

Folklore Studies option offered

Penn State students may now concentrate on the origins and cultures of other countries by taking a Folklore Studies option. Students taking the option will take two core courses, "Essentials of Folklore," and "Theory and Techniques in Folklore."

Credits will be taken in two different cultures, and two different genres, such as Greek and Roman mythology, and American folksong.

Folklore Studies will also be applied to other subjects such as anthropology, speech, or geography.

"Folklore is usually defined as culture transmitted orally," said Bruce A. Rosenberg, professor of English and comparative literature.

Rosenberg, director of the new folklore option, said folklore is becoming more popular among college undergraduates. He attributed this to current interest in ecology, natural foods, and traditional handicrafts.

Rosenberg said another appeal of the folklore option is the field work done by students after they have studied basic theory and technique courses. He said students in the option will be collecting materials from around Pennsylvania, thus preserving heritage which easily could be lost.

Kenneth A. Thigpen, assistant professor of English, also

said he feels folklore studies are important in "rediscovering our heritage" in America. He said, "The study of folklore is the only field of scholarship which focuses squarely on traditional lifestyles and art forms."

According to Thigpen, folklore studies here can lead to graduate study in folklore at universities such as Penn, Indiana, Ohio State, Texas, UCLA, and Berkeley.

Folklore can be used in conjunction with English, history, anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

Thigpen also said folklore studies may help graduates gain employment in apparently unrelated fields. Careers can be advanced in education, social work, library science, law enforcement, museum work, and community and architectural restoration. Thigpen said.

Election in South Halls to fill USG vacancies

Students living in South Halls will have a chance today to elect two representatives to the Undergraduate Student Government Senate.

The candidates are Bill Cass (2nd-liberal arts), Maryann Curione (4th-human development), Joe Henry (7th-biological health), James Newton (1st-division of undergraduate studies) and Tom Roche (5th-liberal arts).

The election is from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Redifer.



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Senate head says rationed gas likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — Assistant Senate Democratic leader Robert C. Byrd predicted yesterday that the next Congress will quickly pass standby gasoline rationing and wage and price control authority.

At a news conference, the West Virginian also said President Ford has failed to learn the lessons of Watergate and called on him to withdraw his controversial nomination of Andrew E. Gibson to head the Federal Energy Administration.

Byrd also said that Ford's proposed five per cent across-the-board surtax "doesn't stand a chance" in Congress, but he said a majority of the House and Senate might be persuaded to impose a surtax on persons earning more than \$25,000 or \$30,000 annually.

The 94th Congress likely will pass some kind of standby authority for wage and price controls even though such a system is actively opposed by organized labor, Byrd said.

He said, however, that he does not believe Congress should make either gasoline rationing or wage-price controls mandatory because the House and Senate are in no position to administer those programs.

That kind of leadership can only be provided by the President, he said.

Byrd said that three nominations by Ford prove he has not learned the lessons of Watergate.

He referred to the appointment of Gen. Alexander M. Haig to be commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces, the nomination of former White House aide Peter Flanigan to be ambassador to Spain and Gibson's nomination.

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