

Washington Commentator to speak here



MILTON VIORST, syndicated Washington correspondent, historian and author, will speak here on October 13, in the Lecture Room C-1. The title of his talk will be "See How They Run - Campaign '72."

Mr. Viorst's column, which started just about a year ago and is titled "New Politics", is syndicated by the Washington

Star Syndicate. His latest book is "Hustlers and Heroes: An American Political Panorama" (with Senator Clinton P. Anderson), "Fall From Grace: Its Past, Present and Future." With his wife, Judith Viorst, who has had several books of poems published and contributes regularly to magazines, he has written "The Underground Gourmet Guide to Washington,

D.C." Many of Mr. Viorst's books have appeared in paperback editions and have been published in other countries.

Born in New Jersey, Milton Viorst is a graduate of Rutgers University (summa cum Laude), has studied at the Sorbonne in France, received his M.A. from Harvard in 1955 and an M.S. from Columbia University in 1956.

He began his journalism career as a reporter for the WASHINGTON POST from 1957 to 1961. He was Washington correspondent for the NEW YORK POST from 1961 to 1964, when he became a free lance writer with work appearing in ESQUIRE, the NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, HARPER'S, SATURDAY EVENING POST, REPORTER, HORIZON, and other publications in the United States and abroad.

Milton Viorst is Chairman of the Fund for Investigative Journalism, a foundation which makes grants to journalists for investigative reporting. He has traveled widely in Europe and the Far East, has made a number of trips to the Middle East and Israel, most recently in the Fall of 1970, to study the U.S. Soviet confrontation in the Eastern Mediterranean, and on that trip visited Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy and Israel.

DIAL-A-LESSON

University Park, Pa.—"If you spent less time on the phone and more time with your studies, you'd be a better student" is a frequent parental lament. But students at The Pennsylvania University are spending more time on the phone and more time with their schoolwork too—and at the same time.

As easily as one can "dial a prayer" or "dial for dollars," Penn State students can "dial a lesson" at special "phone booths" located throughout campus.

An audio system devised by Listening-Learning Services allows students to "dial up" taped lectures, musical presentations, and medical advice at one of the 150 listening stations.

Since the program was begun in July, 1969, approximately 725,000 calls have been made by students, according to Willard M. Martin, director of Listening-Learning Services. Martin emphasizes that nearly half of the calls were made within the past year.

The concept is simple. When a student dials the number assigned to the program he wants to hear, a computer at the control center sends the call to the appropriate program terminal. Within seconds, the student can hear the

presentation on high fidelity headsets.

For some popular courses, time clocks are used to start the lesson tapes at preannounced times, some starting as often as ten times daily.

The program offerings range from "instant replays" of lectures for students missing regular class sessions to professional counseling concerning certain personal problems.

Listening stations are located in selected residence halls, fraternity houses, libraries, and classroom buildings. Stations are also now available at the Ritenour Health Center for students absent from classes due to illness.

Martin points out that although the potential for such a system is great, there is a danger in overemphasizing technology.

"To be sure, reliable equipment designed to serve a wide range of academic needs is essential, but the successful use of any dial access system depends ultimately on the quality and relevance of software used on the system," he says.

"Unless the tape recordings are carefully integrated with the program of instruction and testing, dial access will likely prove to be of limited educational value."

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