

# Agency for foreign med schools prays on paranoia

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Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Agencies that guarantee placement in foreign schools to medical students are "praying on the paranoia and frustrations of those who cannot get into American medical colleges," according to Stephen Wright, head of the General Arts and Sciences program.

Wright, who advises students in health-related fields, said that such placement services appeal to students who have been rejected by American medical schools one or more times.

Recently, such a service placed an advertisement in The Daily Collegian guaranteeing placement in Mexican schools. The Student Placement Service, operating out of Hebron, Indiana, offers to place students in several schools in Mexico City and Tampico.

Wright said no University students have inquired at his office about the advertisement.

The service promises admittance to Mexican schools because of relaxed academic requirements, said Debbie Sands, secretary for the service and wife of the president and founder, Robert Sands.

Wright said the lowered standards appeal to those students failing to gain admittance the United States medical schools because of low grade point

averages or low scores on the Medical College Admittance Test. He said a "competitive" grade point average is a 3.6, but that because there are so few openings in medical schools, even students with a 3.8 are turned away.

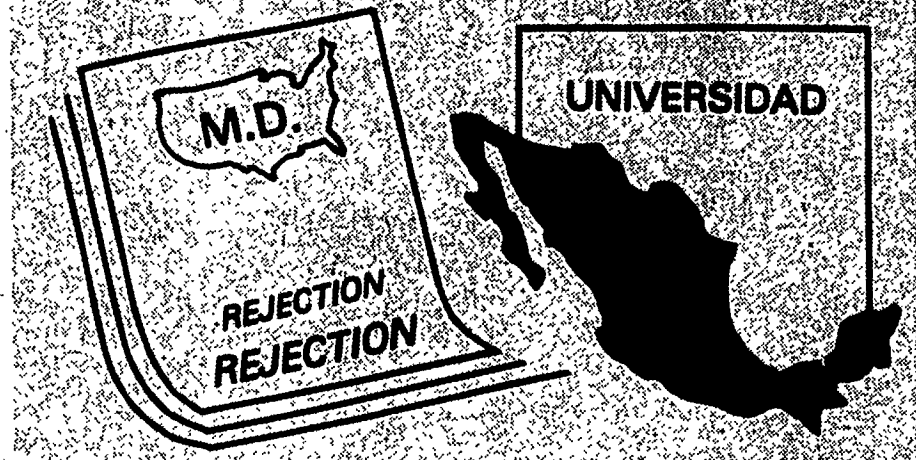
"More and more students are chosen on the basis of their interview," Wright said. "If they can't articulate a real commitment or motivation to their field, they may not get in — even if the student has money or prestigious parents."

Money is a necessity, however, to pay for the services of Sands' placement service. Sands said they charge \$1,500 per student. The fee covers air fare and a week-long stay in Mexico, where Sands shows the student around five or six colleges. Sands said they deal with 10 to 15 students yearly. The package also includes a month of studies in the Spanish language.

Wright says he doesn't advise his students to apply to foreign schools because of the difficulty of studying under a foreign language and because of deficiencies in their programs.

Larry Shrager (10th-pre-medicine) said he would consider changing his field of study rather than receiving a foreign degree in medicine.

"I have a second major to fall back on," he said. "I'd rather do that than



learn a new language and worry about not being able to practice in the United States."

Wright also said living conditions in Mexico are similar to "immigrant ghettos" for the student who has little money to spend. He said American students tend to stay to themselves.

Sands said they deal with about 10 schools, each of which are recognized by the World Health Organization and accredited in its own country. The program does not place students at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, which is the only Mexican school whose

curriculum compares with that of American schools, according to Wright.

American schools are accredited by the American Medical Association, said Joyce McKenna, administrative assistant to the AMA's director of evaluations. McKenna said the AMA neither approves nor accredits foreign medical schools. They also do not endorse placement services, she said. The AMA and the American Association of American Medical Colleges offer the same information and applications as these services at no cost.

The AAMC also condemns such ser-

vice, but recognizes that "under current legal statutes, placement services are permitted to operate as long as all services are actually provided."

In addition to the \$1,500 fee paid to the service, an American student pays high tuition costs in Mexican schools. Wright said over a four-year period, an American student will spend \$19,600 in tuition, while the same education for a Mexican will cost about \$4,000. A medical student in the United States pays even less than that; tuition for a four-year program at Temple University costs \$3,000 per year.

Sands said their service can place only American students. The medical schools in Mexico specified they will not give places to persons of other nationalities. Sands said they had to turn away two Arab students last year because of this restriction.

A student who obtains his degree from a foreign school must pass a competency exam sponsored by the Educational Committee for Foreign Medical Graduates and enter an American college for a supplementary year of clinical study called the "Fifth Pathway," as well as study for several years as an intern or resident in an American hospital.

The student must also take the usual national test to obtain his license to

practice. The AAMC said that of 852 students completing their studies in foreign medical colleges in 1975, only 373 of them are practicing today.

For the American student many loans are available, especially for the student attending a school in his own state, Wright said. However, although the Student Placement Service's advertisement said that loans are available, the foreign medical student stands little chance of aid, except from his parents. He said there is no available federal financial assistance and few banks will risk advancing loans to a student studying outside the United States.

Sands said the loans were available from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, but the placement service does not involve itself in helping the student obtain a loan.

Sands also said she knows of several other such placement services in New York and New Jersey. Their service has been operating for four years. She and her husband placed ads in about 30 other college newspapers, none of which has contacted the service.

The placement service is not the couples only source of income, Sands said. Her husband also paints and prints literature for the Christian Media Association.

## Trustees plan PennPIRG parley; Ritenour health board to meet

University trustees Helen Wise and David Hickton will meet with Students for PennPIRG at 7 tonight in 307 Boucke.

The Graduate Student Association will hold its final meeting of Spring Term at 7:15 p.m. today in 101 Kern.

Returning Adult Students will hold a reorganization meeting for Fall Term tonight at 8 in Walnut Building. The regular Monday meeting is canceled.

The Biological Society is electing officers for 1978-79 at 7 tonight in 8 Life Sciences Building. A guest speaker will discuss medical school admissions.

Free U courses for today include: Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. in the Intramural Building gym; Introduction to Aikido at

7:30 p.m. in the IM wrestling room; Gay and Bisexual Men's Support Group at 8 p.m. in 304 Williard.

The Student Nurses Association will hold registration for the nursing seminar, "Nursing Comes Alive!" today through Friday, 4th period, in 16 Human Development Building.

Meeting of the Students for Wayne Kelly Committee will be held at 9 tonight in 227 HUB.

Gamma Sigma Sigma will hold a business meeting with installation of officers afterward at 7 tonight in 319 HUB. All sisters are asked to attend.

The Student Advisory committee of the Biological Society will be operating

from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today in 216 Life Sciences.

Full board meeting of the Student Advisory Board to University Health Services will be held at 7 tonight in the patient waiting area of Ritenour Health Center. Election of officers will be held.

Drs. Jim and Gay Dunne will speak on "Medicine and the Family," at the Pre-med Society meeting tonight at 7:30 in 321 HUB.

The Human Development Student Council is holding its last meeting for the term at 6:45 tonight in the Living Center of the Human Development Building. at 7:30 p.m. Doug Ford will discuss, "An Orientation to the Human Services System in Centre County."

## All is quiet in Beirut civil war

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — The crackle of sniper fire sounded in the outskirts of Beirut Sunday but a right-wing spokesman reported no new fighting in the neighborhood between Christian militiamen and Syrian peacekeeping troops.

"There is nothing like fighting. It is, for all practical purposes calm," said

an official of the National Liberal Party of former President Camille Chamoun.

He said the sniper fire was occasional and scattered.

The clash Saturday on the southeast edge of the city was the third confrontation in three months between the rightists and soldiers of

the Syrian-dominated Arab peacekeeping force that ended the Lebanese civil war in late 1976.

The peacekeeping force said it intervened in the battle started by unidentified "agitators" and that one civilian was killed and another injured.

## Soviets deny part in Afghanistan coup

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union Sunday rejected suggestions it had a hand in the left-wing coup in neighboring Afghanistan and said it was actually the United States that most often meddled in the affairs of other countries.

Official Tass news agency commentator Yuri Kornilov said Western reactionary circles had wrongly linked the bloody April 27 seizure of power in Afghanistan to Moscow.

"All these are deliberate lies intended on the one hand to discredit the democratic Republic of Afghanistan and its leadership and on the other hand to cast aspersions on Soviet policy," Kornilov said.

"If some people in Washington are really worried by instances of rude interference in the affairs of other states, they could discover numerous such facts in the policy of the United States itself."

Kornilov charged the United States has "implanted and maintained the anti-popular puppet regimes in South Korea and several Latin American countries."

The prominent Soviet commentator noted that the new government in Afghanistan, which took power after a coup two weeks ago, has denied Western charges the Soviet Union was involved.

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**PERSONAL**

**TO THE Typesetters** of the collegian personal classified: get your .... together. Signed, the Animal of the Month Award Committee.

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**TO THE werewolves** of Millfin: You're all excitable boys, especially when you catch a Night Fever - because the Night belongs to us. T. T. of the C. P. C. Hope they're happy signed, Dial - a girl.

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**MY ROOMMATE'S** name is Gina Carpenter. She pounds all day on her typewriter. She yaks and yaks until you can't stand her, but she's my roommate Gina Carpenter.

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