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THE WKU ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER #3 (October 26, 1981)

This newsletter is an internal biweekly publication to help keep everyone informed about activities related to English teachers and English teaching at WKU.

DATES

December 2 Sigma Tau Delta banquet, at Briarpatch

March 5-6 KPA meeting, Georgetown (note: this is a correction to the date listed in newsletter #2)

ACTIVITIES

CHARLES S. GUTHRIE's book, Kentucky Freemasonry, 1788-1978: The Grand Lodge and the Men Who Made It, has been published by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. It is available to the public at \$12.50 per copy from Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Masonic Home, Kentucky 40041.

DOROTHY and BILL MCMAHON hosted a reception for the Graduate Teaching Assistants, the Graduate Advisory Committee, and Dean Hellstrom on October 4.

GRETCHEN NIVA and ANN FIELDS recently reviewed the new 8th Edition of The Prentice-Hall Handbook. They also reviewed a manuscript for Houghton Mifflin for a developmental textbook.

JOHN REISS presented his "Job Application Letters and Resumes" lecture to Dr. McGuire's AG 398 (General Seminar) class on October 15.

CATHY SCHIESS, one of our student assistants, is a 1981 Homecoming Queen candidate. She is sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and Kappa Alpha fraternity. Homecoming is October 31.

JOHN SPURLOCK has been invited to Russell County High School to be the keynote speaker at Jesse Stuart Awards Day in April.

BOB and KATIE WARD will be presenting papers at the Middle Atlantic Irish Studies Conference at Villanova University, on November 14. Katie will speak on "Editing Correspondence," and Bob will speak about "Pirates or Patriots--Book Pirating in the Eighteenth Century." Also, the Wards have had a paper accepted for presentation at the Sixth International Congress of the Enlightenment to be held in Brussels, Belgium in August 1983. This international congress of eighteenth century scholars meets every four years.

POTLUCK

The faculty potluck dinner was as usual a nice occasion. Birthday wishes were extended to Dr. Willson Wood, and the portrait of another former department head, Dr. James Heldman, was unveiled. The social committee hopes that everyone enjoyed the event and appreciates the volunteer helpers and good cooks who contributed to its success.--Carol Lockhart, Ann Fields

THE TEACHER

"I am firm in my belief that a teacher lives on and on through his students. . . . Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal."
Jesse Stuart

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THE ENGLISH TEACHER (A Recent Testimonial)

The following paragraph was written by an English 055 student in the fall semester, 1981. His teacher reports that he is now showing marked improvement in proofreading skills.

The Teacher

"The person(s) I admire the most are English Teacher. The English Teacher are a rare bred. They are the only people that I know of who is so unselfish. A english teacher gives her time and energy to needy pupils. She work's(mistake) long hard hours, with very little pay, and you never here her grip. She is made out of a seperate cast than the other profession. The English teacher is what you could call a diehard. Because she will never give up on a student who needs help. She would die a tragic death than to let an uneducated person lose on the world. Bur mere words aren't enough to show a english teacher of her great worth to mankind. To show her her worth, is to just try to improve yourself."

TWO QUESTIONS

(1) "If we are going to improve the quality of the English Department by replacing our contingency persons with Ph.D.s, then why not improve the quality of the WKU Administration by requiring that all administrators have the doctorate in educational administration?"--JOHN SPURLOCK

(2) "Upgrade: 'to improve the quality of'--though many of their colleagues believe that the contingency teachers in our department are among the best teachers in our department, the University has decided to upgrade the English Department (not rehire--fire--the contingency people). One wonders, then, is there any particular 'quality' that will actually be 'improved' by hiring others to do a job that we know is being done quite well already?"--JOHN REISS

OLD NEWS

A few members of the English Department were on in-service programs at area schools at the beginning of this academic year. BILL MCMAHON and BRENDA MARTIN gave presentations at Russellville High School for Russellville and Logan County English teachers. JIM FLYNN was on the program at an in-service session for Sumner County, Tennessee English teachers.

MELLON GRANT

Posted on the bulletin board in the workroom is a letter from Charles E. Scott, Professor of Religion at Vanderbilt, explaining the Mellon Regional Faculty Development Program. Apparently, workshops, seminars, and opportunities for individual research at Vanderbilt are being funded through this grant. Please take a look at the letter and accompanying description, and contact Professor Scott if the program interests you.

WANTED?

It has been suggested that it would be appropriate and useful for this newsletter to include short notices of services or items wanted or offered by our members. Examples: babysitting needs or offers, housesitting needs or offers, cars, appliances, etc. It seems to me (RM) a good idea. What do you think?

THE LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE REBORN

According to a recent NCTE Council Gram, business is reported to be taking a closer look at humanities graduates. A survey of managerial employees at American Telephone & Telegraph Co. disclosed that those who had majored in the humanities or social sciences possess stronger administrative and interpersonal skills than graduates in scientific and technical fields.

"Now (after the alienation of the 1960s) corporations and the colleges are moving closer together to find a common ground on which they can meet, giving new currency to the liberal arts degree," David McLaughlin, chairman of the Toro Company, said in June, on leaving his post to become president of Dartmouth College, where he majored in liberal arts 30 years ago.-- sources: NCTE Council Gram and Ann Fields

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- Smith, Steven P. Providence and Free Will in the History of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle-Earth. 1980.
- Calhoun, Montreva Wilkins. Fair Terms and a Villain's Mind: Shylock in Perspective. 1979.
- Calhoun, Robert L. Shakespeare's Virtuous Liars. 1979.
- Powell, Ginny Pillow. Three of Faulkner's Aberrant Women. 1979.
- Winstead, Sara C. Eliot's Use of Contemporary Political Events in Middlemarch. 1979.
- Cooksey, Jane. The Poetic Theory of T.S. Eliot: An Investigation. 1978.
- Gabbard, Jo Anne. Awe, Circumference, Poetics, and Religion in the Poems of Emily Dickinson. 1978.
- Kirkland, Vicki L. George Eliot and the Victorian Woman. 1978.
- Wood, Jacqueline. Three Faces of Madam Merle. 1978.
- Yarbrough, Gail. Antony and Cleopatra: A Study in Polarities. 1978.
- Miller, Laura E. Schmitt. The Occult Tradition, Blake, and The Kabbalah: A Preliminary Study. 1977.
- Raisor, Rebecca Kathleen. Conscience and Determinism: Mark Twain's Attempt to Resolve the Problem of Man's Sense of Moral Responsibility in a Deterministic World. 1977.
- Carter, David Edward. Samuel Butler's Way of All Flesh as a Sociological Novel. 1976.
- Creed, Lois Stacy. Balance, Symmetry, and Order in As You Like It. 1976.
- Case, Laura Ann. Human Love and Divine Love: The Platonic Matrix in C.S. Lewis. 1975.
- Conway, Jean Marie. Isolation in the Dramas of T.S. Eliot. 1975.
- Disman, Georgia Rhoades. Molly Bloom: From Literal to Anagogical. 1975.
- Oakes, Elizabeth Thompson. Polonius: The Man Behind the Arras: A Study of His Archetypal Significance. 1975.
- Perdue, Frances P. Richard III and Elizabethan Kingship. 1975.

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WKU Masters' Theses, 1971-1981, continued

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Burford, Carol H. Jane Austen's Attitude Toward the Position of Women. 1974.

Moore, Nancy M. Individuality and Art: The Search for Fulfillment in Willa Cather's Heroines. 1974.

Belasco, Peggy Bell. Thomas Hardy's Male Characters: Vehicles for His Thought. 1973.

Crady, Roy Leo. William Cowper's The Task: A Study of Transition. 1973.

Parsons, Sue. Work and the Family: Themes in the Plays of Arthur Miller. 1973.

St. Clair, Linda Abbott. The Low-Status Character in Shakespeare's Comedies. 1973.

Sutherland, David C. The Little People of Pea Ridge. 1973.

Taylor, Robert Stephen. Drowned at Turnhole: A Study of Western Kentucky Epitaphs. 1973.

Atkinson, Marthalee. Mary Shelley's Frankenstein: Its Art and Thought. 1972.

Conway, Sheila. The Sensuous Order, Faith, and Love in the Poetry of Wallace Stevens. 1972.

Carrell, Janice. A Great Debate in Poetic Theory: Brooks, Wheelwright, Crane, and Olson. 1971.

Murphy, Earl P. A Critical Study of the Dramas of Four Major Romantic Poets. 1971.

Satterly, Patsy. The Existential Elements in the Poetry of Wallace Stevens. 1971.

Schumann, Paul. Photojournalism: A Study of Its Aspects and Its Effects on Readers. 1971.

White, Alana J. Symbolism in the Poetry of William Butler Yeats. 1972.

--Total of 36. Plus, in 1978 Marian Barger's Specialist Project was entitled Ahab's Humanities.

--Source: WKU Graduate College Reports (#1 - #8, 1973 -1980)

REMINDER

next deadline for submitting material: Friday, November 6 (noon)
next publication: Monday, November 9

GRAFFITO

Two weeks ago I coon't even spell injuneer, and now I are one.

ALLITERATIVE INSULTS

You're a pea-brained nit on a gnat's knuckle.
You're a bat-eyed son of a bulbous baboon.
You're a mouldy mess of malodorous monkey muck.

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