RETREAT REPORT

Editor's note: All six retreat reports were expected to be available by press time. Only one has escaped to this desktop and it is reproduced here.

INFORMATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
reported by Peter Rowe (Psychology)

This Committee was charged with discussing the new mainframe computer. It will be purchased by July 1, 1989, with software purchases due within six months. In the summer of 1988, department chairmen were asked to submit future hardware needs for planning purposes. Software requirements from the departments were reviewed in September, 1988. Minicomputer availability to faculty may be of equal interest.

Decision-making responsibility for placement of minicomputers for faculty apparently is a department chair decision. It might be prudent for this to be an administrative decision, especially if the College is emphasizing faculty and student computer literacy. Some departments have no minicomputers at all. All faculty in at least one department have purchased their own PCs. College insurance would not, incidentally, cover a loss through theft. Faculty would have to incur such a loss themselves, or insure equipment privately.

Mainframe computer use by academic departments, though, was the principal focus at the retreat. When the hardware is in place, the on-line administrative information will include student records, administrative finances, alumni and foundation reports, and a payroll-personnel package. Faculty use at the departmental level excludes individual research capability but may include class scheduling, security checked student records information, and possibly electronic mail and an electronic bulletin board. Alumni office mailing lists also may be available. Departments will have access to the mainframe if their needs are justified. Word processing will be accomplished using PCs and data processing with the new mainframe.

Marcia Moore (Administrative Computing) has met with department chairmen to obtain information as to their particular needs for the new mainframe and to take questions pertaining to its use. The Wang ultimately will be phased out. There is difficulty in using faculty data disks generated from PCs for use on the Wang. The two systems are not compatible for sharing information. Therefore, the mainframe will replace the Wang. The source of funds for departmental workstations is still unclear.

The mainframe also might be used for enrollment verification. Software is available, if purchased, to accommodate incorporating the Registrar's student records, including transfer information. This would assist in academic advising by certifying, for example, that pre-requisite requirements had been met before students pre-register each semester.

Another relevant issue rested with finding the most efficient way to print faculty instructional documents (e.g. exams, handouts). Presently it appears that some departments use photocopy machines purchased or leased to departments directly. A majority of departments use mimeo systems. Cheaper per copy in the long run, mimeo costs do not reflect personnel costs (staff time). One member of the committee reported that 64,000 photopies could be run for about $1280 (at .02 per copy). Each instructional department needs proper duplicating equipment and PCs.

Two items are relevant to faculty research needs. The PDP-11 system is presently obsolete, but is going to be replaced with a new academic computer, since PC technology has limited data set capability.

Finally, there was a comment about the underused PC laboratory in the Science Center's second floor. Most students prefer to use the Library's PC laboratory. Student PC labs may need to be available for more hours during both regular terms and summer.
PARKING REMINDERS

Editor's note: If you have Fall '88 parking stickers you received information regarding Spring '89 stickers and purchases from Joel J. Lake (Auxiliary Services). Upon request, Mr. Lake wrote the following for inclusion in this edition.

Faculty and staff parking assignments at the College of Charleston were assigned last August for both this Fall semester and the upcoming Spring semester. All faculty and staff were given a choice of parking in one of the two garages or in a surface lot. Employees who wish to be assigned to another parking area during the Spring semester should telephone the Auxiliary Services Office and ask that their name be placed on the Parking Assignment Change Request List. In the event that spaces become available in the desired faculty and staff lots, the Change Request List will be utilized. Priority on the List will be based on the employees' number of years seniority in the South Carolina State Retirement System. Faculty and staff can not be assigned to parking lots that are reserved only for students.

Approximately 185 employees have elected to pay for their parking permits through the College payroll deduction program. These employees will have their parking permits delivered to their department on Tuesday, January 3, 1989.

Approximately 181 employees paid for their parking permits prior to receiving them. Unless these employees elect to complete a payroll deduction form for the Spring semester they must pay for the decal/garage card prior to being issued one. Decals and cards not paid for by Friday, January 13, 1989, will be sold to other College personnel.

MUSC Public Safety will not be directed to stop ticketing faculty/staff lots between Fall and Spring semesters. Student lots will not be ticketed from Wednesday, December 14, 1988, through Tuesday, January 10, 1989.

Editor's endnote: Did you know that the only vehicles that are towed away from College parking are: those parked in handicap spots, those parked in no parking zones, and those who are on the City of Charleston printout for excessive citations?

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

--Did you see the dual employment memo?
The State Division of Human Resource Management wrote: "Included in the 1988-89 General Appropriations Act is a proviso which states:

'Any supplement from a public or private source to the salary appropriated for a state employee and fixed by the State must be reported by the employee to the Division of Human Resource Management of the Budget and Control Board. The report must include the amount, source, and any condition of the supplement. Any change in the amount, source or condition must be reported to the Division by the employee.'

The requirements of the proviso would include monetary remuneration which would be in addition to the employee's base salary. The base salary is defined to cover compensation for a specific set of duties and is to be all inclusive. Earnings received for dual employment or contractual relationships with a private business do not have to be reported. (emphasis original) Any other type/form of monetary remunerations are to be reported.

To satisfy the intent of the proviso, all employees are to be notified of their responsibility to report supplements. Please realize that this proviso is, in effect, law, and that failure to report is a violation of law."

[Editor's note: attempts at finding out what this means have been met with abject failure through no fault of our Personnel Office.]

--More CHE data on formula funding have been sent to department chairs. These data include average salary levels by "discipline." Some disciplines listed are worth more humor than the salary levels themselves: Letters, General Studies, Military Science, Public Affairs and Services, Social Sciences, Fine and Applied Arts. The Editor wonders: which Letters these are, why General Studies and Military Science are separate, for that matter if Social and Military Sciences aren't contradictions in terms, whether there is a difference between a public and a private affair and service, what the difference is between fine and applied arts (e.g., is there a coarse art, inapplicable art, and so forth).
NEWS ABOUT FACULTY

--The Chemistry Department reports that Dr. Rick Heldrich has received notification from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences that his research project on the chemistry of [n,0] meta-cyclophanes has been funded for a two year period for $72,000. This research project is aimed at developing the synthetic organic chemistry needed to prepare a new class of compounds that have potential biological activity. Three students, Kelly Catlin (Class of '88), Mahmoud Karimpour (Class of '89) and Mark Semones (Class of '89) are working with Prof. Heldrich on this project.

--The College Board (main office--New York, NY) announces that Dr. Rose Hamm (Honors Program; Mathematics) has been invited to serve on the College Majors Committee. The Committee is to acquire authoritative nationally relevant descriptions of undergraduate college majors, to establish a full-text data base of the information, and to assure its broad dissemination to counsellors, high school students, and their families. The College Board is an organization the primary mission of which is to facilitate the transition of students from high school to college.

--The South Carolina State Board of Registration for Geologists announces that Dr. James L. Carew (Geology) has been elected Chairman. The Board, created by state law in 1986, has as its purpose the regulation and public practice of Geology. Dr. Carew's position on the Board runs through 1991.

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS BRIEFS

--Department chairs have just received formats and guidelines for the "Cutting Edge" grant programs in two areas: Undergraduate Instruction Grants and Centers of Excellence in Teacher Training. For the former, each institution is limited to one proposal forwarded to CHE.

--There is a mid-November deadline for submitting Fall '89 course schedules.

FACULTY MEETING

NOVEMBER 14th

5:00pm

Simons Fine Arts Recital Hall

Agenda

This column does not substitute for the formal agenda circulated earlier this week. Rather, this column attempts to stimulate interest in and attendance at the faculty meeting.

From Faculty Welfare there is a resolution to be voted on regarding smoking:

"The College of Charleston will take measures to provide as close to a smoke-free environment as practicable for its faculty, staff, and students. The right of a non-smoker to protect his or her health and comfort will take precedence over another person's desire to smoke. This policy prohibits smoking in all College facilities, except in private offices and other designated areas."

Also on the Agenda are two other motions from Faculty Welfare, 14 votes on By-Laws and Faculty Manual amendments, and some Faculty Curriculum items.

Whereas the previous faculty meeting broke the record for brevity, the November faculty meeting may break the record for length. So bring a snack and smoke if you've got them while you can.

--Superweekend will be February 9-11, 1989.

--Science Fair will be March 2-4, 1989.
Political Campaign Glossary*

Have you been awake enough in the past year to notice the not-too-subtle changes made to the English language by journalists who have covered the recent political campaigns?

**Nouns**

- Teflon
- sound bites
- the L word
- gender gap
- Japan bashing

**Hyphens**

- well-intentioned
- high-minded
- soft-spoken
- debt-laden
- made-for-TV
- hard-line
- card-carrying
- oil-rich
- state-run
- let-burn
- fire-scarred
- war-torn
- much-troubled
- ill-fated
- [fill in the blank]-gate
- [fill in the blank]-scam
- [fill in the blank]-plagued

**Inattentiveness**

- detached from day-to-day decision-making
- hands-off managerial style
- disengaged
- out-of-touch

**Phrases**

- mounting concern, mounting pressure, mounting deficits
- sleaze factors, wimp factors
- spin control, damage control

**Translations**

- experienced (too old)
- unpredictable (bonkers)
- ubiquitous (tiresome)
- crusty (obnoxious)


A Curmudgeon Column*

**College Football:** College football would be more interesting if the faculty played instead of the students—there would be a great increase in broken arms, legs, and necks. --H.L. Mencken (68)

**Conservative:** A statesman who is enamored of existing evils, as distinguished from a liberal, who wishes to replace them with others. --Ambrose Bierce (70)

**Education:** "Whom are you?" said he, for he had been to night school. --George Ade (90)

**Intelligence:** I would like to take you seriously but to do so would affront your intelligence. --William F. Buckley, Jr. (155)

**Liberal:** The liberals can understand everything but people who don't understand them. --Lenny Bruce (169)

**President:** When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. --Clarence Darrow (222)

**Salary:** The salary of the chief executive of a large corporation is not a market award for achievement. It is frequently in the nature of a warm personal gesture by the individual to himself. --John Kenneth Galbraith (247)

**Teaching:** Everybody who is incapable of learning has taken to teaching. --Oscar Wilde (257)

He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches.
--George Bernard Shaw (267)

**Television:** Television—a medium. So called because it is neither rare nor well done. --Ernie Kovacs (268)

I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book. --Groucho Marx (269)

*from J. Winokur, ed. The Portable Curmudgeon, 1987: New American Library. (page refs. noted)

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ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MAY NOT BE.

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