

Masters of Humanities Offered

A new graduate program in humanities will be offered during the Fall Term at The Pennsylvania State University's Capitol Campus.

The program, leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Humanities, is the fifth graduate program offered at Capitol.

In announcing plans for the new graduate offering, Dr. Nancy M. Tischler, head of the campus humanities program, said the graduate program seeks to discover means to integrate knowledge and is aimed at individual needs.

"While many graduate majors work toward increasingly specialized knowledge," she said, "this program is based on developing skills and the understanding of relationships between facts."

"Students will be assigned an advising committee when they are admitted, and, with the committee, will determine individual needs based on individual goals and weaknesses."

The program will begin on a part-time basis, with classes offered in the late afternoon and early evening hours.

Noting that many graduates of the program may want to teach in two-year colleges, Dr. Tischler said plans are being made to add an option for junior college internships in the 1971 academic year.

"This option," she added, "will require an extra term of work and will involve the student in teaching humanities under supervision at a two-year college, and in participating in a seminar on the two-year college."

Dr. Robert J. Brown, assistant dean of faculty and Graduate School representative, said applications for admission to the Master of Arts in Humanities program currently are being accepted for the Winter Term.

Other graduate programs offered at the campus are Master of Administration, Master of Education, Master of Engineering, and Master of Regional Planning.

Details on applications and class schedules may be obtained by contacting Dr. Brown at the Capitol Campus Graduate Office.

William Penn Memorial Museum Exhibit Schedule

September 5 through October 11

A three-man exhibition:
Landscape and toy paintings by Roger Clough of Philadelphia
Sculpture by Ruth Ancker of Washington D. C.
Portraits by Gennaro Guluni of Harrisburg, Penna.

October 17 through November 29

The Muriel and Philip I. Berman Collection of Eastern European Art

October 11 through November 22

Ceramics by Raymond Gallucci

October 11 through November 22

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Dr. Poore Heads Grad. Program

A former Duquesne University Professor has been named head of the graduate program in administration at The Pennsylvania State University's Capitol Campus here.

Appointment of Dr. Daniel M. Poore as head of the Master of Administration program and associate professor of administration was announced by Dr. Richard H. Heindel, dean of the faculty.

Dr. Poore had been a member of the Duquesne faculty since 1960, serving from 1962 to 1967 as chairman of the Department of Quantitative Methods in the School of Business Administration.

A graduate of Lafayette College with a B.S. degree in industrial engineering, he received his M.S. degree in industrial engineering from Lehigh University and his Ph.D. in business from the University of Pittsburgh.

He served as an industrial sales engineer with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation until 1954 he joined the faculty at Lafayette College. In 1957 he became assistant professor of industrial engineering at the University of Pittsburgh and served there three years until joining the Duquesne faculty.

Author of articles for professional journals, Dr. Poore currently is working on the manuscript for an introductory text in quantitative methods for administration. His research has centered on an empirical study of decision-making behavior in the firm.

A registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania, he is a member of the Academy of Management, American Society for Public Administration, Industrial Relations Research Association, and the American Economic Association.

Dr. Poore, who was a Ford Foundation Fellow in 1964, served as director of a 1968 Penn TAP project on management development for smaller manufacturers.

He and his wife, the former Doris Lessmann, are the parents of three daughters.

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A Fading In The Middle

by Richard Donahoe

There seems to be a trend in the American mood that is particularly alarming if the lessons of history are any predictors of the future. The trend is that of polarization. The once great amorphous mass known as the middle of the road, the political center, the silent majority, whatever label you choose, is becoming smaller.

This shrinkage would seem to be precipitated by the events of the past decade that have perhaps approached a very dangerous ground. People are finding themselves faced with a moral issue. What is worse, is that it is an uncompromisable issue. The point at which the actions of a political institution are in direct opposition to the heart and head felt belief of the members of that political institution is the point at which compromise is impossible.

I see this situation as the most critical challenge to the idea of democracy since the uncompromisable feelings of the Civil War which placed brother against brother.

Consider the political security offered by the amorphous blob that was the majority. You might have people of strong political ideas at each end of the spectrum but there has always been a majority that could serve as a stabilizer or shock absorber. This is a result of the principle characteristics of the middle; they don't get involved, they don't have revolutionary ideas, but prop up old ones and make them work in spite of deficiencies. The middle is progressive, but not really. The middle is conservative but won't admit it, in effect, it can't be reached. But this fact of complacency might well be our salvation. If the middle doesn't find an issue that they consider uncompromisable, the art of compromise will flourish. We will keep the two-party system and there will be no danger from the fragmentation that menaces governments in other parts of the world.

In effect, the government must avoid at all cost involving its people in issues that have strong subjective value. The result of not heeding the advice is observable in the events of the past two months.

I am one of those sensitive souls that becomes alarmed at the sight of arid bands of any color. I am forced to carefully consider the amount of natural light available before I use the headlights on my car, less this act be misconstrued. What I am saying is that I reject symbols but I see they are becoming increasingly popular. The proliferation of symbols is interpreted as evidences of concern and commitment in the mass. If this is a correct interpretation there is a real danger. The middle is fading. I respectfully advise those, who have control over situations that provide fertile soil for polarization, to take heed.

Shall We Overcome Someday?