

Hopwood: Conversion process meeting deadlines

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The communications committee of the Calendar Conversion Council is moving ahead on schedule, the president of the Undergraduate Student Government's Academic Assembly told the University Student Advisory Board yesterday.

Chris Hopwood also said no problems are foreseeable in the calendar conversion process. "There have been no real deadlines that haven't been met yet."

The communications committee met yesterday to discuss a newsletter that would give information about the conversion, calm student and faculty anxieties and clear up any misconceptions, Hopwood said.

One problem, he said, is that students and faculty become worried when up-to-date information on the conversion is not received.

Hopwood said his only concern is that the newsletter, which is not scheduled to come out until late this term, may get thrown away or lost in the shuffle when students leave at the end of Spring Term.

The committee hopes to reach as many students as possible before they leave this year because some will be living off campus next year. Distributing the letter to students off campus would be more expensive and more difficult, he said.

Raymond O. Murphy, vice president for student affairs, said he thinks students are most interested in how the calendar conversion will affect classes in their discipline.

A transition handbook will give a list of courses

under the term system and a comparable list under the semester system, Hopwood said.

He also said the council will not allow class sizes to increase to the point where the quality of education will suffer.

"I am always looking out for academic quality," Hopwood said. "It is not the intention of any member of the council to change for the sake of change."

He also said much of the control on academic quality will have to come at the department level. The council is using examples from the basic classes like math, chemistry and English composition as models for determining other curricula, Hopwood said.

The advisory board also expressed concern about what the University is telling incoming freshmen about the calendar conversion. Hop-

wood said the process will be explained to freshmen during the summer orientation period.

He said he didn't know if prospective students are being told about the conversion when they apply.

The advisory board also heard from Carol A. Cartwright, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate's General Education Committee, who said any group that wants to propose a topic of discussion for the General Education Conference in May can present it to the chairman of one of several education committee panels.

Several questions were raised by USG President Bill Cluck about the construction of two gazebos on campus.

Cluck said he was unaware of plans to build the gazebos until he saw the proposal on the docket for the University Board of Trustees meeting last

week. He said he was worried about how many things like the gazebos might be funded by students and their representatives in student organizations.

Also, Murphy said the Physical Plant Administration Advisory Board should have known about the plans.

Murphy said the gazebos will be funded by the building of the gazebos can be justified in light of increasing tuition and housing costs, and diminishing funds.

Murphy said the gazebos will be funded by private contributions specifically designated for the beautification of the campus. He said money cannot be used for anything other than what the donor intended.

In other business, two members of the Total Alcohol Awareness Program reported on the progress the program has made at the University.

Women's Collective elects officers

By JUDY JANSEN
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Along with discussion of important upcoming events and the organization of a schedule for Spring and Summer Terms, the Women's Collective elected officers for the organization last night.

Rubin Wien, former president of the organization, conducted the elections for the coming year. The goals of the newly elected president, Valerie DePope, include increasing membership and promoting understanding of the purpose of the collective among individuals who are confused or unsure about its services, she said.

The vice president of next year's executive board is Rita Simon. The function of this position is to aid the president and to organize many of the programs presented by the collective.

Greenlight Program Coordinator is one of the most important elected positions of the collective since this person is responsible for overseeing the new program to prevent assaults on women throughout the community. Jane Penney will assume this position and be responsible for keeping records on participants in the program and updating the system when necessary.

Publicity Director Kris Olson performs the function of generating energy and positive feeling about the group in

the University community by distributing flyers and posters, and publicizing special events such as workshops.

Funds will be handled by Kathy Anders, who is next year's treasurer.

Coming events of the collective include a series of rape prevention workshops for resident assistants and students who live in the dormitories.

These workshops will be held at announced times in the union buildings of major residence areas on campus. In the beginning of Summer Term, the collective will present a workshop during orientation week for incoming freshmen.

On the tentative date of May 6 the collective will sponsor its second annual Take Back The Night march at part of Horizons, Wien said.

In the march, a demonstration against rape, participants will march through town and campus, stopping at spots where rapes have previously occurred, to mark out in chalk the image of the woman who was raped.

According to the collective, this is to show abhorrence of the violence against women in our society. Also in the stage of planning is an additional rape prevention workshop to follow the demonstration. Banners announcing the details of the demonstration are in the making.

The collective meets every Thursday night this spring term in 225 HUB. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Students try to form new group

Organization would cater to those interested in planning

By PHIL EVANS
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In direct contrast to numerous students who are seemingly apathetic and unconcerned about improving their educational opportunities at the University is another group — a group of students determined to establish an organization called the Penn State Planning Association.

The proposed organization would be open to anyone interested in the field of planning and would seek to publicize and develop appropriate curriculum for those students, Gary Palumbo (graduate-regional planning) said. It would also seek to schedule lectures and participate in regional planning conferences in order to further professional development.

To have the association officially recognized, Palumbo said, the group plans to submit a constitution to the rules committee chairman of the Graduate Student Association. If the constitution is found to meet all requirements, it will go

to the GSA General Assembly for official sanctioning.

"We would like to get involved with some of the planning conferences on campus and throughout the region," Palumbo said. The association would not be tied to any specific academic department, he said.

"We would also like to put together a course list of classes that are relevant to planning throughout the University," he said.

Palumbo said the main force behind the creation of the constitution and the proposed planning association was John M. Venezia (graduate-regional planning), a student representative to the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planners Association.

In a written report, Venezia said that there was a vital need for an association at Penn State that would link the University to the state and regional level in regards to providing information and potential professional development.

Venezia said that the proposed planners association could be linked to the

American Planning Association through the student representative of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the APA.

The student group, which has drawn up the constitution for the proposed planning association, is composed of students from all disciplines who are interested in planning, Palumbo said.

Palumbo said that although there is no definite timetable, the planning association hopes to be recognized by May.

The planning association would correspond with the new semester system by electing its officers in January of each year, Palumbo said. The group elected officers last night who will serve until January 1983. The officers are: Tim Reardon (graduate-regional planning), president; John Mong (10th-community development), vice president; Keith Ratner (graduate-regional planning), secretary; and Rich Baker (graduate-regional planning), treasurer.

The group will meet the second Thursday of every month in 216 Willard with the next meeting being April 8, Palumbo said.

Balancing career, family

Colloquy kicks off spring theme: Women in Power

By JUDY JANSEN
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Three local businesswomen who have combined a career with a family were featured Wednesday in the first of Colloquy's presentations for its spring 1982 theme, Women in Power. Rosemary Schraer, associate provost, moderated the program titled "The Career Woman."

Mimi Unger Coppersmith, Louise Sandmeyer and Nancy Chiswick addressed the audience of more than 50 people on issues that have confronted them in their dual-career marriages, the business world and family life.

Coppersmith, president of Barash Advertising, began her presentation with a brief personal history. She said she believes power is based upon perception, and when a woman perceives her needs to be just as important as her husband's needs, she is beginning to deal with power.

Using incidents that tested her will and strength to cope with new power-yielding situations as examples, she shared lessons she had learned through her experience.

"Always tell the truth, organize your priorities, be prepared for difficult decisions and define your needs and set to the task of fulfilling them," Coppersmith said.

Sandmeyer, assistant director of the Career Development and Placement Center, stressed the importance of decision-making and its role with a dual-career couple. By illustrating the differences between three common family situations, she narrowed her definition of the dual-career couple.

In a dual-career marriage, the personal identities of the partners relate to the pursuit of the individual careers as well as to the role in the family and marriage, Sandmeyer said. She defined a career as "a sequence of jobs with a high degree of commitment."

In a two-job family, both persons hold jobs but neither find

the job tied to personal identity, she said.

A two-person career is a situation in which the husband is the breadwinner and the woman is at home, she said. According to the 1980 census, this traditional arrangement now accounts for only 15.9 percent of American families. In that situation the woman derives her status from the career of her husband and her role as care-giver in the family, Sandmeyer said.

The importance of determining individual goals and the goals of the relationship prior to the point of decision-making cannot be underestimated, she said.

The final speaker was Chiswick, a clinical psychologist. She stressed the special importance of undergraduate women who are planning dual-career marriages to plan for the future.

The typical undergraduate woman thinks there will be no problems, she said. But the difficulty — the need for tremendous energy, guts and a strong will — is quite severe, she said.

Chiswick warned people to consider marriage carefully and listed certain items to look for in a prospective partner.

"The individual must be cooperative, truly supportive and understanding of your goals," she said.

A flexible career and lucrative salary are also important, especially when planning a family, Chiswick said.

When developing a personal career, flexibility and salary are vital considerations.

"Develop your own character, learn to compromise, practice good health habits, be assertive," she said. "And most important, enjoy what you do."

Women must realize they cannot be 100 percent in both their own and their husband's career, Chiswick said. Women must come to terms with their own limitations, prioritize what is most important to them first as an individual and then as a couple, avoid negative patterns and remember that survival is most important, she said.

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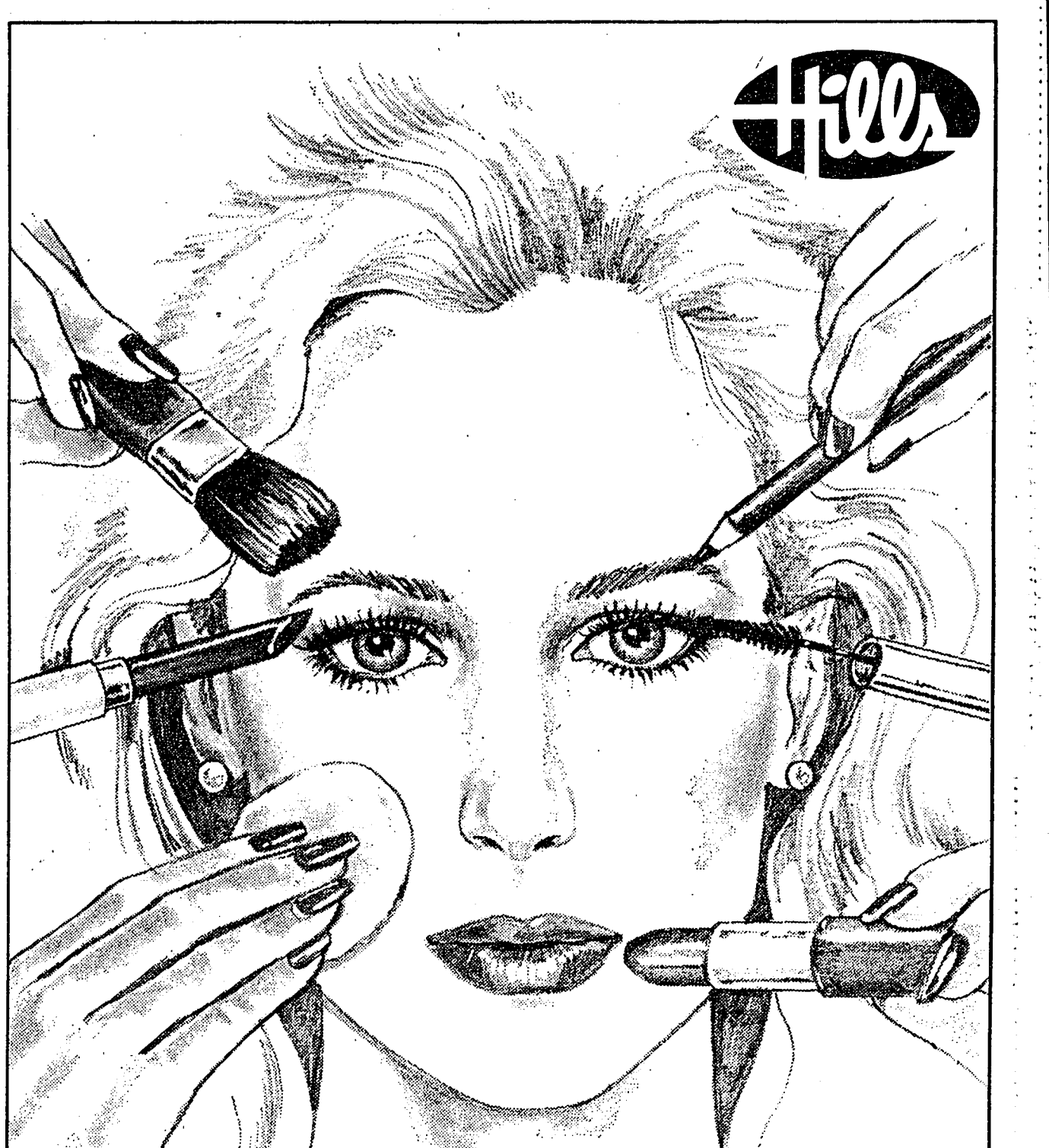
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