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This is the last newsletter for this semester and the last one published using the old-fashioned process. Dean Douglas Boyd kindly provided funds for the DGS office to purchase new software (including Pagemaker and Lotus 1-2-3) and a graphics card to upgrade the office computer. My thanks to Dean Boyd for his generous support of the program.

On December 1 the Graduate Faculty held its first annual retreat to discuss a myriad of issues facing the graduate program, from improving the admissions process to whether to continue the foreign-language requirement for the Ph.D. Summaries of the discussions will be posted on the Graduate Bulletin Board.

For the first time, registration for our students was conducted in the DGS office. Ms. Esther Edwards, the graduate program staff assistant, did a superb job in registering 64 students during the two-week period. Nearly every eligible student participated, and the feedback I have received so far indicates that you overwhelmingly prefer registering in our office than at the central campus point. As a result, we will now handle all registration, including late registration and add/drop, in the DGS office. Thanks to all of you for making this experiment so successful! Please let us know how we can improve the service.

Effective next semester, there is a new travel policy for Graduate Students. The policy, recently approved by the Graduate Faculty, is an attempt to make the allocation of travel support more equitable for students. The policy may need to be fine tuned later after its impact is felt, but I think it holds great promise. The policy is reprinted on page 2 of this Newsletter. Please review it and let me know if you see problems or have questions. Two members of the Graduate Program Committee, Dr. James Hertog and Mr. Phil Auter (the graduate student representative), worked particularly hard to develop the policy. Thanks to both for their efforts!

I wish you good luck on your final exams and papers and Happy Holidays. See you in 1991.

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PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

The College of Communications was certainly well-represented at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Speech Communication Association during November 1-4 in Chicago.

Dr. Robert Bostrom's paper, "Expression and Affect: Just Put on a Happy Face," was selected as one of the top four competitive papers on intrapersonal communication processes. Dr. Vincent Waldron's paper,

"Constrained Rationality: Situational Influences on Information Acquisition Plans and Tactics," was a top four paper in interpersonal and small group communication, and his paper on "Maintenance Strategies in Superior-Subordinate Relationships: Effects of Leader-Member Exchange Quality and Gender" (with William F. Sharkey of the University of Hawaii) was a top three paper in organizational communication. Congratulations to both!

Telecommunications, will also be serving as a part-time Research Assistant in the College of Education during the spring semester.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 3-5 - Registration for graduate students.

January 7 - Registration for new students who have been cleared for admission but did not advance register.

January 9 - Classes begin.

January 9-15 - Late registration for returning students who did not advance register and new applicants cleared late for admission. A \$40 late fee is assessed students who register late.

January 21 - Academic Holiday (Martin Luther King Birthday)

February 7 - Last day for filing an application for a May degree in college dean's office.

March 11-16 - Spring Vacation.

March 21 - Last day for doctoral candidates for a May degree to submit a Notification of Intent to schedule a final examination in The Graduate School.

April 4 - Last day for candidates for a May degree to schedule a final exam in The Graduate School.

April 18 - Last day for candidates for a May degree to sit for a final examination.

April 26 - Last day for doctoral candidates for a May degree who wish to receive a diploma at Commencement to submit dissertation to The Graduate School. Also last day of classes.

April 29-May 3 - Final Examinations

May 3 - Last day for candidates for a May degree to submit a thesis/dissertation to The Graduate School.

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The College of Education attempted to have the University Senate Council approve a new policy to limit enrollment in EDP 557 ("Educational Statistics") to only graduate students in Education. When the DGS learned of this policy, he immediately notified Dean Douglas A. Boyd who contacted Dr. Carolyn S. Bratt, Chair of the Senate Council. Dr. Bratt immediately rescinded the "erroneous approval." If you registered for EDP 557 and are notified that you have been dropped from the course, please see the DGS immediately. You should not be involuntarily withdrawn from the course.
2. The new edition of the Graduate Manual is now available from the DGS office. There have been some changes, particularly in the Admissions Policy.
3. Students are not allowed to register for 749 courses without permission from the Graduate School. Students wishing to enroll in 749 courses need to pick up a form from the Graduate School and have their DGS complete the form. After the DGS has completed the form, the student will take the form back to the Graduate School for it's approval.

OTHER CONVENTION PAPERS

1. Dr. Pamela J. Kalbfleisch, "Minority Mentoring: Patterns of Support," Mid-west Conference on Minorities in Communication at Michigan State University in November.

OTHER CONVENTION PAPERS (Continued)

2. M.A. student Sonia Gutierrez-Villalobos, Dr. James K. Hertog and Dr. Ramona R. Rush, "Press Support for the U.S. Administration During Periods of External Conflict: A Test of Three Theories," Eighth Annual Intercultural and International Communication Conference in Miami in February 1991.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Dr. Thomas Lindlof and Dr. Debra Grodin (1990 Ph.D. from UK and Assistant Professor at the University of Louisville), "When Media Use Can't Be Observed: Some Problems and Tactics of Collaborative Audience Research," JOURNAL OF COMMUNICATION. Autumn 1990 issue.
2. Dr. Thomas Lindlof, "The Qualitative Study of Media Audiences," JOURNAL OF BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA, Winter 1991.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. The Center for Information Technology at the University of Alaska Anchorage is seeking applicants for three visiting research fellow positions. The research fellows program provides full support for research projects that will contribute to the understanding and/or development of Alaska's communication and information systems. See the DGS for more information.

Deadline: February 27, 1991.

2. Applications are invited from University of Kentucky graduate students for the annual award of the Donovan Scholarship in Gerontology. The application forms are available from the Donovan Scholars office, University of Kentucky, Ligon House, 658 South Limestone, Lexington, KY 40506-0442 (Phone: 257-2656).

Deadline: February 15, 1991.

3. The Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies is offering an Excellence Award in Undergraduate Education. The award is designed to recognize outstanding contributions to undergraduate education at the University of Kentucky. The award, in the amount of \$2,000, will not be in cash but in the form of funds to be used for academic enrichment. Examples of ways in which these monies might be spent are the purchase of books for personal or departmental libraries, travel to professional meetings, the acquisition of equipment or educational materials for undergraduate teaching, the enhancement of TA stipends, and the hiring of additional student help. Other possibilities will suggest themselves, but the fundamental purpose of the award remains the same: to highlight effective work on the undergraduate level both in individual disciplines and, most especially, in the area of University Studies.

The award is designed to honor a wide variety of contributions including such things as program development, advising, effective methods of improving laboratory instruction, the enhancement of students' learning skills, inter-departmental cooperation in undergraduate education, the development of teaching techniques, and the like. Teaching assistants, staff members, and faculty are eligible. Deadline for nominations: December 7. See the DGS for more information.

4. The Dowden Center for Telecommunication Studies, Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia, sponsors The Dowden Center Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program. The intent of this annual program is to support dissertation research concerning cable television and other emerging technologies.

The program will consider research proposals dealing with the economic, social, political, legal, business, or historical aspects of cable television and other related technologies. The program is open to anyone currently enrolled in a doctoral program at an accredited university of college which requires a dissertation to complete degree requirements. Applicants must include a letter of endorsement from their major professor. See the DGS for more information.

5. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) - one of the prestigious National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland - has several paid six-month internships in health communications. These internships are open to graduate students studying science writing, health communications, technical writing and editing, health education, library science, graphic design or audiovisual and publication production. Interns receive a stipend of \$1,530 per month, payable at the end of each month.

The internships, located in NCI's Office of Cancer Communications and International Cancer Information Center, run either from January through June, or from July through December each year. The deadline for application is April 30, 1991 for the July-December term. See the DGS for more information.

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GRANTS AND AWARDS

1. As you have no doubt learned by now, two professors on the Graduate Faculty were among the four recently receiving a \$1.5 million grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to study the uses of television to divert high-risk young people away from drugs.

The institute has now pledged more than \$6 million to establish the University's Center for Prevention Research. Dr. Lewis Donohew, a co-administrator of the center, has been the principal recipient of four awards from the institute, including the most recent award. The other investigators on the new award are Dr. Philip Palmgreen; Dr. Elizabeth Lorch of the Department of Psychology; and Dr. William Skinner of the Department of Sociology.

2. Dr. James Hertog and Dr. Roy L. Moore each received mini-grants from the Dean of Undergraduate Studies to purchase materials to enhance classroom teaching.
3. M.A. student Marie Mitchell won first place for a feature she did on the homeless in Kentucky at the Kentucky Associated Press Awards in November. A documentary featuring Dr. Roy L. Moore, DGS and Director of the First Amendment Center, won second place in the competition. The documentary focused on freedom of press and freedom of speech, including the UK First Amendment Center.