

Senate to Hear Degree Policy

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A complete new definition and statement of policy concerning the associate degree program will be presented to the Senate at its November meeting by the educational policy committee, Chairman John J. Schanz, said yesterday.

The new policy, which is subject to the approval of the Senate, defines two types of associate degree programs, Schanz said.

One is occupational or terminal in nature, he said, such as that which is offered at present, and the other is a broader program which would provide preparation for continued education.

The latter type would probably be programs leading to an associate degree in arts or in science, Schanz said. He explained that these programs are not yet in existence but could be initiated by a college if the policy is approved by the Senate.

These general associate degrees may be awarded to students who find it necessary to interrupt their college career after two years with little hope of continuing their education, Schanz said.

He said that students who meet the credit and average requirements will be able to apply for these degrees so "that they will have something to show for two years."

However, the purpose of the proposed change of policy is to give a special identity to these general associate degree and not to make a "consolation prize for those who cannot earn baccalaureate degrees," Schanz said.

He added that these degrees would not be automatically awarded after two years to everyone as they are at the University of Chicago.

Schanz said that the committee's proposal states that the University remains primarily concerned with baccalaureate instruction and its admission policy should continue to reflect this.

The associate degree programs are primarily offered at Commonwealth Campuses except for some of the technical programs which require the facilities of this campus, Schanz said.

He said the proposed policy specifies that no candidate for an associate degree should be admitted to this campus when facilities exist elsewhere within the University.

At present, only two programs, agriculture and hotel and food service, are offered here.

The policy also states that a student may transfer from an associate degree to a baccalaureate degree program at any time if he meets requirements for a baccalaureate program, Schanz said.

At present there are approximately 1,600 students enrolled in the six terminal programs offered at Commonwealth Campuses, Associate Registrar Robert M. Koser Jr. said.

The associate degree programs offered at the Commonwealth Campuses are in business administration, chemical technology, drafting and design technology, electrical technology, production technology and surveying.

Series to Give Classical Ballet

The American Ballet Theatre will present a program of classical ballet at 8 p.m. Sunday in Recreation Hall. The program is sponsored by the University Artists' Series.

The few student tickets which remain for the performance will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon today at the Hetzel Union desk.

Highlighting the program will be the Russian ballet, "Swan Lake" by Peter Tchaikowsky. Toni Lander and Royes Fernandez will dance the principal roles.

Mariane Orlando and Bruce Marks will dance the pas de deux, "The Black Swan," from the same ballet.

"The Combat" by Raffaello de Banfield will be the second number on the program. It is the story of a pagan girl and a Christian warrior in the days of the Crusades. Lupe Serrano, who made the ballet famous on the Theatre's State Department tour of Russia, will dance the ballerina's part.

From the musical compositions of Giacomo Meyerbeer, the Ballet Theatre has devised "Les Patineurs," a description of skaters. Eleanor D'Antuono, Mary Gelder and Ivan Allen will dance the major roles.

Kenneth Schermerhorn and Walter Hagen will conduct the American Ballet Theatre Orchestra which travels with the dance company.

Oliver Smith, a graduate of the University, and Lucia Chase are the co-directors of the ballet.

SENSE Petitions Against Testing

Letters condemning the nuclear tests recently conducted by the Soviet Union were sent Wednesday to U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Adlai Stevenson and to Mikhail A. Menshikov, Soviet ambassador to the United States, by SENSE, the students-for-peace organization at the University.

The letters were posted in the Hetzel Union Building Monday and Tuesday, John Kunselman, vice chairman of SENSE and organizer of the petitions, said.

The letter to Menshikov was sent with 197 signatures. It stated that the increased fallout resulting from the recent tests and the test scheduled for Monday "implies a complete disregard for the welfare of man."

The letter to Stevenson, which 184 students signed, was a plea for U.S. support of the ban treaty.

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3 Letter Writers Explain Complaint

Three men from Nittany 34 were called before their area coordinator on Thursday to explain their charge, made in a letter to The Daily Collegian, that they were stopped by a University official from demonstrating for a three day Thanksgiving vacation at the Syracuse football game.

Peter Sapsara, Ray Pignitor and Richard Reiss, president, vice president, and resident, respectively, of Nittany 34, said last night that they were told they should have had more concrete proof that the man who stopped them was a University official before making such an accusation.

"We are going to make every effort to find out who the person was," Sapsara said, "and I think the University will help us."

"If we can't find him, I feel we should print a statement retracting our accusation. With no proof, we haven't the right to accuse the University of such an act," he said.

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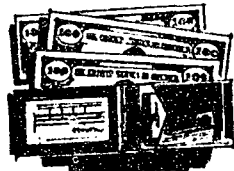
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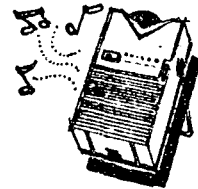
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