

# Medieval studies major revised

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A revision for the medieval studies major now is before the University Faculty Senate.

Alan E. Knight, Medieval Studies Committee chairman, said the revision was made to update the existing medieval studies program to accommodate more students and give students more flexibility.

"The old program was a smattering of everything. The new program will give the student the basic background and allow him to choose among his own interests," Knight said.

The medieval studies major offers an undergraduate program for those interested in any aspect of the Middle Ages.

The revised program also will cover the extent to which Dark Age phobias such as courtly love and matriarchal rule have descended into and manipulated the modern world.

The revision, if approved by the Senate, will be redefined in the 1974-1975 undergraduate catalogue as an interdepartmental major designed to give students an integrated and critical knowledge of medieval culture in its diverse aspects,

drawing largely on courses in the traditional disciplines. Although the program is offered as a general liberal arts major, individual programs may be designed to emphasize particular areas of interest or to prepare the student for graduate and professional work.

The medieval studies major also may be combined with another major to form a simultaneous degree program.

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major requirements, according to the revision, with nine credits prescribed in Medieval Studies 1 and 2 and History 17.

Medieval Studies 1 is a three-credit "general introduction to the civilization of the European Middle Ages viewed in terms of its formative influence, both direct and indirect, on the shape of our Western culture."

Fall Term as Liberal Arts 198A. Knight said he will conduct the course by topics rather than by chronology, using visual aids and guest speakers from different departments. He said he will try to explore some of the areas of conflict in the Middle Ages that seem particularly stimulating in terms of growth of culture, thought and life.

Twenty-one additional

credits will be required in courses dealing with the Middle Ages in at least three of four areas with a minimum of nine credits in 400-level courses.

The courses can be chosen from art history, history and social sciences; literature and language; philosophy and religious studies; theater arts and music.



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## Storms hit Pa.; watch cancelled

ALBURTIS, PA. (AP) — Severe storms ripped through southeastern Pennsylvania last night shortly after the National Weather Service cancelled a Pennsylvania

tornado watch. Northern Bucks and Montgomery counties were hit hardest by heavy wind and rains, with several power lines knocked down and a few

buildings reported damaged. The Weather Service in the Lehigh County town of Alburtis said three residents reported a tornado nearby. Neither the state police nor

the Weather Service could confirm this. The tornado watch was lifted at 7:30 p.m., six and a half hours after it was announced.

Cummings said the tornado watch — warning the public to be on the alert for possible tornado activity — was declared when severe storms started moving across the state from the west. It was lifted when the most severe storm front started moving south.

## AWS plans letter campaign

The Association of Women Students is conducting a letter-writing campaign today and tomorrow on the HUB ground floor for the extension of the Tidings Act.

1970, expires June 30. When it expires, so do the funds for Family Planning Services. A bill extending the act has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is now in the subcommittee on Public Health and Environment of the Interstate

and Foreign Commerce Committee. The bill needs more sponsors and citizen support. Andrea Kitch, acting AWS president, said AWS hopes to provide such support by providing postcards and asking for postage donations.

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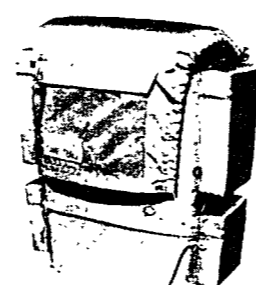
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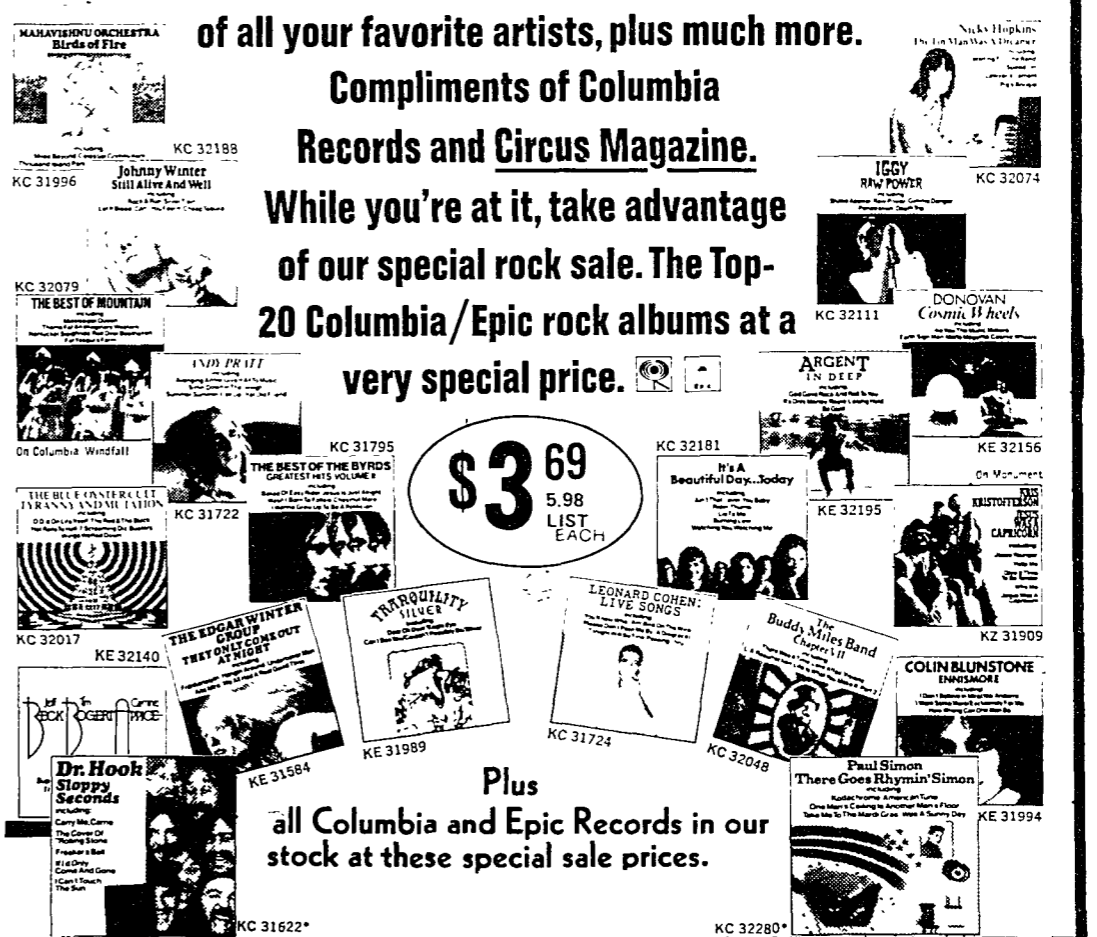
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