There's a possibility that the Graphics Lab will reopen on a non-credit basis if enough interest is shown. The Dean says that if a sufficient number (exact number not stated) of students commit themselves to participating in such a program, the hiring of a part-time instructor and the purchase of requisite materials would be "seriously considered." Such an arrangement would depend upon active participation of students who committed themselves to taking part in the program. The non-credit program might be a way of reactivating the Graphics Lab as a credit course if student participation can be sustained. Anyone who would be interested in taking part in the non-credit Graphics Lab program is asked to contact Jim Linton (call 349-7080 or leave name and home number in Student Council mailbox in the ASC office).

ANNENBERGERS HEAD EAST

The 19th annual conference of the International Communication Association (ICA) will be held in Phoenix April 21-24, and a number of Annenberg people will be presenting papers. Well over 100 papers have been selected in open competition for presentation at this year's conference.


Three papers by Annenbergers will be offered in two sessions of the Interpersonal Communication Division. At a meeting concerned with Communication Research Methodologies, John Flippinger will present his paper "Computational Methods for the Analysis of Discourse in Natural Language Texts." The next morning, at a session treating Interpersonal Communication Research, "Mediated Interaction Through Television--With Self and Others" will be presented. Authors of the paper are James Taylor (listed as affiliated with University of Montreal, so apparently not the singer), Paul Haley and ASC alumnae Michael Hills. Paul Licker will also present a paper at the session, "The Role of the Family as an Informational Impedance Matcher."

Robert Nwankwo's paper, "Role-taking in Inter-Cultural Communication," will be presented at a meeting of the Inter-cultural Communication Division dealing with Conceptual Problems, Language Studies and Education in Intercultural Communication.

The authors of these six papers are to be congratulated. Through their efforts the rest of the world can take note that ASC is actively engaged in the production and dissemination of knowledge involving a wide range of communication areas. The initiative displayed by the authors is particularly commendable. In view of the facts that most of them must bear the cost of their transportation to the conference, lodging, making available copies of their papers, etc. The School, which reaps the benefits from the presentation of these papers, will help pay expenses only for fully-affiliated faculty and staff.

Sidelights: ASC is fairly well represented with six papers, following Michigan State and Wisconsin (both with 9) and Illinois State and Purdue (both 8). ASC is represented by papers in four of the five ICA divisions. The fifth division is Organizational Communication, an area probably best left to the Wharton School anyway.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

TUESDAY, APRIL 13: Faculty Seminar (students invited) at noon in the Conference Room--Louis Seagull (Polli Sci, U of P) will speak on "New Perspectives in the Study of Voting.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14: Psychology Colloquium, 3:26 Stitler Hall--Martin Sallmen, U of P, will speak at 4:30.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16: Open competition to determine seedings for the $150,000 Greater Philadelphia Invitational Scrabble Tournament. 3:00 in the Lobby. Advance reservations for tables recommended.
REVOLUTIONARY LOBBYISTS
EDUCATED TO RIGHT-THINKING
IDEOLOGY

The School’s “lobbyists” raised a couple of points in an article last week that some faculty members felt should be clarified. First, the Dean points out that the course list for pre-registration is not an accurate indicator of courses to be offered in the fall. Negotiations are underway to bring various people in to give courses for the fall semester, and present faculty may be designing additional courses for fall which are not yet formulated fully enough to make public. Thus, we may have a wider selection of courses available in September.

The Dean also objected, as did Sol Worth, Director of Media Labs, to the interpretation that scheduling a joint meeting of the TV and Film Labs was a first step in doing away with them. The joint meeting is to be seen by students as an experiment in moving toward a “Media Seminar.” So really this new move is an attempt to better integrate the media labs with the rest of the Annenberg program.

We are sure that the lobbyists will see the error of their thoughts after reading this article.

LOTSA QUILLS

Atlanta—A porcupine has about 30,000 barbed, needle-sharp quills that protect it from most predators.

DEDICATED, THAT’S WHAT THE ANNENBERG CENTER IS

Last Thursday, April 8, the Annenberg Center was officially dedicated. The dedication was highlighted by speeches from Dean Garber, Acting Director Kirschner, Martin Meyerson (University President), and Nancy Hanke (Chairwoman of the National Endowment for the Arts), the presence of Walter H. Annenberg and, most importantly, free coffee for everyone present. Among those who were not invited were the entire student body of the ASC (with the exception of the Student Council), which makes one wonder just how close the Center and the School intend to be. Penn students cont’d in next column...