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From The Chair

John Parker

I am pleased to help inaugurate this departmental newsletter. Through this medium the Department of Government hopes to better communicate with you. In this first issue of the newsletter I would like to share with you my view of the role of the Department of Government.

The role of a university, and of its academic components is commonly viewed as three-fold. Obviously, the primary purpose is to teach the undergraduate and the graduate students who come our way. In addition, we contribute to the body of knowledge through the research inquiries that we conduct. Finally, we also help to improve our university, region, state,

and world via our public service participation in a number of committees, agencies, commissions, etc.

The common ground in all three of these activities is the service role. It is our job to serve our constituents, who can be narrowly defined as our students, but more broadly defined as all of society.

It is my strong desire that the Department of Government be known as a department that lives up to this service role. This certainly does not include lower academic standards or less professionalism.

Rather, it means a commitment to performing our three functions of teaching, research, and public service in ways that are helpful to our constituents.



It is my sincere hope that we faculty and staff of the Department of Government will reflect this commitment to service in all of our contacts with you. I invite your suggestions as to how we can do this better.



From the Editor

Let me introduce you to POLITICKING! Webster defines 'Politicking' as "engaging in political discussion or activity." That's what we're all about— political discussion and political activity through the W.K.U. Dept. of Government. This is *your* newsletter for information important to our majors as well as those considering a government major, for entertaining articles and features on

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both student and faculty achievements and endeavors. This is your source for upcoming calendar events and for semester deadlines.

One of the mandates of the department, as outlined by Dr. Parker, is to serve our constituency; to serve the student. With this mandate in mind, the department agreed that we must formulate a plan that would allow us to communicate effectively with our constituency, i.e. to better reach students. Thus was born the Department Newsletter, to be published twice a semester.

POLITICKING seeks to be a link between the departmental faculty/staff and its students by providing basic information, knowledge and fun. Information such as major requirements, who to turn to for help with specific questions or problems, upcoming deadlines and course offerings.

There will be discussions and debates on controversial issues of today providing students with the tools to engage in their own brand of politicking. We seek to empower students through knowledge and awareness. AND there will be *FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT*. Let's bridge the all too apparent gap between faculty and students.

Newsletter features will spotlight not only faculty research and professional endeavors, but also their activities *at play*. (While recreating and relaxing.)

So--Here's to the Premier Issue. Let me know what you think about our newsletter. If you have suggestions for feature stories or issues you would like to see discussed, let me know. We're here to serve!

Saundra Ardrey

Dates and Deadlines

Oct. 12-13: Final exams for bi-term classes.

Oct. 16: Departmental Picnic.

Oct. 16: Last day to drop full semester course with a "W"

Oct. 20-22: WKU Homecoming weekend.

Nov. 1: Deadline to Apply for Dec. Graduation.

Nov. 3-4: Southern Political Science Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.

Nov. 3: LSAT Regular Registration for Dec. 2 Test.

Guess Who?

He once said: "Award winning chili is my fame and barbecue is my game."

(Answer on last page)

Meet The Faculty

Strength Through Diversity

Saundra C. Ardrey, Ph.D., The Ohio State University. Political Behavior and Public Opinion; Minority Politics

George Bluhm, Ph.D., Albert-Ludwigs Universitat, Freiburg, Federal Republic of Germany. International Politics, Security Detente, European International Affairs

Faye Carroll, Ph.D., University of Kentucky. International Relations.

Carl Chelf, Ph.D., University of Nebraska.

Political parties and elections; constitutional law, political theory.

Raymond Cravens, Ph.D., University of Kentucky. Political Science.

Chris Hamilton, Ph.D., University of Kansas. Public Administration and Political Science.

Edward Kearney, Ph.D., American University. Presidency.

Vernon Martin, Ph.D., University of Kentucky. Political Theory.

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George Masannat, Ph.D., University of Oklahoma. International Relations, Comparative politics.

Frank Neuber, Ph.D., J.D., University of Oregon, University of Tennessee. Political Science, Economics, Law.

John Parker, Ph.D., University of Georgia. Political Behavior, American Political Institutions.

John Petersen, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh. Comparative Politics, International Relations, Latin American Studies.

Joerg Seitz, M.A., University of Nebraska. Classical and Medieval Political Theory.

Julius Sloane, Ph.D., Vanderbilt University. Public Policy.

Joe Uvegas, Ph.D., University of Florida. Public Administration, Urban Studies, Political Science.

began work with the Kentucky Housing Authority in Frankfort, and Laura has been working since early summer with the Lincoln Trail Area Development District in Elizabethtown as their Public Administration Specialist.

Both Stacey and Laura were in the first group of MPA students to earn degrees in community and economic development under Western's Community Development work study program founded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The CDWSP is a two-year program supported through grants from HUD. Western received its first grant for 1987-89 and has been refunded for 1989-91. The Department currently has one MPA student in the program, Glenda Cunningham. During the summer, Glenda interned full-time with the Innovation Center, and is currently taking classes and interning part-time at the Center. The CDWSP combines course work with on-job experience in appropriate agencies.

Persons who would like more information about this program should contact Dr. Carl Chelf in the Department, Grice Hall 313. Phone: (502)745-635

MPA Grads Land Jobs

Carl Chelf

Two recent MPA graduates, Stacey Crain and Laura(Ogles) Rhea, have found jobs in state and local government. Stacey just recently



Student Spotlight

When Jeff Goff, a government major from Middle Tennessee, visited Russia as an exchange student sponsored by People to People, it was an eye-opening experience and one that helped him appreciate the freedoms and lifestyles of America.

USSR

While in Kiev, Jeff and others in his group attended several Young Communists' meetings where they became aware of listening devices and were photographed

often. "I guess we're all on file at some KGB office," he quipped. "They fed us a lot of propaganda about how happy and satisfied the Soviet people are, but when we asked their opinion of Gorbachev, they replied that if we in the West like him so much, we could have him. They all seemed extremely unhappy at what he has done with their economy. We mentioned that we had heard about all the

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implementing and they answered, 'yeah, we've heard about them, too.' They wanted to believe all they'd been told, but they couldn't because their lives haven't changed the way Gorbachev indicated they would. One man told us that he had been using the same bar of soap for three months and when he got a new bar, he might start to believe. Did you know that in some places in Russia, they hold lotteries for toilet tissue?"

Citing George Orwell's *1984*, Jeff commented that Soviet life paralleled what is written in the book. "For instance," he informed, "we visited some summer camps for children called the Young Pioneer Camps, just like what Orwell called the Young Pioneer League in his book. There were posters all over the place showing little kids saluting World War II bombers and everywhere you looked, there'd be a Russian flag surrounded by hearts. It was brainwashing, pure and simple."

The physical condition of Soviet children had an impact on Jeff. "The little boys and girls are very, very skinny and in great physical condition," he pointed out. "They all seem to be very athletic and physical fitness is strongly encouraged. Of course, they haven't been spoiled with junk food like American children."

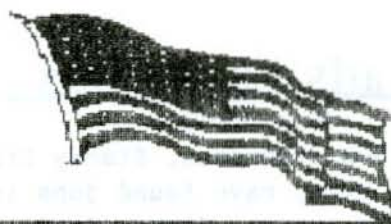
Jeff admitted that Russian food was not great. "I'd have killed for a pizza," he chuckled. "Every single meal featured beef, chicken or pork served with rice or mashed potatoes. We also had a lot of beets and borscht."

Although he did not witness any drug abuse, Jeff noted that alcoholism is a severe Soviet problem. "It was nothing to get on a bus and see a couple of inebriated individuals stumbling around," he said. "The driver would just stop the bus and literally throw the drunken person off. The people don't tolerate drunks, even though there are so many of them."

Homelessness is a social condition not evident in Russia. The government provides shelter for all the citizens, according to Jeff, but the squalor of those residences makes living out of doors more attractive.

Jeff left Russia with the firm conviction that there will never be a war between America and the Soviet Union. "The people there want to live in peace," he averred. "If there ever is a war, it will be because of the government, not the citizens."

"The one thing that was really reinforced by my trip was a thought I've had for along time," Jeff concluded. "People are people, nothing more and nothing less, all over the world. Our languages and lifestyles may differ, but down deep, we are all the same."

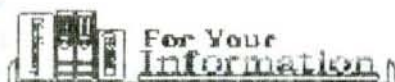


So - You Want to Major in Government

Here's What You can Do.

With a government major you can achieve your career goals as a: judge, lawyer, law clerk, high school teacher, political analyst, legal assistant, journalist, college/university teacher, businessman in corporate and/or industrial America, federal, state or local government employee, legislative aide, congressman, FBI agent, U.N. interpreter, lobbyist, or even

President of The United States.
And that's just the short list!



Who To Ask

Pre Law Information
Dr. F. Netter
Dr. E. Kearney
Pre Law Club Advisor
Dr. E. Kearney

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Graduate Advisor

Dr. J. Uvegas

Major Requirements

Dr. J. Parker or your departmental advisor.

Internships

Dr. G. Masannet.



Around The United States and Beyond

Department Faculty Spend the Summer Researching and Relaxing

Dr. Joe Uvegas spent the Summer months working on a paper, "An Essay on The Nature of Public Administration Programs on Political Science Departments." He is to present it at the Southeast Regional Public Administration Conference in Jackson, Mississippi on October 5th.

Dr. Carl Chelf found most of his "vacation" time filled with teaching and coordinating. He taught the American Government telecourse and coordinated interns in the CDWSP program.

Enjoying her "first free summer in six years," Dr. Sandra Ardrey spent most of the summer vacationing in San Francisco and San Diego and at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. She also found time to develop a new course: Minority Politics, and to re-vamp her Government 110 course.

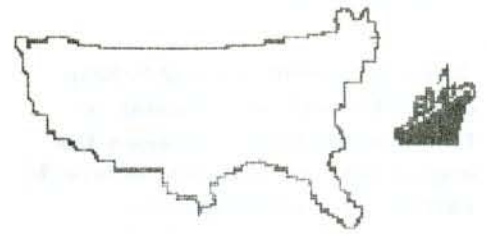
Over the summer, Dr. George Bluhm was able to complete a chapter he is writing for a commemorative book to be published in Munich this winter. The title of his chapter is "Deutschland: Entspannung and Friede in Europa."

Can you imagine Dr. Ned Kearney at a Dude Ranch? That's right. This scholar of the presidency spent one week this summer at a Dude Ranch near Boulder Colorado. Could this be the beginning of a new career?

"What better way to spend 'the holiday' than to vacation on some of the most beautiful gardens and countryside," says Dr. John Parker, of his two weeks driving through England and Wales with his wife, Nancy.

Dr. John Petersen traveled to Taiwan, Belize and Canada for faculty development and university exchange projects.

During the summer



break, Dr. Faye Carroll pursued her "number one hobby - geneology." In her spare time she reviewed new government texts and revised her courses for the Fall Semester.

Aloha! Welcome to Hawaii were familiar words to Dr. George Masannat who traveled to the 50th state this summer with his wife.

Engaging in the private practice of law, principally unemployment compensation and dispensation of wills and serving on panels for Criminal Justice Act cases in U.S. District Court of Appeals in Cincinnati left little time for relaxing and recreating for Dr. Frank Neuber this summer.

Dr. Sloane spent a portion of his summer months visiting and touring the longhorn state, Texas.

GOVERNMENT PROFESSOR & WGU STUDENTS INVADE AUSTRIA by Joerg Seitz

My 1989 summer was truly a memorable one, i.e., it combined some very desirable ingredients (at least for me) that make for a fascinating and enriching experience: foreign travel, adventure, and enthusiastic and bright students. As a faculty member of Murray's Kentucky Institute for European Studies (KIES) program I spent two months in Europe with forty-five students who came mostly from Kentucky universities. Bregenz, Austria served as our home base where we stayed with families who were wonderful hosts. We ate most of our meals in the oldest pub in Bregenz and the heavy Austrian food required some adaptation which was

eased by the romantic atmosphere.

Classes met Monday through Thursday from 8 to 1 in an old schoolhouse now owned by Wagner College of New York. This schedule left the afternoons free to explore some of what must be the world's most attractive countryside; e.g., Lake Constanze, formidable hills and snow-capped mountains, and a host of utterly charming medieval towns in Switzerland, Germany, Liechtenstein, and Austria. The three-day weekends and the last two weeks of the program were designed for more distant travel -- anywhere in Europe. All of us had Eurorail passes which provided us with free and unlimited rail travel and reduced rates on certain river and lake cruises.

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WKU Pre - Law Club Holds First Meeting

Many of us went to Paris to help celebrate their Bicentennial, to Florence and to Rome to enjoy the magnificent art and architecture, to East Berlin and Budapest to experience life behind the Iron Curtain, to Salzburg to enjoy the music festival, to Vienna, to Barcelona, to Amsterdam, to Copenhagen, to Heidelberg, etc. for their own specific charms and interests. A few enterprising students even ventured to the Emerald Isle.

The cost of this program was very reasonable - less than \$2500.00 for the basic package which included roundtrip airfare, two meals per day, two months Eurorail pass, lodging, and the administrative cost for the six credit hours our students were entitled to take. I highly recommend this!

For details on how you, too can explore the world with WKU, contact Dr. Seitz, #6192.

The WKU Pre-Law Club held its first meeting this year on Tuesday, September 12. The guest speaker was Mr. Brent Potter, a practicing attorney here in Bowling Green who provided the club with an interesting discussion of his personal experiences of entering and practicing the field of law. After the talk given by Mr. Potter, refreshments were served and returning members as well as several new members had an opportunity to get acquainted and discuss the October agenda.

In October two meetings are scheduled. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10 and will feature Mary Jo White of the University of Louisville Law School as guest speaker. At the second October meeting on the 24th, Sandra Ardrey Assistant Professor of Government here at WKU will provide a discussion on issues of concern to women

and minorities. Both of these meetings will be at 4:00 p.m. in room 441 of Grise Hall. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend these meetings. The Pre-law Club's only requirement for its members is that they possess a sincere interest in the field of law. The Pre-law Club has many exciting plans for the future so if anyone wishes to become a part of the club's activities they should do so very soon by contacting Michelle Baker at 745-2909.

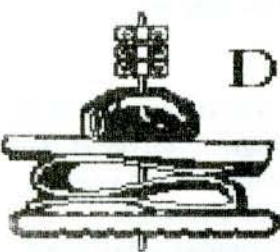


DEPARTMENTAL PICNIC

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1989

Lampkin Park

6:00 P.M.



FUN, FOOD, FACULTY
ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES

Answer to Guess Who:
Dr. Chris Hamilton.

