Forum on Politics: Revving Up in April

After the Liberal vs. Conservative debate on The Future of American Democracy which launches the second annual University Forum (March 26, 7:30 p.m. in Room 102 Chemistry, by Congressmen Barney Frank and Phil Crane), there will be ten programs in April on this year's topic, "Toward Improving the American Political System."

The Media and Politics, moderated April 2 by Professor Robert Lewis Shayan, brings Philadelphia Inquirer Editor Edgar Guthman and NBC News' former president, William Leonard, among the panelists. (Meyerson Hall, 4 p.m.)

April 6, an all-day conference on Student Political Participation begins with lecture on the past, present and future of student activism in America, by SUNY-Buffalo's Phillip G. Alba. A town-and-gown panel responds, and there are workshops on community action, student media and student policy research. (Contact Penn Political Participation Center at Houston Hall.)

A Home for Early American Studies

The Penn-based Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies will dedicate its new facility Thursday in a moveable ceremony that starts in Rare Books at Van Pelt at 4:30 p.m., and is transported by Fairmount Trolley to 3810 Walnut Street for the on-site opening of the Center at 5:30. Hosts are President Sheldon Hackney and the Center's director, Dr. Richard Beeman, who will give an overview of its latest undertaking, a ten-year study of "The Transformation of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley, 1750-1850." A highlight will be the announcement of a new $350,000 challenge grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which also gave the $550,000 start-up gift for the Center founded in 1978 by Penn, Temple, Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr and Haverford along with the Library Company of Philadelphia, Historical Society of Pennsylvania and American Philosophical Society. As with the continuing Wilson Penn Papers publication, and the upcoming October conference to launch the city's observance of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the NEH-supported Transformation study is a collaborative enterprise. Scholars will investigate immigration, commerce, religious life, social welfare, politics and art during the hundred years of Philadelphia's growth from a commercial town of 15,000 to an industrial center of 400,000.

Law-Economics: Dr. Wachter

Dr. Michael Wachter, professor of economics and management, has been named director of the Institute for Law and Economics, the Law School-FAS unit which oversees two advanced degrees (J.D.-M.A. and J.D.-Ph.D.) and fosters interdisciplinary teaching and research in the two fields.

He succeeds Economics Professors Oliver Williamson and Andrew Postlewaite, who co-directed the Institute last year after its founding director, Dr. Henry Hansmann of the Law School joined Yale. Now in its fourth year, the Institute plans expansion in four main areas: corporate and personal tax policy, regulation and antitrust, collective bargaining and implicit employment contracts, and pension plans. The unit may also hold short seminars for practicing lawyers in areas such as financial deregulation, new approaches to collective bargaining and pension reform.

Dr. Wachter, professor of economics here since 1976 and of management since 1980, has been a senior advisor to the Brookings Panel on Economic Activity, a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a commissioner of the U.S. Minimum Wage Study Commission and a member of the National Council on Employment Policy. He has also been a consultant to the Federal Reserve, the Department of Labor and the Council of Economic Advisors.

Religious Holidays: Correction

In a Provost's bulletin on religious holidays (Almanac: March 6) the ending date of Passover is given incorrectly. Monday, April 23, and Tuesday, April 24, are the correct dates. March 23 remains the deadline for observing students to make arrangements with their instructors for make-up of any examinations missed.

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Presidential Politics and Presidential Leadership is next, on April 7, with Professor Henry Teune leading a panel that has Yale's Christopher Atherton, Penn Trustee Carl Kayzen and Austin Ranney of the American Enterprise Institute. (200 College Hall, 7:30 p.m.)

Former Secretary of State Dean Rusk, now a law professor at Georgia, gives the Connaissance Lecture April 11 on The Conduct of Our Democracy's Foreign Policy (200 College Hall, 7:30 p.m.)

Other dates, with details to follow next week: 4 p.m. April 18, Democracy and Economic Planning; 4 p.m. April 19, Political Socialization of Youth; 7:30 p.m. April 20, The Maturation of Black Politics; 8 p.m. April 24, Foreign Policy and the Democratic Society by Former Undersecretary of State George W. Ball; 7:30 p.m. April 26, Democracy and Development; The Lesson of the Third World; and 7:30 p.m. April 30, Governing Urban America, by a panel of mayors led by Philadelphia's Wilson Goode.
What is the "Computer Resource Center"?

The Strategic Plan calls for the establishment of such a center to provide central computing support services and coordination of decentralized services. The Center will function as an informal clearinghouse on computer-related matters, will provide technical information on hardware and software, will install and maintain selected computer workstations, etc., and provide central support services to those schools within the University which have not developed their own computer centers.

Where is the Center?

It does not yet exist. At present, the subcommittee on the Computer Resource Center (CRC) is attempting to deal with immediate problems that will become the domain of the new CRC once it is established, and to make recommendations pertaining to its establishment.

Why hasn't the Center been created yet?

The University is in the process of searching to fill the newly created position of Vice Provost for Computing, under whom the CRC will function, and to make no sense to create the CRC without any input from the new Vice Provost for Computing.

When will the Vice Provost for Computing position be filled?

Although the search has not yet been closed, the interviewing process has begun. The goal is to have the Vice Provost in place no later than June 1984.

Is anything being done in the meantime?

Several committees and working groups are active under the aegis of the Academic Computing Committee, as well as elsewhere within the University. Within the mandate of the subcommittee on the CRC, working groups have been established on the computer distribution center, the information center, services for the schools without computing centers, and shared resources between the school centers. There is also a group evaluating micro-computers. The University agreement with Apple computer Corporation makes it imperative that certain structures be in place even before the new Vice Provost is chosen and the CRC becomes operational.

What sort of structures?

Most obviously, an ordering and distribution structure for Apple products is needed. This is well underway already, with the working group on the "computer distribution center" taking an active role.

Will there be a "computer distribution center"?

Yes. It will be located temporarily in the annex to the Book Store. The target date for opening this center is mid-April. (Renovations are already underway.)

Is the Apple Macintosh the only machine available?

The Apple agreement covers most Apple products, including those with Lisa, with varying levels of discount. Negotiations with other computer companies including DEC, IBM and Hewlett-Packard are also underway, but nothing has been finalized at this time.

How long will it take me to get an Apple Macintosh?

There is no way to know for certain. The distribution center hopes to be ready to accept orders by April, and some machines will be available at that time. It is likely that a priority system for actual delivery will need to be established if, as expected, demand exceeds supply.

Where can I get reliable information on such developments?

Right here. The working group on the CRC information center plans to use this column to release new information as it becomes available, and to answer (to the extent that is possible) informational queries such as those found above.

Supplied by the Working Group on the Computer Information Center of the Subcommittee on the Computer Resource Center of the Academic Computing Committee, in cooperation with the office of the Vice Provost for Research.

Death of Professor Mario Romanach

Mario J. Romanach, professor of architecture and a leading international figure in design, died March 8 at the age of 66.

In the Romanach Partnership in the '70s he was noted for projects as varied as the new town in Punta Moraitis, Venezuela; the government center in Caracas and the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Paris. Earlier, as director of design and an associate with Kelly & Gruzen, Architects, in New York, he designed the Spanish and American Express Pavilions for the 1964 World's Fair and Chatham Towers in Manhattan. Other designs included Litho City, an award-winning plan for 5,000 housing units in the West Side between 58th and 72nd Streets. Here on campus, he developed architectural plans for Superblock as a member of the Perkins Romanach firm.

A fellow of the American Institute of Architects and member of the National Academy of Design, Professor Romanach received two gold medals from the Colegio Nacional de Arquitectos.

He was born and educated in Havana, coming to the U.S. in 1959 as a visiting critic at Harvard. He was associate professor at Cornell from 1960-1962 and served as consultant for the campus plans of Cornell and the Rochester.

Professor Romanach joined Penn's Graduate School of Fine Arts in 1962 as an associate professor and became professor in 1963. He was chairman from 1971-74. At the time of his death he was on leave, expecting to resume teaching soon.

Professor Romanach is survived by his wife, Josephine; two daughters, Maria Cristina, CW '68, and Josephine Romanach Alger, CW '70; and a granddaughter, Cristina.

A memorial service for Professor Romanach is scheduled for 4 p.m., Friday, March 23, at St. Mary's Church on Locust Walk. Memorial gifts for the Romanach fellowship may be payable to the University through GSFA.

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CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES

24 Kite-Making Workshop, in anticipation of the Morris Arboretum's annual Kite Flying Festival April 14, ages 9 and older (and parents), 10 a.m.—noon at the Arboretum. $3.50. Information: 247-5777.

Classes in swimming, fencing and gymnastics for children, Saturdays mornings through April 28. Information: Helene Hamlin, Ext. 6102 (Recreation Department).

31 Nature Preserved in Clay, ages 9 and older, 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Morris Arboretum Saturdays through April 7. $24, members $18. Information: 247-5777.

CONFERENCES

21 High-Tech Corporate Entrepreneurship, Lawrence Klein, Benjamin Franklin Professor of Economics and Finance, and executives from Intel, Tektronix, AT&T Technologies, Hewlett-Packard and TRW, Inc. will explore ways to develop successful management strategies; Faculty Club. Through March 23. Information: Ext. 4856 (Wharton Entrepreneur Center, Electronic Business Magazine).

22 Anti-Americanism in the Third World: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy; 9:15-11:45 a.m. and 2:15-4:30 p.m., Thursday; 9:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Friday, March 23; Benjamin Franklin Room, Houston Hall. Information: Ext. 7641. (Anspach Institute on Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy).

23 Homeric Criticism Today in Light of the Parry-Lord Theory of Oral Poetry; 2:30-5 p.m., Thursday; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., Friday, March 24, Rainey Auditorium, University Museum, Information: Ext. 7425 (Department of Classical Studies).

31 English Conference: Literature and Its Perspectives, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall. Free for faculty and staff, $5 students. Registration: Andrea Rassin, 222-4794 (Undergraduate English Society and English Department).

COURSES

27 Goals and Objectives for Pre-School Education, 6:30-8 p.m., Penn Children’s Center. $2 for parents and staff of the Center. Information: Ext. 5268 (Penn Children’s Center Parent’s Advisory Board).

31 Herbs: From Garden to Table, will teach participants a practical and simple way to grow herbs at home for fresh seasonings. The second session will explore the uses of these herbs in cooking. First session at the Morris Arboretum 10 a.m.-noon, second session at La Cucina Italian Cooking School 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 7. $40, includes herbs and lunch. Information: Ext. 6479/6493 (College of General Studies Special Programs Office).

Morris Arboretum

Information/registration: 247-5777.

20 Home Greenhouse Management, the instructor, John Story, greenhouse manager, Meadowbrook Farms, will concentrate on equipment, pesticides, scheduling and planning, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays through April 3. $36, members $27.

21 Ikebana: the ancient art of Japanese flower arranging; Bernice Markin, a certified teaching master in three schools of Ikebana, will guide students in creating their own designs. 10 a.m.-noon. Wednesdays through April 11. $68, members $52.

22 Cabling and Bracing, a workshop to learn about the weaknesses in trees and modern techniques of cabling and bracing, climbers can enroll for “in tree” training, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. $45 (climbing), $30 (non-climbing).

Plant Diseases, an introductory course in plant pathology led by Dr. Ann Rhoads, assistant director of botany, Morris Arboretum, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through April 19. $45, members $34.

24 Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening, a hands-on class taught by Donald F. Scales, biology lecturer; students will learn how to build a 6’ x 6’ vegetable garden, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. $18, members $13.50.

How Plants Work, Dr. William M. Klein, director, Morris Arboretum, will explain physiology of plant growth and regulation, 7-9 p.m. Mondays through April 16. $48, members $36.

28 Designing the Landscape, an introductory course taught by Michael J. LoFurno, landscape architect, John Rahenkamp & Assoc., Inc., 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays through April 11. $36, members $27.

29 Horticultural Therapy Techniques for the Nursing Home or Hospital Patient, hands-on course for persons responsible for therapeutic program planning, taught by Deborah Hogan, registered horticultural therapist, Morris Arboretum, 7-9 p.m., Thursdays through April 12. $45, members $36.

MEETING

22 Librarian’s Assembly Meeting: Murphy Smith, associate librarian, American Philosophical Society, will speak. refreshments at 2:45 p.m., meeting at 3 p.m., first floor of Van Pelt Library.

ON STAGE

29 Urban & Soda, Mask & Wig’s 96th annual musical show; cabaret with dinner at 7:30 p.m. and show at 8:30 p.m. through March 30 at the Mask and Wig Clubhouse. Tickets: 923-4229.

TALKS

20 Consultation Psychiatry; Dr. James Winnett, professor of psychiatry; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Medical Alumni Hall, HUP (Department of Psychiatry).

Role of Calcium as an Inhibitor of Rat Liver Carbohydrate Synthetase I; Sebastian Cerdan, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Fogarty International Fellow, 12:30 p.m., Physiology Library, Richards Building (Respiratory Physiology Group and Department of Anesthesiology).

Groups: John H. Conway, Cambridge University; 3 p.m., Room A-8, David Rittenhouse Laboratory (Department of Mathematics: Hans Rademacher Lectures).

Black Participation in the Navy and Marine Corps and Current Navy Policies Concerning the Recruitment and Retention of Minorities; Dr. Fred Davidson Ill, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs; 7:30 p.m., Room 200, College Hall (Penn Political Union).

21 Lattices; John H. Conway, Cambridge University; 3 p.m., Room A-8, David Rittenhouse Laboratory (Department of Mathematics: Hans Rademacher Lectures).

The Sacred Anthill and the Cult of the Primordial Mound; John Irwin, former Oriental Department keeper in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and current senior fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Visual Arts at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.; 4 p.m., first floor, Conference Room Van Pelt Library (South Asia Regional Studies, Oriental Studies Department).

Hidden Performances: Folklore in Everyday Communication; Dr. Hermann Bausinger, Tubingen University; 4 p.m., Room 401, Logan Hall (Department of Folklore & Folklife and German Department).

Tao and Logos: Derrida’s Critique of Logocentrism; Zhang Longxi, Peking University
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