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TV Course Studies Relationship of Man To His Environment

"Man Against His Environment", a new course offering in televised form, is now underway. There are two television programs a week plus a discussion period, with Robert Rienow, which deal with the environmental crisis and its possible remedies.

One hundred thirty students are enrolled for the three-credit course. The television series was prepared for the Graduate School of Public Affairs by the Center for Educational Communication.

Featured are a number of ardent conservationists including Stewart Udall, former Secretary of the Interior; Vincent J. Schaefer, director of the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center; and Pete Seeger, a folk-singer, prominently identified with the Hudson River pure waters campaign. Leslie Urbach, consultant to CEC, produced the film series.

An indication of the scope of the course is revealed by a sample of lecture titles. "The Growth Panic" concerns runaway production and consumption as environmental abuse. Ecology as a key to responsible stewardship is the subject of "Even the Greatest Lean. . .".

Students view two half-hour films each week in Lecture Hall 25 with a choice of viewing times. Professor Rienow conducts the weekly discussion hour.



Robert Rienow

Conferees to Share Winter Weather Data

The Eastern Snow Conference, an international organization in Eastern Canada and the Northeastern United States, will hold its 27th annual meeting here two days beginning Feb. 12. Several faculty members will take part.

In the informal group are business men, engineers, foresters, scientists, and educators. The conference is concerned with the interchange of information related to snow, ice, frost, hail, and other phenomena associated with the winter months.

Sessions will be held in the Assembly Hall. The banquet speaker Thursday evening will be Robert Rienow who will talk about "The Politics of the Environment - Where the Showdown Is."

Faculty Reports Note Problems, Progress

"It hasn't been what one would call a tidy semester—anything but," was President Kuusisto's opening remark to the semi-annual meeting of the faculty last Wednesday. A sparsely-attended assemblage heard progress reports on several fronts, then discussed its feelings on the Vietnam resolution now before the Senate.

Dr. Kuusisto reviewed many of the innovations of the first semester, including the move to the new Lecture Center, the new grading system, and the establishment of a chapter of Sigma Xi on the campus. He also reported to the faculty on two problems which he encounters constantly in his weekly press conference with students.

In the area of academic advisement, Dr. Kuusisto said that students are greatly disturbed by the "lack of interest and/or knowledge that faculty bring to this task." He added that the problem is a "wholesale, generally shared experience of students" and not just a complaint of malcontents. The other problem area is undergraduate instruction. While statistics show that SUNYA has the smallest undergraduate classes of the four SUNY centers, "students are reporting deterioration." Programs such as Interact can help, he said, but they can't solve all the problems.

He urged the faculty to give serious thought to both areas.

Milton Olson, vice president for management and planning, reported the proposed budget for the 1970-71 fiscal year. If passed by the Legislature, the budget will represent the "largest increase in dollars and the largest percentage increase" of all SUNY centers.

Discussion on the Vietnam resolution before the Senate produced sharp differences of opinion among the faculty. Many wanted the faculty, as the parent body of Senate, to instruct Senate that it could not consider political or social issues. Others felt that the addition of student members had taken Senate beyond the jurisdiction of the faculty only. A motion to postpone today's scheduled meeting of the Senate until the faculty could have a chance to meet and discuss the issue was defeated.

Late Grade Reporting Causes Costly Delays

"We are concerned that this doesn't happen again." The words are those of Charles O'Reilly, vice president for academic affairs, as he commented on the delay experienced in getting fall semester marks to students.

Expressing regret for the inconvenience caused students and staff by tardy reporting of grades, Dr. O'Reilly said, "It gums up the works as far as students are concerned and created very real problems in terms of their studies."

Deadline-time for getting grades to the registrar's office was Monday, January 26, at 9 a.m. At that time 300 section grade lists had not been turned in. Two days later there were still 30 lists outstanding, affecting more than 600 students.

The resultant problems were many and serious. Transcripts couldn't be mailed to students before they returned to the campus; updated records for those transferring to other schools were held up; those on academic probation didn't know their status and had to return to the campus for information.

In terms of internal operations, the late grades meant that the computer had to be reserved for them and couldn't be processing other data. The delay also was costly in terms of hard cash. There were added expenses of printing, renting, overtime pay, and the loss of about 30 man-days.

Dr. O'Reilly said that there had not been an opportunity yet to analyze the causes of the snafu or to determine if a pattern were discernible. Comments are being solicited from faculty and there will be a study of related administrative procedures.

Students on Committee Urge Faculty To Attend Third Session of Interact

With a special invitation to faculty members to attend, Interact will hold its third session Wednesday from 3:30-5 p.m. in the CC Assembly Hall. Interact is an attempt to bring together faculty, students, administrators, and all other interested members of the university community in a new kind of dialogue designed to break down barriers between people and improve the learning relationships on the campus.

Interact is sponsored by the Student-Faculty Committee on the Professor, the Student, and the Learning Relationship, which was formed in response to a resolution adopted by the State University of New York Faculty Senate last February. The resolution urged each campus to seek ways to improve the teacher-learner relationship in undergraduate education.

Two previous sessions of Interact were held in November and December under the guidance of Dr. Patricia Bull of the Regional Education Center. They used unorthodox "ice breaking" techniques such as having people greet each other with gestures or touches rather than with words and by having them introduce

themselves later with adjectives and descriptions rather than with names or status in the university.

More than 100 participated in each of the sessions. Once introductions were made and people began to feel at ease with each other, much discussion resulted on the nature of the learning relationship at Albany and the ways in which it might be improved.

The committee hopes that the sessions will provide a starting point for groups who can implement reforms in campus structures and that they will help to cultivate a friendlier, more understanding, and more open atmosphere among people on campus.

The committee has placed special emphasis on getting more faculty to participate in Interact's third session on Wednesday. Student members of the committee wrote and hand-delivered letters to each faculty member.

"We think that we represent thousands of students on campus who want to relate to faculty members as persons," they wrote, "...Interact gives us that chance."

"With the help of President Kuusisto and other members of the

community, we hope to achieve the long range goal of improving communication between us. Please attend. We need you!"

Dr. Kuusisto has given his support to the committee's efforts and they have been working with many members of the university who are concerned with institutional change.

Senate Meets Today On Viet Resolution

A special meeting of the Senate has been called by the Executive Committee for today at 3 p.m. in the CC Assembly Hall. Sole item of business for the meeting will be action on a proposed resolution to condemn the war in Vietnam.

The resolution was the only item discussed at the January 19 meeting of the Senate and also figured heavily in discussions at two earlier meetings. The resolution asserts that Senate has the power and the obligation to speak for the university by taking stands on political and social issues. This point has been hotly contested by several Senators.

A meeting of the Senate to discuss other business has been scheduled February 16.

New Booklet Explains S-U Grading Policies

A booklet has been prepared explaining policies and information pertaining to the new system of satisfactory-unsatisfactory grading for freshmen and sophomores. Copies of the pamphlet are available in Room 218 of the Administrative Building.

The policies were written by the Student-Faculty Committee on Academic Standing, approved by the Student-Faculty Undergraduate Academic Council, and accepted by the Executive Committee of the Senate. They provide working interpretations of the resolution on S-U grading passed by the Senate on October 27, 1969.

Under the approved policy, "all students with fewer than 24 credits, who had no A-E grades from State University, Albany, as of September, 1969," will have their courses graded on a "satisfactory-unsatisfactory" basis. They will remain on this grading basis until they complete 56 credits and become juniors. At that time they will begin to have their courses graded on an A-E basis.

The policy interprets "satisfactory" work as being equivalent to work graded "C" or better. Students who might previously have received a D grade and been able to balance it against B or A grades in other courses will now be given a grade of "unsatisfactory."

Similarly, academic standing for S-U graded students will now be determined on the basis of a student's successful completion of course credits, rather than on the average of his grades in all his courses.

The new policy sets the following minimum standards for continued at-

tendance at the university: a student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of six credits for a semester in which he has been enrolled as a full-time student. At the end of two semesters of full-time attendance, he must have satisfactorily completed a minimum of 18 credits, at the end of four semesters a minimum of 40 credits, and at the end of five semesters a minimum of 60 credits.

Students having questions about the new grading policies are urged to consult their academic advisors.

Open Hours Set For Gym, Pool

Spring semester hours for use of the swimming pool and recreational facilities in the Physical Education Building have been announced. Students and faculty may check out equipment for use during these hours from the men's and women's issue rooms. Students must present a tax card and faculty an ID card.

The pool will be open Sundays from 1-6 p.m. and from 7-10:30 p.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8-10:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 9-10:30 p.m.; Fridays from 7-10:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. and from 7-10:30 p.m.

Other facilities will be open Mondays through Fridays from 6:15-10:30 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m., and Sundays from 1-10:30 p.m.

University faculty, staff, and their families may attend winter athletic events free of charge. A faculty/staff ID card must be presented at the gate for admission to home basketball games.

Great Dane Sports

One of the liveliest basketball rivalries in upstate New York will be renewed Saturday evening when the Great Danes host Siena College in the university gym. The series dates back to the 1939-40 season and has been revived annually since 1956-57.

Siena leads overall, 14-11, but Albany has won 11 of 20 under coach Dick Sauers, including six of the last eight. Last year, the Danes edged the Indians, 59-58, in the championship contest of the Capital District Tournament, but had an 11-game winning streak shattered by Siena, 73-64, later in the campaign. That nine-point spread was the widest margin of victory enjoyed by either side in the past nine meetings.

Saturday's clash promises to uphold the tradition of close, hard-fought games and probably won't be decided until the final minutes. Siena has its usual size advantage, with 6-7 Bob Hermann, 6-5 Jay Leachman, and 6-4 Tom Welch all looming larger than Albany's tallest man. Hermann and 6-1 Mike Seymour are the Indian's leading scorers. Gene Cul-

nan, former Siena player and freshman coach, is in his first year as varsity mentor.

Sauers will go with scoring and rebounding leader Jack Jordan, captain Jack Adams, Al Reid, Jim Masterson, and Steve Sheehan.

The freshman preliminary starts at 6:30 p.m. and the varsity game at 8:30 p.m. The only sure bet of the night is that there will be a capacity crowd.

The Danes also are home to the New Paltz varsity and frosh tomorrow evening at the same times. The only other action this week is a wrestling match against C.W. Post at 7:30 Wednesday night.

more events...

MONDAY- President's Conference with Students, CC Patroon Lounge, 2:15 p.m.

TUESDAY- Last day to add a course; Blood drive, Class of 1972, Campus Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Professor Gosta Andersson: "Art as a Free Movement of Life in Pirandello's Essay *Arte e Scienza*, Department of Romance Languages, HU 354, 4 p.m.; IFG Film: "The End of St. Petersburg," LC 23, 7 p.m.; "Abortion Reform and Legalization of Marijuana," New Democratic Coalition, Assembly Hall, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY- Discussion concerning Greek off-campus housing, Panhellenic Council, CC Ballroom 7:30 p.m.; Professor W. Victor Wortley: "Talleyrand des Reaux and Samuel Pepys," Department of Romance Languages, HU 354, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY- ISC Coker, CC Ballroom, 7 p.m.; IFG Film: "Nazarin," LC 18, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.; Mathematics Colloquium: Professor M. Rabindranathan, "Inversion of Toeplitz Operators," ES 146, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY- All-University Mixer, EOP, CC Ballroom, 8 p.m.

'Round the Campus

John Rosenbach, educational psychology, Moran Weston, Afro-American studies, and Douglas Goldschmidt, senior, are serving on the State University Panel on University Purposes named by Chancellor Gould, who has emphasized the need for colleges and universities "to examine and adjust themselves in a systematic fashion to the way society and the world changes around them". ...The library has received a federal grant of \$28,413 for the purchase of books, films, and periodicals. ...Paintings and sculpture from the Schwartz Collection continues until Feb. 22 at the Art Gallery. ...President Kuusisto will be a panelist tomorrow at the Conference on the Leadership Role of the Trustee sponsored by the Board of Regents; subject: "The Role of the State Legislature." ...Spring semester library hours have been announced. The regular times are Mon.-Thu. 8 a.m. - 12 m.; Fri. - 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sat. - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sun. - 2 p.m. - 12 m. ...Popularity of the Campus Center Governing Board's used book sale is increasing steadily. This year unsold books not called for by Wednesday will be sold and the money deposited in the board's account. ...Employees may have wondered how come, despite the record-breaking snow fall at year's end, salary checks were distributed on time. There's a story behind that noteworthy performance. Nine persons in the payroll department, despite "holidays" for others, managed to get to the campus where 2700 checks were processed. Their trips to and from home were made with the assistance of security personnel. Those in the mail and grounds maintenance departments also performed a near-miracle in maintaining essential services and cleaning up after the storm. Overtime duty totaled about 1800 hours. ...Edward Fox, RPI professor of mechanics, will speak on the "Dovish" point of view related to Vietnam at the College of General Studies Breakfast Forum Wednesday at 8. Reservations are due today.

Faculty Achievements

CHRISTOPHER CONNOLLY, educational psychology and statistics, was a contributor to the October 1969 issue of *Exceptional Children* with his article, "The Psychosocial Adjustment of Children with Dyslexia."

LESLIE HAWKINS, public administration, spoke on the military-industrial and educational complex at a breakfast forum sponsored by the College of General Studies on January 14.

RENO KNOUSE, distributive education, outlined "Recent Developments in Distributive Education" at the annual meeting of the Council of New York State Vocational and Practical Arts Associations in Syracuse. He spoke on "The Distributive Education Clubs in Action" at a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the Wilbur Lynch High School Distributive Education Club in Amsterdam.

PETER KROSBY, history, is the co-editor of *Empire and Nations*, a collection of essays on the evolution of nations formerly in the British empire. It is published by the University of Toronto Press.

FSA Asks Payment Of Overdue Loans

The Faculty Student Association is anxious to obtain immediate repayment from faculty, staff, and students of all overdue loans. Success of the FSA program depends upon prompt repayment of all loans as they become due.

Being earnestly solicited is the cooperation of the entire university in the effort to have all loans repaid. Payments may be made at Room 352, Administration Building, or at Room 203, Draper Hall.

Recently the board of directors of FSA authorized its legal counsel to commence collection suits against those having outstanding and overdue loans who do not respond to requests to pay back their obligations. It is the hope of the board that legal action will not be required.

Campus Exchange

FOR SALE: Mobile home, 51' x 10', like new, set up, many extras. Call John Angus, 399-7007 after 5 p.m.... Student wife and mother of two would like to care for one child during the day, excellent location, near Russell Road and Western Avenue, ample room for playing. Call Claudia Hartmark, 482-4555.1969 Triumph Spitfire Mark III, yellow convertible, like new. Call Fred Mastrianni, 355-3420.Wedding photography with a creative flair and reasonable prices; samples on request. Call M. Leibowitz, 7-4643 or 371-5188.

Death of Professor

David Djaparidze, visiting professor of Russian, died suddenly January 26 in his New York apartment. Professor Djaparidze, who had an international reputation in the field of Slavic studies, had been recommended to head the department of Slavic studies here, beginning next September.

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