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

DATES

February 24-26  Tenth Annual Conference on Twentieth-Century Literature, University of Louisville
March 5-6  KPA, Georgetown
March 26-27  KCTE, Louisville

SELECTED FEBRUARY BIRTHDATES

1  Langston Hughes 1902
2  James Dickey 1923
7  Sinclair Lewis 1885
19  Carson McCullers 1917
27  John Steinbeck 1902

ACTIVITIES

WARD HELLSTROM gave a paper at MLA in December--"University Relations with the High Schools"--in a session on "English and the Community."

MRS. CHERYL SCOTT HOLLAND, a 1980 WKU graduate with majors in ENGLISH and Public Relations, has been the editor of the first five issues of The Personnel File, published by WKU Personnel Services.

JOHN SPURLOCK's article "Appalachian--Appalachia's Strange Man--Strange Land" has been accepted for inclusion in Speechways of American Subcultures, a book being prepared by Professor Robert St. Clair of the University of Louisville. John has also been invited to be a principal speaker at and to help with the coordination of the Appalachian Writers' Conference to be held in June at East Tennessee State University.

BOB WURSTER was the guest speaker for the International Club of Bowling Green at their Wine and Cheese Tasting Party on January 23. His topic was "Why Isn't Anyone Laughing Today?" Bob was interviewed on Channel 13's "AM Kentucky" on January 20 about his activities with Hospice of Bowling Green.

GEORGIA DISMAN is scheduled to be one of the leaders in a preconvention workshop on "The Place of Expressive Discourse in the Process of Learning" at the 33rd annual convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication in San Francisco on March 17.

At the 10th annual conference on Twentieth-Century Literature at the University of Louisville on February 24-26, CHARMAINE MOSBY is scheduled to present a paper on "Ellen Glasgow and the Twentieth Century Cavalier," JOE SURVANT is scheduled to present a paper on "Narrative Time and the Spatial Metaphor: Phenomenology as Problem and Cure," and WILLIAM McMAHON is scheduled to serve as chairperson of a section on "American Poetry: Tradition and the Individual."

A FABLE

As a man was shuffling along, his bologna sandwich fell out of his lunch. A bird ate it and started to sing. A nearby cat ate the bird. Moral: Don't open your mouth when you are full of bologna.
1 Support the E.R.A.: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of Sex."

2 NOW

3 The future is female

4 Don't tread on my right to choose

5 You be you, I'll be me

6 Women: make policy not coffee

7 Women: run for office not coffee

8 The moral majority is neither

9 LOVE is ... making marriage an equal partnership

10 A woman's place is in the House and in the Senate

11 The best man for a job may be a woman

12 Adam was a rough draft

13 I know he's pretty ... but can he type?

14 Woman Power--it's much too good to waste

15 A man of quality is not threatened by a woman seeking equality

16 A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle

17 Never underestimate the power of a woman

18 Sexism is a social disease

19 Women are not chicks

20 Peace on earth ... good will to people

21 A woman has to do twice as much as a man in order to be considered half as good--fortunately that isn't too difficult

22 The hand that rocks the cradle should rock the boat

23 Self respect starts in your head

24 "It's a person"

25 Yes, I can

26 It was a man's world

27 If it is to be ... it is up to me

28 Free and Female

29 Biology is not destiny

30 A man's house is his castle ... Let Him clean it

31 Every mother is a working mother

32 Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission

33 We try harder and get paid less

34 We haven't come a long way and we're not babies

35 Equal pay for work of comparable worth

36 Honor thy Mother--put her in the Constitution

37 We're not going to take it any more

38 The woman who strives to be equal to a man lacks ambition

39 Lead, follow, or get out of the way

40 Motherhood by choice ... not chance

41 Housework is work

42 A woman for President

43 Different but equal

44 Women's faults are many. Men have only two: everything they say and everything they do

45 Keep your laws off my body

46 Some of my best friends are men

47 My name is NOT Honey

48 Every child a wanted child

49 I'm a woman not a girl

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THE UNIVERSITY

There are few earthly things more beautiful than a University. It is a place where those who hate ignorance may strive to know, where those who perceive truth may strive to make others see; where seekers and learners alike, banded together in search for knowledge, will honor thought in all its finer ways, will welcome thinkers in distress or in exile, will uphold ever the dignity of thought and learning and will exact standards in these things. They give to the young in their impressionable years, the bond of a lofty purpose shared, of a great corporate life whose links will not be loosed until they die. They give young people that close companionship for which youth longs, and that chance of the endless discussion of the themes which are endless--without which youth would seem a waste of time.

There are few earthly things more splendid than a University. In these days of broken frontiers and collapsing values, when the dams are down and the floods are making misery, when every future looks somewhat grim and every ancient foothold has become something of a quagmire, wherever a University stands, it stands and shines; wherever it exists, the free minds of men, urged on to full and fair inquiry, may still bring wisdom into human affairs. --John Masefield

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KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

For information on the status of a bill, call 1-800-372-7609 toll-free. For general information about the General Assembly, or to leave a message for a legislator, call 1-800-372-7181 toll-free. To reach a specific legislator, call 1-502-564-8159, a toll call outside the Frankfort area. The lines will be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. or until the legislature recesses, whichever is later.

INTERESTING FIGURES (from Herald, 12/3/81)

(1) WKU Athletic Dept. Deficits:
   1979-80 $739,499
   1980-81 650,325
   1981-82 486,737
   total deficits since 1976: $3.5 million

(2) WKU Scholarships, 1981-82:
   Athletic--to 155 students-- $482,780
   Academic--to 914 students-- 301,913

LANGUAGE POTPOURRI

Over 369 million people speak English.
More people speak Mandarin Chinese than speak English.
English is one of over 3,000 languages in the world.
The most used word in English is "the."
The most used letter in English words is "e."
Half of the newspapers in the world are written in English.
Half of our English usage consists of just 50 common words.
BUY GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

next deadline for material: Friday, Feb. 5 (noon)
next publication: Monday, Feb. 8

dangler--sign at the Waffle House, Scottsville Rd. at I-65;
"Shirts must be worn to be served"--contributed by Carol Burford

FEAR

Some responses to the question "What do you fear the most?
getting really old
rats and mice
being out of control
marriage
losing health
indifference
loss of freedom
violence
Hell
losing my Preparation H
the Walton family

What do YOU fear the most?

JANUARY VOCABULARY WORDS

a-borning, hibernacle, prosody, idiograph, succinct, nonplus, misogamy, purulent, trope, celerity, ochlophobia, diaphanous, alacrity, fustigate, rundle, prerogative, neurasthenia, chide, lipography, oppilate, specious, rasher, graven, thersitical, fumarole, undulant, heft, adamant, multifarious, timbre, gadfly

ENGLISH TEACHERS ON ENGLISH

I am still interested in developing a column in this newsletter entitled "English Teachers on English," in which department members share their thoughts on the past, the present, and the future teaching of English, either at WKU or in general. What has been best or worst about your past experiences at WKU? What is good or bad about the present? What would you like to see in the future? Think about it.--RM

BEST SELLING NOVELS

Three of the top novels in publishing history were by women, on their first attempt:
Gone with the Wind, Margaret Mitchell
Peyton Place, Grace Metalious
Valley of the Dolls, Jacqueline Susann

What is especially unusual about the way that the following numbers are arranged?
0, 2, 3, 6, 7, 1, 9, 4, 5, 8

Formula for good writing: KISMIF (Keep It Simple, Make It Forceful)
10 one-syllable words make up to 25% of all written and spoken English: a the I it is of in to that and
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