

# POSTTIMES

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## THE CHAIRMAN SPEAKS:

The fact that the frequency of student Assembly meetings held during the fall semester has dropped off quite drastically this semester (to zero to be exact) might lead many students to believe that the Student Council has become moribund. Such a belief is false. The Student Council is alive and well, individual Council members being scattered about the Philadelphia area, sometimes surfacing in G-32 (the new Student Council office as reported in the last edition of the Post Times).

Council meetings have been held rather infrequently and at irregular intervals, the bulk of the work being carried out by individual members, with the approval of the Council, and co-ordinated by the Chairman. The members of Council feel that in the past the pre-occupation of student government with organizational and political matters has led to a neglect of certain student-centered activities. The intention of the 1971 Council is to rectify this imbalance. That does not mean, however, that organizational and political matters will now be neglected. In fact, a new constitution will be introduced at the next meeting of the Assembly of Students (Wednesday at 2 in 124). In addition, the Student Council, in conjunction with the student members of the newly formed Graduate Council (the political arm of the Assembly of Students) has broached the matter of faculty appointments with the Dean and the Faculty.

The change in emphasis has already been implemented in several ways. This very newsletter is one of them. It seemed ludicrous to us that a school of communications should lack an organ of communication for its students. We feel that the initial effort was not all that incisive, but the feedback we've received indicates that such a newsletter is something students desire and appreciate. The editors will continue to publish (or perish) and invite articles or opinions from those who would like to contribute.

A listing of Student Council projects either already initiated or planned for the future was included in last week's issue of the Post Times. We would also like to hear what you think we should and/or shouldn't be doing. We may not do what you suggest but we would like to hear from you just the same. Messages may be deposited in the Student Council mailbox.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS ---

TUESDAY, APRIL 6: Faculty Seminar (students invited) at noon in the Conference Room -- Ajax Edelstein, U. of Washington, will speak on his international communication research project.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7: General Meeting of the Assembly of Students at 1:00 in Room 124. The agenda includes a new constitution, a discussion of the Graduate Council, plans for a year-end student party (i.e. bash), faculty appointments (or lack thereof), appointments of students to committees (see above) and a three ring lion circus. Copies of the proposed new constitution are attached to the Bulletin board and in the library.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7: Psychology Colloquium 3:00 Stigler Hall -- Jean Pruitt, S.U. N.Y. (Buffalo) will speak on "Risky Shift" phenomena at 4:30.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9: SCRABBLE at 3:00 - Lobby.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9: Sociology Colloquium -- E. Ligby Baltzell (U. of P.) speaking "The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Leadership". \$:00 Room 285-6-7 in the McKell Building.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14: Annenberg Student Colloquium. 1:00 in the Student Lounge.

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## LOBBYISTS DISMAYED "REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM"

We were just sitting in the Lobby discussing what everyone who sits in the Lobby discusses -- the School. We'd agreed that the quality of a school depends to a great deal upon the quality of the courses it offers. Then someone came by with the latest marxoid offering from the ASC

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Lobbyists Dismayed (cont'd)

office--a list of courses available in the fall. The list was small(perhaps because they have that new reduction thing on the Xerox now and are still playing with it). Later investigation revealed that the list had indeed shrunk from the 28 courses available last September to 22 for this coming fall semester. The returning M.A. candidate must choose from approximately 13 possibilities, or, not counting the independent study courses, from 9. Doctoral candidates must pick from the 13 as well, less two or more for each year they've been here. This means Ph.D. candidates are stuck with courses they may not want, simply because so few courses are offered.

New with the fall semester course list was a failure to report outside-Annenberg course offerings. The Student Council is preparing a list of communication-related courses from other University departments which might be taken as electives. M.A. students are permitted three such credits of the total 12 credit requirement.

So we were sitting in the lobby talking about how few courses were available. We were trying to cheer ourselves up by talking about all the fine facilities of the school, when a couple of lab students went by. One was cursing the 1950 T.V. equipment while his friend complained that the film lab had cameras that were rather temperamental due to overwork. We wondered for a minute about the fate of the Graphics and Photo Labs (except for Jack Narval the darkroom would still be dark). The new course list showed that the Film and T.V. labs will meet together for one class a week. We figured that was the first sign of their deaths. Everybody knows no Annenberg students have taken the Theater lab for this year. So labs are out; courses work is out; and, .... then someone came by to tell us a rumor that another faculty member was in the process of leaving. Three are already going. No one has been hired for next year to replace them. We talked about that for a minute, then considered the sunshine coming through the windows and decided that the school would be in real trouble if there weren't a lobby.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

At Long last the money which you have pain to the U. of P. for student activities (and has never been seen at ASC) has arrived. At the meeting on Wednesday Robin Neimann will make a report on our new found wealth, and perhaps we can all talk about how to spend it.

On Thursday April 8 the Annenberg Center will be officially dedicated. Rumor has it that a certain illustrious ambassador (who shall remain unnamed) will be in attendance. Student Council & Grad Council members have been invited and may bring guests. Anyone and everyone who wants to go, see one of the members.

Where have all the Annenberg grads gone? (Long time passing) Information is being gathered for a report as to what ASC grads of past years have done since they received their degrees.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING: A number of decisions were made regarding non-ASC courses to be given ASC credit. See the bulletin board for details. It was also recommended that the Computer Lab (508-509) be divided into two separate courses with 1 c.u. being granted upon completion of either semester.

Student reps. are needed for a couple of University-wide posts. Details will be given at the ASC Assembly of Students General Meeting.

The Psychology Colloquium with Dean Pruitt will be held in B-26 Stitler Hall on Wednesday.

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Today's Hot Tip:  
Northern Dancer in the 3rd.  
OR  
Buy Xerox Corp. @ \$87.50