

Admissions Standards Are Studied

By LYNNE CEREFICE

The task of deciding which students should be considered eligible for admission each year, and which rejected is one of the most difficult problems facing the University.

A research program under Martin L. Zeigler, director of student affairs research, is currently being conducted to find new criteria for admitting students.

In the past, Zeigler said, a student's high school rank and entrance aptitude test scores have been considered an indication of his college potential. "However, this has not been satisfactory," he said.

In explaining the drawbacks of the high school rank criterion, Zeigler said that all high schools have different ways of determining a student's class rank. For example, one school may include all types of students—academic, commercial, etc.—while another may rank only the prospective college students.

In addition, he said, a third-fifth student in one school can conceivably be better than a first-fifth student in another.

Zeigler also said that schools vary in how much of the student's program is included in the ranking. Some use only the junior year, others two or three years.

In order to remedy the disadvantages of the ranking system, Zeigler said that the program is studying the possibility of taking a student's entire high school record and averaging his grades for all four years in an index.

Zeigler said that it would then be possible to compare the average indexes of different high schools with the hope of distinguishing between the quality of students that come from these different schools.

A second part of the study will consider the college-going per cent of the high school. Zeigler said that 80 per cent of the graduates of one school in the state may go to college whereas a number of schools may have practically no one going to college.

Zeigler continued that the University Senate's recent approval of a regulation which will require all except first-fifth students to submit results of College Entrance Examination Board tests is recognition of the need for criteria other than high school ranking.

In relation to this, the program will study the average College Board scores achieved by students from each high school.

Zeigler said that he hopes the survey will be completed some time next month.

Inside SGA

Polishook Rejects SGA Secrecy Idea

By CAROL KUNKLEMAN

There is no unnecessary secrecy in SGA, Robert Polishook, U-Soph, said last night.

Rules Committee represents the Assembly in checking proposed legislation and upcoming executive appointments, Polishook said, in order to help the Assembly function more smoothly.

"The Assembly has no right to pass judgement on such things as legislative appointments," he said. "They have put their trust in us to protect their interests."

Polishook said that if every Assemblyman brought his bill before Rules Committee before presenting it to Assembly, the committee would be able to ascertain whether the legislation was properly prepared for presentation.

Bills presented from the floor are often poorly prepared, Polishook said. They have little research put into them, and only "bog down" the Assembly meeting.

Too often, he admitted, they are presented as if a big secret were revealed, and if they had originally gone through the Rules Committee, the Assembly would be ready to debate them properly.

As to the secrecy in appointments made by SGA executives, Polishook said this is the executive prerogative and any questionable appointments are clarified by asking the executive to speak before Rules Committee and explain his reasons for the appointment.

"University administrators should give us good substantial, 'yes' or 'no' answers," Polishook said.

Too often, he said, administrators speak before the Assembly and are vague on their information. This does not give the Assembly a chance to debate intelligently on the issue, and shows secrecy.

Polishook pointed out that Rules Committee is now working on a plan to "re-define" and "evaluate" present SGA committees.

This is being done, he said, to improve communications in SGA, so that its operations will not be vague to new Assembly members.

In the future, Polishook said, members of Rules Committee may ask committee heads to report to them, and then a member of rules committee will in turn relay the information to the Assembly.



Polishook

Enrollment Sets Record For Spring

More students are now enrolled in the University than ever before during a spring semester, Robert G. Bernreuter, dean of admissions, said yesterday.

A total of 20,980 students are now registered at both the main campus and commonwealth campuses, according to Bernreuter's report.

The total represents a drop of over 1500 students from last semester's enrollment but represents a gain of almost 1000 over the figure of a year ago.

The enrollment figure includes the 15,311 students on the main campus plus the 4769 on the commonwealth campuses.

Bernreuter said that spring semester enrollment is always lower than the fall semester's, but added that this year's total set a new record for spring enrollment.

There are 13,257 undergraduates on the main campus, and approximately 4518 undergraduates at the commonwealth campuses. A total of 2054 graduate students are on campus and 307 special students.

The undergraduates on the main campus include 8744 men and 4514 women.

The total enrollment breaks down to 17,775 undergraduates and 2305 graduate students.

The admissions office has not yet completed the figures showing the total registration for each class, according to Bernreuter.

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Mademoiselle Rep To Be Selected

Nancy Smith, assistant merchandising editor of Mademoiselle Magazine, will be on campus Monday to speak with women interested in fashion careers.

Mademoiselle has invited the University to participate in the Campus Merchandising Plan to prepare college women for careers in retailing, merchandising, fashion coordination, promotion and other phases of the fashion field. Miss Smith will hold interviews in order to select a campus representative for Mademoiselle.

All freshman, sophomore and junior women are eligible for consideration as campus representative.

Applications Available For Sigma Tau Delta

Application forms for membership in Sigma Tau Delta, professional English fraternity, are now available at the HUB desk, 246 Sparks and 305 Burrows. Members must be third semester students, have a 2.5 All-University average and six credits of English with a B average.

Talk on 'Cutting Edge'

The role of cutting edges in the American way of life will be discussed in "The Cutting Edge," a program to be presented at 7:45 p.m. March 6 under the sponsorship of the student chapter, American Institute of Industrial Engineers and the American Foundry Society.

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