

Committee still unformed

Panel to assist with new English division yet to be named

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A committee charged with making recommendations for the new Division of Rhetoric and Composition in the Department of English has yet to be formed a month after it was conceived in a special meeting of students and faculty.

The department is facing an administration-imposed deadline of June 1, 1993, to have the organization of the new division in place.

A meeting was held in September because of departmental concerns that the new division was formed without adequate discussion and departmental input.

Robert King, acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts, later decided to add members from departments outside of English to the core committee.

"I think [adding members from other

departments] was a good idea," Joseph Kruppa, chairman of the Department of English said. "Anytime you get a wider perspective, it can be beneficial."

But Kruppa did not give King his list of English Department appointees to the committee until Oct. 15.

Kruppa said the reason for his delay in providing the list was that he wanted to "talk to more people about the problem" in order to make the best committee appointments.

Kruppa's appointees from the Department of English include Evan Carton, graduate adviser; John Ruskiewicz, associate professor of English; and James Kinneavy, director of the lower-division English office.

"Many technical matters about the division will take months to work out," Ruskiewicz said. "The more time that goes by, the more difficult it will be [to establish the department by June]. There are many problems — such as hirings

and promotions — that have to be worked out to the satisfaction of all involved."

But Carton said a motion brought up at the last University Council meeting by Alan Friedman, professor of English, to consider suspending the June 1 deadline, should be considered.

The University Council consists of faculty members from all departments on campus, and several student representatives. The council meets monthly to review campus issues.

The council failed to have a quorum at the end of its Oct. 19 meeting and was unable to take action on suspending the deadline.

"We shouldn't be working under an arbitrary deadline," Carton said. "I hope this committee will address the real substantive question of writing. There are a lot of unanswered questions that we need worry about more than whether we meet the deadline date or not."



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Building blocks

Amidst other machinery, senior Christie Hlad sands basswood blocks for her studio architecture project. Hlad worked in the basement of Goldsmith Hall Thursday afternoon.