

USEC says advising is key to student gripes

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Almost 20 women including faculty

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The Undergraduate Student Government will compile data concerning the number of University students rejected from admission to an engineering major because of early evaluation, USG Senate President Joe Scoboria said at last night's University Student Executive Council meeting. The students expected to have a full four semesters to earn the grades required for entrance into

their engineering majors, but the College of Engineering officials evaluated them midway through the fourth semester. University students are affected by the midway out."

determine the magnitude of student concern.

by different standards."

Much."

which became evident from the concern expressed about the early evaluation, is inadeqaute advising. "Probably the bigger problem ... is advising because engineering students were led to believe they would be evaluated at a certain time,' Scoboria said.

Several USEC members said one problem.

However, Mark Johnston, president of the Penn State Veterans Organization, said the "enrollment controls are ridiculous and administrators keep raising the minumum number each year." "Instead of hiring more faculty to compensate

for the high faculty to student ratio," Johnston Scoboria said USG will evaluate how many said, "the College of Engineering cuts the students evaluation of grades to enable USG officials to Also, Johnston (senior-mechanical engineering)

Women discuss social problems in academia Emily Toth, assiciate professor of something in between of course," English said. "But women are judged Toth said. A jacket "conveys authority" she tions about their current marital sta-In a Women Studies Colloquium,

Emily Toth, associate professor of that women are little, cute and frivi- affiliations. English, presented "Academic Survi- lous.

Tenure Without Selling Your Soul Too against a woman who wears pants to gested refusing to answer the quesan interview. "All of this shouldn't matter, but in but answering it anyway. Toth first discussed "proper" attire fact it does because it influences how Members of the audience offered "There is a myth in academia that for women interviewing for a job. the man in power perceives us," Toth lying or questioning the interviewee we are judged on individual merit," "Wear a jacket and a skirt, and said.

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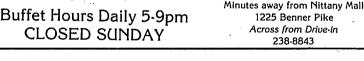
on developmental year students, who spend their first year taking refresher courses. Problems caused by the midway evaluation will "definitely have some impact on Penn State," USEC Adviser Craig Miller said. USG plans to work with University's Undergrad-

uate Engineering Council and University administration to study the midway evaluation of students. In other business, USEC discussed the possibility of extending the term of student representatives on the Presidential Budget and Advising Commit-

tee to two years instead of one. Jim Trainer, outgoing Graduate Student Association vice president, said USEC and University administrators should examine extending the term to insure that at least one student has one expressed concern of the midway evaluation effect year experience working on the University budget.



said, and helps overcome stereotypes tus, religious and political When asked about your marital val for Feminists: Getting Jobs and She added, "There are prejudices status or family plans, Toth sugtion or acknowledging that it is illegal about his reasons for asking. SOUTH SEA'S **CHINESE BUFFET EVERYDAY** Hung Yen Gai Ding
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