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# News

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## "ON CAMPUS"

### Following Up on Writing And Thinking at Lake Malone

Our Oct. 10 issue of On Campus promised an update of the Writing and Thinking Across the Curriculum Workshop at Lake Malone, and here it is:

Twenty-five participants from departments all across campus started their two-day workshop listening to the husband-wife team of Burt Hatlen and Virginia Nees-Hatlen, writing consultants from the University of Maine.

"The thing with writing is, don't talk about it. Do it," said Hatlen. So the participants did. Everybody who attended, from English to health, to psychology, wrote. A lot. While leaves fell, pens scratched. Each person wanted to learn how to help his or her students improve their writing.

"Most writing in college is what we call 'phony writing,'" Hatlen said. "Many times a writer isn't invested in what he's doing, and is completing a writing assignment merely to satisfy the teacher," he said, adding most students have striven for correctness more than content in papers.

Workshop participants went through various writing exercises to help them develop a sense of writing as a process that "becomes real writing that takes place by being with other people and in relationship to those people--writing within a community," Hatlen says.

"What's happening here," Hatlen said, only a few hours after the workshop got underway, "is that participants are developing a sense of writing as everyone's responsibility. I'm hearing lively and excited people interested in what they're doing," he said.

When the two days were over, several participants already had planned to begin emphasizing writing techniques in their classes.

William Traugott, head of educational leadership, used some techniques he learned from the workshop in a guidance class having students write about their self-concepts, and Will Normand, professor of agriculture, submitted a proposal to his department's curriculum committee for a writing course in agriculture.

Workshop participants will meet Friday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. to talk more about writing in their classes, and Karen Pelz in the English department, a member of the Writing and Thinking Across the Curriculum Task Force, is available as an adviser to faculty participating in the WATAC process.

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WATAC (Continued)

Dr. James Flynn, head of the task force, says the group is discussing some larger writing and thinking strategy, such as program recommendations that will involve more and more faculty across campus.

Here's the charter group of WATAC workshop participants who went to Lake Malone and have committed themselves to the cause:

From agriculture, Will Normand; allied health, Ruby Meador and Deborah Mancennelli; biology, J. Rodney McCurry; chemistry, L.J. Boucher; educational leadership, William Traugott; English, John Hagaman, Karen Pelz, Mary Ellen Miller, Bob Wurster and Jim Flynn; finance and QBA, Barry Griffin; geography and geology, Mark Lowry; health and safety, Fred West; home economics and family living, Martha Jenkins; journalism, Harry Allen; management and marketing, Brian Sullivan; nursing, Ginny Lehmenkuler; philosophy and religion, Margaret Howe; physical education and recreation, Burch Oglesby; psychology, Sam McFarland and Phil Duff; public information, Sheila Conway; and sociology, Louis Beck and Joan Krenzin.

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"They're Something We Certainly Don't Look Forward To,"

says The Teacher

Arriving in everybody's mailbox these last few weeks have been city and county tax bills, which remind us that soon will be coming federal and state income tax forms.

For the third year, the Office of Independent Study is offering a three-session class in personal income taxes, Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1.

The two-hour an evening sessions are taught by Dr. Joel Philhours, professor of accounting, who says the classes will focus on subjects such as types of taxable income, deductible expenditures, and tax planning, such as capital gains.

There's a fee for the general public, but faculty and staff are eligible for the F/S scholarship offered for selected non-credit continuing education classes sponsored by Independent Study.

Most of the items anticipated on this year's tax forms will be pretty much the same as last year, he says.

"Most faculty and staff would probably be interested in learning more about tax-sheltered annuities, how they can reduce their taxable income," says Philhours.

Probably the most notable change this year affects working spouses. They may now deduct a minimum \$3000 instead of \$1500 last year, Philhours says.

The class will meet in Room 436 of Grise Hall and faculty and staff interested may pick up a scholarship form from the personnel office in Wetherby Administration Building and take it to Independent Study or turn it in the first night of class.

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### Workshop Is For Women In Business

Women in business is the subject of a two-day workshop next Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29 and 30, sponsored by the Small Business Development Center.

Hattie L. Dorman, a senior program analyst in the Office of Women's Business of the Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C., is the featured guest speaker both days, and she'll present lectures on resources, building your own business cabinet, and ownership.

Speakers will also be Carolyn Stringer, assistant professor of journalism, James W. Smith of James R. Meany and Associates, and Tommy Cole, vice president at Citizens National Bank in Bowling Green.

Greg McKinney has registration information at 2901.

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### They're Throwing Eggs Again, in Thompson...

It's time the physics and astronomy department gets away again with throwing eggs and bean bags, all in the name of education.

For the fifth year, the department is sponsoring Physics Olympics Day Friday, Dec. 9, a day of fun and honest, real learning experiences.

This year's Olympics, says coordinator Clarence Wolff, will feature demonstrations in laser optics, nuclear physics, and others, plus computer applications from 9 a.m. until noon in the Central Wing of Thompson Complex.

Dr. Robert Hall is coordinating demonstrations and a one-hour exam over mechanics for selected students.

Then, after an orientation session for participants, high school students who have entered the competition, whether they're taking physics or not, will compete for medals for themselves and for a Commodore Vic 20 for their school. Competition's in five categories: bean bag launcher, bridge building, miniature soap box derby, egg drop and the mousetrap racer.

Each event demonstrates a principle of physics.

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### Introducing Dinner Theatre

The department of communication and theatre will introduce Dinner Theatre to the area next summer.

In cooperation with the university food services, dinner theatre will present two plays in repertory in the Ballroom of Garrett Conference Center starting in June.

Dr. William Leonard is coordinating the dinner theatre, which will feature a \$12.50 full buffet, dessert, and theatre.

Leonard says the department is still deciding on plays to be featured, but says they will be chosen soon.

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### There Were No Turkeys That First Thanksgiving

'Hope nobody's disappointed, but that first Thanksgiving they may not have eaten Turkey. So says Dr. Jay Anderson of modern languages and intercultural studies who's a specialist on Pilgrims.

Anderson, who completed his doctoral dissertation on Pilgrim food at the University of Pennsylvania, has been studying Thanksgiving for the past 15 years.

He says the true story of the celebration is more interesting than the stereotypical Thanksgiving Americans conjure up each year.

"The first Thanksgiving was more like a week-long picnic with singing, dancing, drinking, sports playing," Anderson says.

There wasn't much of a religious nature in the celebrating, he says. That came later.

Anderson was interviewed this month by Voice of America about his research, and the conversation will be translated into other languages for a Thanksgiving Day broadcast. Although Americans are the only ones who celebrate the day, there is a worldwide interest of this special holiday.

He'll be heard by more than 100 million listeners all over the globe.

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ON CAMPUS wishes everybody a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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And...on a related holiday subject...

Anybody Have Any Stories to Tell?

Seasonal stories always make good press, and the public information office is looking for Christmas features to provide to the area media.

This is a time when news people, like everyone else, slow down a bit and enjoy the holidays, which gives schools and other non-profit agencies' publicity departments a chance to make time and fill time on TV and radio, and get coveted space in the newspapers.

So how 'bout it? We do our best to keep you posted on what's going on; how about sharing some feature ideas with us?

For example: anybody dress up and play Santa Claus? Are you an adviser to a student organization that's making the holidays special for people in the community? Call us this week.

It's beginning to look a lot like "you know what."

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Your Attention, Please...

The Office of Academic Affairs is taking nominations from faculty and staff for the three Alumni Association-sponsored awards given to faculty at commencement.

The deadline is Feb. 1 and full-time faculty members only are eligible to receive the awards which are for excellence in productive teaching, significant research or creativity and outstanding contribution to public service.

Nomination forms are available in the Office of Academic Affairs, or persons may submit a letter containing essential information supporting your nomination, says Dr. John Petersen, assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Alumni are also eligible to nominate faculty, says Petersen, and final selection is made by a committee composed of representatives from the Alumni Association, faculty and student body.

The Alumni Association presents a cash award to recipients and the university provides silver bowls inscribed with the names of the award winners.

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LETTERS

To Faculty and Staff:

The Warren County Unit of the American Cancer Society is again sponsoring the "In Lieu of Christmas Greeting Card Project." By contributing \$15 or more to the Cancer Society, yours and/or your family's name will appear in a special Christmas greeting in the Sunday, Dec. 18 issue of The Daily News.

Isn't this a great way to say "Merry Christmas" to your friends and neighbors and at the same time benefit our community in its fight against cancer?

Checks may be made payable to the American Cancer Society and mailed to 1984 Chairman Debbie Rauh, 730 Fairview Ave.

Sincerely,

Western Kentucky University faculty board members, Warren County Unit, American Cancer Society,

\*John Oldham

Helen Brown

Beverly Cook

Dr. Mary Hazzard

Dr. Paul Tanner

\*Dr. Phil Constans

Ronna Lee Hunter

\*Dr. Norman Hunter

\*member, Ky. Board of Directors, ACS

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ABOUT YOU

DR. RONALD ADAMS, professor of education and director of the office of educational research, has been elected president of the Mid-South Educational Research Association, a non-profit organization whose purpose is "to encourage quality educational research in the Mid-South and to promote the application of quality educational research in the schools."

Adams heads the largest regional educational research association in the nation with membership nearing 600.

Adams served as vice president of MSERA last year.

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DR. TOM DUNN, professor of sociology, is the new president-elect of the Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky (ASK).

He was elected to the post at the group's meeting last month in Louisville, where DR. JERRY CARDWELL, head of the department, served as chairman of a session on recruitment and retention of students.

Dunn spoke on his work with use of sociological simulation games in freshman retention, and DR. LOUIS BECK, associate professor of sociology, spoke on applied research in sociology.

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DR. ROBERT OTTO, professor of teacher education, is president-elect of the Kentucky Council for Social Studies this year.

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DR. GEORGE ROBERTS, associate professor of industrial and engineering technology, organized a display featuring an architectural model making demonstration that earned WKU a superior rating for an overall display at the annual conference of the Kentucky Industrial Education Association in Louisville earlier this month.

The university's industrial and engineering technology department took top honors at the meeting when two seniors, Kevin Miller and Mitchell Tiller, were awarded \$200 KIEA scholarships for academic excellence.

Five students received superior ratings for entries: Chris Cunningham, for classical guitar; Mark Wooten, for a steel string guitar; Robert Ziobro, for design and construction of a Chippendale card table; Cecil Reneau, for a research project dealing with the stabilization of tropical woods with polyethylene glycol; and Steve Dadisman, for his architectural model making demonstration.

David Dewald received an excellent rating for engineering drawing problems, and Bill Brown and Laura Boulden received honorable mention recognition for contemporary home design.

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COMING UP

- Monday, Nov. 21 7 - 10 p.m. Adult workshop: "Return to Christmas Past." Kentucky Building Lecture Hall. Pre-registration and pre-payment is necessary. Call 2592.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22 Noon. The Women's Alliance Panel: Women in Student Affairs. Downing University Center Executive Dining Room.
- Nov. 24 - 25 Thanksgiving holiday. University classes not in session.
- Nov. 25 - 26 Wendy's Basketball Classic. Western, Georgia State, Georgia, and Middle Tennessee.
- Monday, Nov. 28 Noon - 10 p.m. Southern Kentucky Hog Show. Agriculture Exposition Center.
- Monday, Nov. 28 6:30 p.m. "University Journal" will air over Kentucky Educational Television. President Zacharias' guests will be Joe B. Wyatt, chancellor at Vanderbilt University and Dr. E. Don Walker, chancellor at the University of Texas System.
- Nov. 29 - 30 "Women in Business." Two-day workshop sponsored by the Small Business Development Center. Call 2901 for more information.
- Nov. 29 - Dec. 1 6:30 p.m. Personal Income Taxes. Three sessions at 2 hours each. Call the Office of Independent Study at 4158. F/S.
- Nov. 29 - Dec. 15 "The Star of Bethlehem." Hardin Planetarium. Monday - Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 29 8 p.m. Senior recital by Tim Simpson, tenor. Recital Hall of the Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts.
- Tuesday, Nov. 29 Opening of "Curator's Choice" in the Kentucky Building. Subject: Children's toys and books with a Christmas theme.
- Thursday, Dec. 1 Noon. "Hanging of the Green." Downing University Center.
- Thursday, Dec. 1 8 p.m. Chamber Singers Christmas Concert. Kentucky Museum.
- Dec. 1 - Dec. 4 "A Christmas Carol," a musical adaptation from the novel by Charles Dickens. Van Meter Auditorium. Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 3 10 a.m. - Noon. Delta Kappa Gamma International Teachers Society. Delta Chapter. Room 349, Downing University Center.

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