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Associate Dean's Corner

I am very pleased to have been appointed by Dean J. David Johnson and Graduate Dean Michael T. Nietzel to another term as Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 1999. I want to particularly thank the Graduate Student Association for its support and the Graduate Faculty for recommending me for the position. I have enjoyed serving as your Associate Dean for the past four years and look forward to another term.

The Graduate Program has made considerable progress over the years, and the long term future is bright as the program moves toward becoming a Top 20 Graduate Program. Our new destination master's, which recently received final approval from the university, has much promise. Our new first-year doctoral curriculum has been quite successful, and the new Media Research Center, now under construction, will particularly strengthen the program. All doctoral students are now required to complete at least three hours of CJT 790 ("Research Problems in Communication") by working on a specific research project under the direction of a graduate faculty member. We also have a new course on instructional communication.

The Graduate Center has been updated with a new computer and printer and has become a beehive of Graduate Student Association activities, including colloquia, seminars, workshops and meetings.

I want to particularly thank this year's GSA Co-Chairs, **Donald Helme** and **Chuck Bryant**, and the other officers for all of their hard work. You've been great!

Congratulations to the new 1999-2000 officers:

Co-Chairs:

Gretchen Norling
Holly Payne

Minister of Information:

Sarah Hatfield

Minister of Finance:

Angela Brumley-Shelton

This fall, we will be welcoming a new group of graduate students, including several new teaching assistants and research assistants. Our fellowship holders include **Donna Wills** (Research Opportunity Fellowship), **Shawn Long** (Southern Regional Education Board Fellowship), **Michael Farrell** (Allocated Fellowship) and **Leona Lopez** (Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship)

In May, Ms. Janice Birdwhistell joined the College as the new development officer. She will be working closely with the School

of Journalism and Telecommunications, the Department of Communication, the School of Library and Information Science and the Graduate Program on new development initiatives. Among the priorities established by the Graduate Program in Communication are increased funding for graduate scholarships and fellowships, renovation of the Graduate Center and Graduate Seminar Room, a travel fund endowment and endowed and enhanced professorships. I will keep you informed our progress.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to **Dr. Lewis Donohew**, who is retiring this year. Lew has contributed so much to our Graduate Program and the College over his 34 years of service. He was my mentor when I pursued my M.A. in 1970 in our program and has been a role model for me and numerous other colleagues. There is no way to adequately thank him for all that he has done, but we will nevertheless attempt to do so in the fall with a program in his honor. You will be receiving details later. Thanks, Lew, for being such a strong contributor to the program and for being an inspiration for graduate students and faculty!

I wish each of you a great summer.
Stay in touch.

Roy L. Moore

