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editted by D. S. Mann,
Speaker of the Faculty

INSURANCE MEETING REMINDER:
September 5th and September 6th

In your pay envelopes on August 15th there was a reminder that September 1 through October 15 are open enrollment periods for health and dental coverage. On campus meetings are September 5th, 9:00 and 2:30, ECTR 107-9 and September 6th, 9:00, Physicians Auditorium. Attendance at one of these meetings is considered mandatory so that new forms may be filled out for 1990 coverage. Remember that the General Assembly's budget affects our deductibles and copayments; these meetings no doubt will provide us with a damage control report. As the slip of paper stated, "[T]here are a number of changes in the coverage, particularly with respect to dependents."

The meetings are expected to last two hours. Before you arrive, you should spend some time at the PE Center, or have done some yoga exercises, or have spent the previous six hours surfing, or have taken one dulcimer lesson. It is suggested that you bring to the meeting a snack, a personal stereo device, a pillow, and an air sickness bag.

Committee Chair List for 1989-90

Curriculum George Pothring 8159
Academic Stds Elizabeth Martin 5516
Welfare Carla Lowry 8062
Hearing William Bischoff 5590
St.Aff/Athletics Bretley Lott 5650
Nominating Robert M. Norton 5741
Research Wayne Jordan 5940
Grad/Cont.Ed. A. Jane Mc Collough 8134
Library James Abbott 5681
Grievance (no chair is provided for in the By-laws)
Pres. Advisory Peter Rowe 8195
Tenure, etc. Talafat Elshazly 8104
Honors Pgm. (no chair is known)
Judicial Board† (no chair is provided for in the By-laws)
College Planning Harry Lightsey 5500
Computer Advisory Marcia Moore 5595
Space Allocation Monica Scott 5579

*Essentially, but slightly oversimplified, the Judicial Board is a jury pool, members from which may be drawn to hear honor violation and other cases conducted under the aegis of Vice President for Student Affairs, George Haborak (5522).

Chairs: please try to remember to inform the Speaker one week in advance of meeting dates, so that the weekly flyer "Meeting News" can inform us all of times, locations, and dates of meetings. Thank you for your support.

Calendar of Events

You may notice that pp. 3-4 of this issue are devoted to replicating the College Relations calendar for this year; it appears for your convenience. Other events, not listed there, are provided below—also for your convenience. Anyone with still more events is welcome to submit them for inclusion in subsequent issues of FN.

August 22: Drop/Add—4 to 9 pm
August 23: Classes Begin
Art Print Sale—10-4, SSC Breezeway (also 24th and 25th)
August 24: Drop/Add—3 to 9 pm
CAB Thursday Special—Noon Hour—SSC Breezeway
August 25: Drop/Add—3 to 9 pm (last day)
August 31: Fall Activities Fair—Promenade—11-2
Sept. 1: Override forms due to Registrar, 4 pm.
Agenda Items for First Faculty Mtg of the year due to Dr. Bishop Hunt (English)
Sept. 5: Employee Insurance Meeting
Sept. 6: Employee Insurance Meeting
Sept. 11: Faculty Meeting—5:00 pm, Simons Recital Hall
Sept. 14: CAB Sponsors "Raft Debate"—see below
Oct. 9: Faculty Meeting—5:00 pm, Simons Recital Hall
Oct. 10-11: Board of Trustees meets on campus

CAB's "Raft Debate" will feature the following: Things aren't going well on Planet Earth. Three or four faculty members are stranded, hypothetically, on a life raft. Which one should survive to save the world? The audience will decide.

News Short

Have you ever wondered what college students think about most? In a recent book by Professor Pamela Munro of the UCLA Linguistics Department, the claim is made that at UCLA "there are more expressions for drunkenness, throwing up, and sex than for any other activities." Maybe we should have a slang contest. But no cheating by listening to George Carlin or Arsreno Hall recordings.

thanks to cch, js, eg, twp, and mb for their assistance.
Speaker's Column

It is obvious to all but those who don't care to pay attention. It is as clear as a blank blue book. It is a red letter day on the calendar.

The College now is a medium rather than a small. More than a simple move from one shirt or blouse size to another, this thought requires the faculty to consider how it functions and carries out its college and College business. Some prestigious faculties (e.g., Princeton) still function as we do—at-large in open assembly. Most faculties our size or larger do not.

Many of you have previous faculty level experience at other schools. I do not. However, as some regret, my teaching field is Political Science, specifically judicial politics and constitutional law. Last spring, the US Supreme Court issued a 9-0 ruling in a case called Board of Estimate of City of New York v. Morris. It was rare enough that the Court, badly splintered along ideological lines, would agree 9 to 0 on anything but (a) the most mundane, or (b) the most settled of constitutional principles. But it did. Faculty governance issues and that case outcome are related, as you shall see.

New York's five boroughs each have one vote on this Board. Three elected officials of the city, one of whom is the Mayor, also serve on this Board and have two votes each. The question was whether the five boroughs suffer from unequal representation on the Board in part because the populations of those boroughs are so disparate. The Court’s answer was yes, and the system of apportioning the Board was ruled to be in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. People living in the borough of Staten Island, comparatively sparse in population to Brooklyn and the other boroughs, had more voter power.

So what? In the last issue of Faculty Newsletter, I made brief reference to grapevine faculty feelings about a change in governance to an academic senate model. The Board of Estimate case alludes to but one of several issues which must be addressed in any By-laws proposal on the subject of governance. In addition to equal apportionment by category, major, or school, there are other issues. (1) Would faculty tacitly be approving of a "schools" structure imposed on departments and creating a new level of administrative bureaucracy perhaps at the expense of new faculty lines? (2) Could senators serve on standing committees? (3) Could chairs/deans serve as senators. (4) What would the term of office be for senators and Chair of the Senate? (5) How is the Senate Chair chosen (by the Senate; by all the faculty?). But any proposal for change should address those issues. There is probably more, but I haven’t given it that much thought.

Solutions are available, if agreed upon. They are less than obvious. They are opaque. All the letters appear to be the same color.

We could lead or we could follow. Or we could see the present time as a temporary aberration.

To Dr. Muse

Long time member of the State College Board of Trustees and charter member of the College of Charleston Board of Trustees, Dr. Ashriel I. Mose of Orangeburg, passed away in July. He will be missed.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

[Editor's note: In the previous issue of FN there appeared a letter from Dr. Susan Morrison, outgoing Chair of Academic Standards, to Dr. Sue Sommer-Kresse, Vice President for Enrollment Management. A reply to Dr. Morrison's Memo of June 5th reached the editor's desk some time after its date of July 20th]:

To: Susan Morrison... [and] Elizabeth Martin, 1989-90 Committee Chair [Academic Standards]
From: Sue A. Sommer-Kresse, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Re: College of Charleston Bulletin

Thank you for the suggestions regarding the College of Charleston Undergraduate Bulletin. Your committee has been extremely helpful in addressing the academic policies which need to be clarified and readily available to all students and faculty.

The issue of how often the Bulletin should be published has been discussed at length by the staff in the Academic Affairs and Public Relations Offices. Cost and staff time are the major reasons [sic] for printing every two years. If major changes in academic policies have taken place during a year when the Bulletin is not published, we have printed a supplement. This has not been done for several years. If a supplement had always been published, I believe we all would have suggested that the Bulletin be printed each year, in spite of the extra cost. As it stands now, the Bulletin will continue to be published every two years. We will continue to review this decision each year.

Janet Addison-Shealy in the College Relations Office will coordinate the preparation of the Bulletin. She has already requested that all faculty minutes, administrative policies and new program information be sent to her. She can continually update the Bulletin information and circulate it for review. Hopefully, this will allow for careful review by all persons involved.

Most of the academic policy information for the Bulletin is prepared by the Undergraduate Studies Office, the Registrar's Office or the Office of Academic Affairs. I know Bill Lindstrom has shared his revised copy with your committee. I have asked Janet Addison-Shealy to routinely send the academic regulations and the degree requirement section of the Bulletin for your committee's review.

The other items in your memorandum of June 5, 1989, seem appropriate and useful. They can be incorporated into the 1990-92 Bulletin. Thanks again for taking the time to share your committee's suggestions and recommendations. If you have other concerns or suggestions during the year, please let me know.

cc: David Mann, Speaker of the Faculty
Janet Addison-Shealy, College Relations
William A. Lindstrom, Undergraduate Studies
William Anderson, Registrar
Conrad D. Festu, Vice President for Academic Affairs

[Closing note: See Dr. Morrison's memo and Janet Addison-Shealy's letter in the previous issue of FN]
FALL SEMESTER, 1989

August 20 Sunday Dormitories Open; New Student Welcome
21 Monday New Student Welcome; Registration for Returning Students
22 Tuesday New Student Registration
23 Wednesday Classes Begin; Course Drop/Add (Note change)*
24 Thursday Course Drop/Add
25 Friday Course Drop/Add

October 3 Tuesday Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with Grade of "W"
12 Thursday Midterm Grades Due
13 Friday October Break Holiday
16 Monday October Break Holiday

November 22 Wednesday Thanksgiving Holiday Begins, 5 p.m.
27 Monday Classes Resume

December 1 Friday Last Day of Classes
4 Monday Final Exams Begin
6 Wednesday Reading Day; Wednesday Classes Meeting 4 p.m. or Later Will Take Exams on This Date
12 Tuesday Final Exams End
14 Thursday Final grades due to Registrar by 12 noon
17 Sunday Mid-Year Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER, 1990

January 8 Monday Dormitories Open; New Student Welcome
9 Tuesday Orientation/Registration of New Students
10 Wednesday Registration of Returning Students
11 Thursday Classes Begin; Course Drop/Add
12 Friday Course Drop/Add
15 Monday Course Drop/Add

February 21 Wednesday Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with Grade of "W"

March 1 Thursday Midterm Grades Due
9 Friday Spring Recess Begins at 5 p.m.
19 Monday Classes Resume

April 25 Wednesday Last Day of Classes
26 Thursday Reading Day
27 Friday Final Exams Begin

May 2 Wednesday Reading Day; Wednesday Classes Meeting 4 p.m. or Later Will Take Exams on This Date
5 Saturday Final Exams End
8 Tuesday Final Grades Due to Registrar by 12 noon
13 Sunday Commencement

*Because of Fall Break, Oct. 13-16, the first day of class has been changed to Wednesday, August 23. Amended 11/88
# Maymester and Summer Sessions, 1990

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