

# **THE FACULTY VOICE**

## **Newsletter for Hunter College**

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### **F D A SPONSORED ANNUAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

On Friday, September 8, 1989 the FDA will sponsor its annual orientation program for new faculty, a program to which all faculty are invited. The program will begin officially at ten am with a brief introduction by the FDA President, Nancy Dean, followed by greetings from President Paul LeClerc, remarks by Provost Laura Struminger, Vice President Sylvia Fishman, and Professor Jo Kirsch, Chair of the Senate.

At 10:30 Deans of Schools and Divisions will introduce their new faculty and present very brief descriptions of their programs: Dean Carlos Hortas, Erwin Fleissner, Harold Lewis, Hugh J. Scott, Everlena Holmes, and Mary Ramshorn, substituting for Dean Evelyn Gioiella. At 11:30 Professor Elizabeth Beaujour will speak for the Council on Honors, and Professor Rosalind Petchesky will describe the work of the Women's Studies Program. At 11:50 Faculty Services, Benefits and Resources will be represented by Mr. Robert Buckley, Director of the Research Administration, Professor David Lane, Chief Librarian, Professor Sara Aronson, Chapter Chairperson of the Professional Staff Congress, Ms. Kathleen Stanton, Administrator of Fringe Benefits, and Professor Florence Vigilante, Co-Director of the Employee Assistance Program.

New faculty, their Chairs and Deans, will be guests of the General Faculty for lunch in the faculty dining room from 12:30-1:45. (The faculty dining room will be open for regular diners as usual at that time.) From 2-4 p.m. the focus will be on teaching. The last three winners of the President's award for excellence in teaching: Professors Bob White, Fulton Ross and Anna Sienkiewicz will speak about learning and teaching and lead a general discussion.

### **NEW BELL SCHEDULE**

According to the new bell schedule there are 18 possible patterns for Undergraduate classes per week. Three-day periods are 50 minutes each; two-day periods are 50 minutes and 100 minutes during the day and 75 minutes during the evening. Dean's hours are changed to Tuesday from 4:10 - 5:25 and Wednesday 1:10-3 p.m. Undergraduate Evening Classes may be scheduled during Graduate Time Slots.

### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY INSTITUTE AT HUNTER COLLEGE**

The first annual *National Geography Institute for Talented Minority Undergraduate Students* was held at Hunter College from June 9-30, 1989. Funded by a \$20,000 grant from the Association of American Geographers, American Express Corp., National Geographic Society and other organizations, the Institute was designed to encourage minority students to continue geography studies at the graduate level and eventually to receive Ph.D. degrees.

Organized by Professors Saul B. Cohen and Jeffrey P. Osleeb of the Department of Geology and Geography and Prof. DeWitt Davis of the University of the District of Columbia, the program attracted twelve black and Hispanic students from Louisiana State University, Univ. of Texas, Illinois, Connecticut, Western Washington Univ. as well as Hunter College.

The three week program focused on urban geography and the use of computer and spatial analytical techniques to study urban problems. The results of the students' work will be presented at a special session during the next annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

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HUNTER'S FACULTY AND STAFF RECEIVED \$14,480,343 IN GRANT AND CONTRACT AWARDS IN 1989, A RECORD.



#### WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM CONFERENCE

On Thursday, Nov.9,'89 N.Y.C.Technical College (300 Jay Street, Brooklyn,N.Y.) will sponsor a conference on "Demystifying Writing:Student Writing in the Disciplines," for which 300 word proposals for workshops, papers, or panels on writing outside of the English classroom are sought. Deadline for proposals is Sept. 30,'89. Contact Profs. Regina Lebowitz, Esther Goodman, or Miryam Wasserman at the Writing and Speech Dept, NYCTC--tel. 718-643-8598.

People from every part of Hunter:faculty, staff, administrators, and custodial staff, crowded the lecture hall on Monday morning, July 24 for the Memorial Service held for George Roscoe, a valued colleague, killed the week before. In a service of dignity, grieving friends and colleagues paid tribute.

#### WALTER WEISS AWARDED PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

The Summer issue of the Faculty Voice Newsletter neglected to mention that at Commencement, Professor Walter Weiss, Dean of Social Sciences, received the President's Medal for twenty years of distinguished service to the college as teacher and administrator.

#### HUNTER COLLEGE WRITING CENTER

All faculty are invited to visit and refer the students who need it to the Writing Center (Room 420 Thomas Hunter Hall) open Mon-Thurs. 9 am to 8 pm; Fri. and Sat. 9am -5 pm. All students, graduate and undergraduate, may register for weekly tutoring, drop in for help in their writing, use the Center's library of writing texts, attend any of the Center's workshops--with or without faculty referral. If a faculty member in any discipline observes that a student needs writing help, he or she may refer that student, using a form that quickly identifies the student's writing problems.

#### WATCH FOR HEALTH FAIR, THURS. NOV.2

From 11-2 p.m. on the 8th floor, outside the faculty dining area, Nov.2, health screening of vision,hearing, blood pressure, chloesterol will take place, sponsored by the E A P.

#### E A P LUNCHTIME SEMINARS

Questionnaires answered by all segments of the Hunter College community revealed that one of the problems that most concerned staff and faculty is the care of aging parents. In response to that concern the Employees Assistance Program is planning lunchtime seminars on two Thursdays: October 19 & 26, from 12-1. The specific topics for these two meetings will be:"Legal Planning for an Aging Relative," and "Financial Planning for an Aging Relative." Watch for flyers to learn location and further details.

#### WEIGHT WATCHERS AT WORK PROGRAM

Register in person Wed. Sept. 13 at 12:30 in room1337 West for the ten week Weight Watchers Program sponsored by the E A P, cost \$96, with 80% discount from the union if discount was not used last year.

#### FALL FITNESS PROGRAM BEGINS

The Fall Fitness Program sponsored by the Dept. of Health and Physical Education starts Wed.Sept.6 at 8 a.m. \$50 per semester, the course involves a phsical fitness evaluation that assesses cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, amount of body fat and muscle capacity and an individualized prescription for regular exercise. Meeting times: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8-9 a.m. and Tue. & Fri. 12-1 p.m. in the Fitness Room West B 207. The schedule is designed to allow 3 exercise periods a week for each person. Any interested staff or faculty member should contact Dr. Thomas Burke 772-4634 or 4610.

#### E A P FOCUS GROUPS INVITE PARTICIPATION

During lunchtime and afterwork in October and November the EAP will conduct focus groups of 8 to 10 people who will meet to discuss the group programs that EAP might offer in order to serve staff and faculty needs. Those interested in participating are invited to call Pat McDonald, the Program Administrator, at 772-4051 to reserve a place.

The Faculty Voice Newsletter is sponsored by the Office of the General Faaculty and The Faculty Delegate Assembly. Executive Committee Members: Nancy Dean, President; Frank Kirkland, Vice-President; Bernice Baxter, Treasurer; Alvin Kabot, Secretary; Joan Tronto, Day Session Representative; Jane Matthews, Evening Session Representative; Cecile Insdorf, Representative of Part-time Faculty. This issue was prepared on QUARK Xpress in the faculty lab of the Academic Computing Service with the help of Andrew Blaner. The FDA Office is in Room 1414 East Building. Tel. 772-4123 and 4124.