

Riemer Discusses Risks of Democracy

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Democracy is based on certain calculated risks, according to Neal Riemer, associate professor of political science.

If the risks are well calculated, he explained, democracy can continue to function.

If we ignore these risks, and "blunder along," he added, "we may end up in a common radioactive grave."

"The risk of world order is the most crucial danger confronting American democracy," Riemer said.

He explained that this risk does not seem well calculated.

Some of the broad challenges to world order, he said, are: the challenge of communism; the revolution of rising expectations in the less developed countries of the world; the dilemma of democratic disunity in the West; and the bankruptcy of the nation-state system.

The risk of world order, Riemer continued, calls our attention to a serious gap in democratic theory — the absence of a democratic theory of transition.

"This gap strongly suggests the need for the projection of democratic theory beyond the nation-state," he said.

According to Riemer, four separate theories of transition are required:

- A transition relating to a democratic and communist relationship which would be safe for peaceful co-existence.

- A transition which would aid the less developed nations to move from a colonial status to a more mature political, economic and social status.

- A transition to a new grouping of democratic nations such as the Schuman Plan to strengthen democratic health.

- A transition from our bankrupt sovereign state system to a world system and a world government.

By keeping these theories in mind, Riemer said, we may be able to anticipate problems, reduce tensions and work out solutions to world situations.

Reading Contest Representatives To Be Selected

Preliminary tryouts for the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Reading Festival and for the National Intercollegiate Interpretative Reading Festival will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28 in 311 Sparks.

Tryouts will be open to any interested students. Candidates should sign up in 311 Sparks sometime before tryouts and indicate whether they wish to speak at 1, 2 or 3 p.m. Selections may be from prose, poetry or drama and must not exceed five minutes in length.

The state festival is being sponsored by the University Readers and will be held on campus April 27-28. The national reading festival which will be held in Lansing, Mich., May 3 to 5 is being sponsored by the Michigan State University.

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

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Speaker: Msgr. John J. Dougherty
President of Seton Hall University

Time: Tuesday, February 21, 1961

Place: HUB Assembly Room

Presented by Newman Club

UCA to Sponsor 4 Non-Sectarian Religious Courses

Beginning this week the University Christian Association will sponsor four courses in religion.

The purpose of the courses is to offer students regardless of religious affiliation, an understanding of the Christian faith.

Contemporary Ethical Issues, taught by Preston N. Williams, assistant University Chaplain, will focus on ethical questions confronting society today. The course will meet at 4:15 p.m. on Mondays.

Theodore A. Braun, assistant University Chaplain, will conduct a study of the basic Christian beliefs toward Christ, God, man and the Bible, as well as several other topics. The class will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The course on racial tensions and Christian faith will involve the discussion and study of recent racial tensions. This course will include an optional traveling seminar over Easter vacation. It will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

All classes will meet in room 210 of the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.

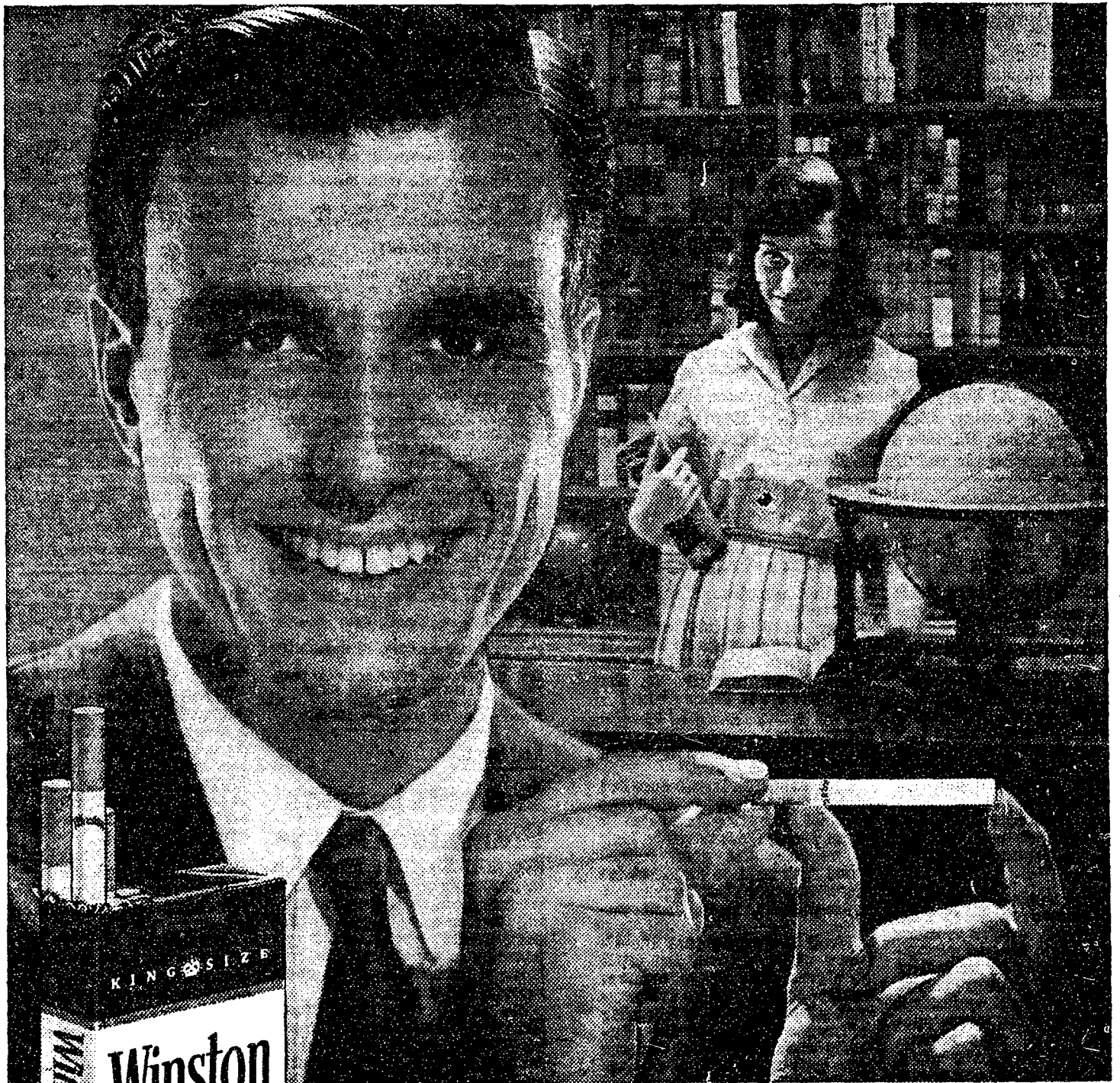
The registration fee for each course will be 50 cents for UCA members and one dollar for non-members.

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Sunday 5:30 p.m.

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