley, Chairman of the Student Government Lecture Series, has announced the Series' schedule for the year.

Three lectures remain in the Series. On December 3, Mr. William Logue of the Political Science Department of Villanova University's Graduate School will speak in the Student Center Auditorium. Mr. Logue is challenging Minority Leader Hugh Scott's seat in the Senate.

In February Dr. Kent Forster, noted historian and the "Outstanding Professor of the University of Pennsylvania," will speak on the "Future of the Cold War."

The Lecture Series will present Mr. George Hirsh in April. Mr. Hirsh is the publisher of the 'New York' magazine.

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A course in Black History will be taught at the Scranton Progressive Center, 414 Olive Street, on Saturdays beginning after the Christmas Holiday. More information can be obtained from Mrs. Lorraine Harper at the Center, 343-8835.

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Students of the University were given a bird's-eye view of the behind-the-scenes action of the State Department's Foreign Affairs Bureau when three State Department officials spoke to about one hundred students on topics ranging from the Pueblo Affair to England's admission to the Common Market. The officials who addressed the group are agents in the field, now on tour to educate the citizenry to the facts of the crises confronting the nation. Other State Department officials will visit the campus in the near future, according to Dr. Joseph C. Dougherty, Chairman of the History and Political Science Departments, who brought the speakers to the University.

Singers Concert
Sunday Night

The American Catholic Philosophical Association, Northeastern Penna. Branch, will sponsor a panel discussion entitled "God: American Style." The main contributors will be Dr. Edward J. Capestany, Dr. Matthew J. Fairbanks, and Dr. Jonas V. Narbutas, all of the University Philosophy Department.

The meeting will take place on December 9, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. in the Faculty Mezzanine in the Student Center. The meeting is free and open to everyone interested. For further information contact Dr. Matthew Fairbanks, Regional Director of the American Catholic Philosophical Association.

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Mr. Art Zimmerman has retired Nov. 1st as Superintendent of Buildings. He has been at the University 38 years. The University Board of Trustees recently voted Mr. Zimmerman a citation as a "faithful and prudent servant" calling that he "be recognized for his magnanimity of person and performance through four decades."

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Student Government has announced that it will terminate its weekly movie in favor of one big-name movie a month for the second semester. The reason for the action was the poor attendance. Tony Acquaviva, Co-chairman, stated that the series was ended "because the students showed by their attendance that they didn't care for a weekly movie. We were able to break even on only one movie." The Cinema Series has two movies left for this semester. The first, "Marat-Sade," was shown Nov. 16, and a W. C. Fields evening is planned for January. There will be one movie shown in each of the months of February, March, April, and May. Admission is \$1.

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The University Singers open their 1969-70 season this weekend with their annual Fall Tour. On Friday the Singers will travel to Trenton, New Jersey and will perform in concert at Cathedral and Notre Dame High Schools. In the evening they will journey to Reading, Penna., and will be the guests of the Women's Glee Club at Alvernia College.

This Sunday the Women's Glee Club from St. Peters College will join the Singers for a Joint Concert in our Student Center Auditorium. The concert will be a feature of the Parents Day activities on campus.

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Student Congress has approved SBP Tom DiMatteo's selection of Senior Gino Merli as Secretary of Student Services and Sophomore Dick Cawley as Secretary of Publicity in DiMatteo's cabinet.

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Honors Prog Invites Soph Applications

Sophomore applications for candidacy in the newly revised Honors Program are now being accepted, according to Rev. Thomas Garrett, S.J., director of the program.

After almost being abolished last year, the Honors Program has been restructured by the Honors Council to include a candidacy period during the second semester of sophomore year. The junior and senior years will also be revised.



REV. THOMAS GARRETT, S.J.

Application forms, which are available at the Registrar's Office, are intended to show the general background of the applicant and suggest his potential and preparation for the Honors Program. The applicant must be in his third semester of college work and ordinarily must have a Q.P.I. of 3.0. In addition, the student must have two professors fill out evaluation forms to help guide in the selection of candidates.

The application and evaluation forms must be returned to Fr. Garrett by January 15. Fr. Garrett will choose the students who qualify for the candidacy period. Appeals from his decision may be made to the Honors Council, which is composed of nine members of the faculty and two present members of the Honors Program.

Those who are accepted as candidates will be assigned a faculty adviser by the Honors Council. The adviser will suggest readings and activities which will broaden the student's background, evaluate his abilities, and suggest ways of improving the skills required for admission to Honors.

At the end of the candidacy period, the adviser will recommend action to the Honors Council. In the case of those students approved for admission to the program, the adviser will make recommendations about the academic program the student should follow for his junior and senior years.

During the junior year members of the program take a tutorial course in an area outside of his major field. In their senior years the Honors students take a tutorial in their major and prepare a senior project. The Honors Council has not finalized the complete plans for the program.

Fr. Garrett indicates that the new structure and the new admission procedure will probably reduce the number of students in the program and at the same time improve the quality of the work. He states that the new program as it is being planned by the Honors Council is better than that which is now in use. But he also makes it clear that even with the improvements the program is still too restrictive and limiting for the students.