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NEW FACULTY
September 1991:

The department has been fortunate in acquiring two distinguished new faculty members before the hiring freeze went into effect. This was due in no small part to the acracity of the Head, Dhirendra Vajpeyi, and of Dean Aaron Podolefsky, and to the large number of satisfied customers. Half of the department has arrived in the three years of this Headship.

Prof. KENNETH BASOM (PhD U. Wisconsin, Madison) came to the department this September from Middlebury College Vermont, although he was born in Minnesota. He ranks as the tallest member of the department, making him easily recognizable to students. His accessible manner and central location (Office 214 in Sabin) should encourage all students interested in Central and Eastern Europe, Communism's decline, and the USSR, to stop in and ask about his new upper-level courses. Initially he has been teaching Russian Politics to packed houses in the Non-Western Culture part of the General Education curriculum.

Dr. Basom has been working on a comparative study of political reform and national conflict in Yugoslavia and the CIS, one of the most exciting topics in politics in the 1990s. He has an article, "Class and Nation in Slovenia," forthcoming in 1991 in East European Quarterly, on another highly topical subject. He also presented a paper, "Historical roots of Successful Transitions," at the American Political Science Association.

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annual conference in Washington D.C. in September 1991. This paper analyzed the problems of political transitions from communism in Eastern Europe.

Dr. Basom's second son was born in February 1991.

**Prof. GEISA ROCHA (PhD CUNY)** holds a new position in the department, which delighted all of us in the era of budget cuts. She is already well known for her lively lectures on Latin America in the General Education classes, and is teaching a specialist Latin American class in the Spring of '92. Students who wish to discuss these courses will find her also on the Sabin second floor, in the corner office. Dr. Rocha comes via New York, where she taught and studied at the City University.

Dr. Rocha had her Master's thesis published in 1984 by Westview press: in Search of Namibian Independence: the Limitations of the United Nations. She was a consultant at the UN Center on Transnational Corporations, and travelled the world as part of a fact-finding team. Her Research Paper, "Debt-Equity Swaps" on Mexico, Brazil, Chile, and Bolivia, was published by the United Nations in the Fall of 1990.


She gave a paper presentation to the Conference of Socialist Scholars in April 1990 on "Social Policy and Economic Liberalism in Latin America."

Her latest project is a planned book chapter on "Privatization in Latin America: the cases of Mexico, Chile and Brazil." She has already succeeded in using the University's world-wide computerized electronic mail link to correspond with her brother in Brazil about this subject.

Dr. Rocha has a seven year old son, Edward.

### Scholarships Increasing

The Political Science and Economics Departments are the beneficiaries of a $10,000 endowment fund from the estate of Russell Glasener. The fund will be used for scholarships for majors. Political Science will use three criteria in selecting scholarship recipients: a research paper, Grade Point Average, and leadership. Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to apply.

Other scholarships available to Political Science majors include the Irene Thompson, Gordon Hoxie, Dennis Jensen, and Black Hawk County Bar Association funds.

The department thanks Dr. Marian Krogmann for her research into available scholarships, a valuable service for our students.

A form for scholarship applications is available in the Political Science office, and a faculty committee will help students match their qualifications to the awards.

### Faculty Who Have Arrived in the Past Three Years:

Several faculty have joined us since the last newsletter was published, and their news is gathered here. We now have a truly international department.

**Prof. PITA AGBESE (PhD Northwestern)** has three recent publications to add to his long list of articles. "Demilitarization and Prospects for Democracy in Nigeria" appeared in the Bulletin of Peace Proposals, September 1991; "The Impending Demise of Nigeria's Forthcoming Third Republic" was published in Africa Today, Third

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### Summer of '92:

**The Courses**

- Intro to American Politics
- World Politics
- Research and Bibliography
- American Government in a Comparative Perspective
- International Relations
- Public Administration
- Non Western Cultures: Middle East

Summer courses are an excellent idea for those who simply can't stay away from learning during the hotter months. The department ensures that its courses suit a wide variety of customers, and faculty usually provide lively fare. Classes often have informal touches, but till now have been a well-kept secret. So, register and sign up your ten best friends.

The first session of summer runs from June 8th to July 2nd. Dr. Lindsay will offer Introduction to American Politics (94:014) and Dr. Yu will teach World Politics (for those who have not had 94:124.) Dr. Vajpeyi will tutor Research and Bibliography (94:292,) and will teach the Middle East (68:127) in the Humanities General Education curriculum.

The fireworks of July 4th will be followed by a second session comprising July 6th to July 31st. Dr. Alberts will teach American Government in a Comparative Perspective (94:015) for General Education credit for all except our own P.S. majors and minors. Dr. Agbese will teach International Relations (94:124; sophomore standing required, or plead with the instructor.) Dr. Lewis will offer Introduction to Public Administration (94:148) which requires sophomore standing or a consenting instructor.

Dr. Agbese spent eight weeks in the summer of 1991 in Nigeria conducting research on the political economy of the country. He collected data on the historical role of the Nigerian state in the national economy, and data on the on-going program of privatization. He hopes to write a book manuscript on Nigerian privatization, looking at two questions: the relationship between privatization and the historic role of the state in nurturing capitalism, and the major impetus behind the drive for privatization.

He recently completed a study with Prof. Julius Ihonvbere of the Nigerian economic Structural Adjustment Program (SAP); the manuscript is now under consideration at Westview Press.

Prof. ALLEN BRIEPLY (PhD Michigan State) joined the department from Miami, and teaches courses in Methodology and in State Government. He is in Public Administration and the new Graduate Program in Public Policy.


Dr. Brierly has also given paper presentations to the Southwestern Social Science Conference, the Public Administration Society, and the Southern Political Science Association meetings. In addition, he has attended workshops on Science and Technology at the APSA meeting; and Faculty Development in the Public Sector Division of the Academy of Management.

He reports that former students have been accepted to both the Wharton and Columbia Business Schools and one has become a Presidential Management Intern in the federal civil service.

Prof. JEREMY LEWIS (PhD Johns Hopkins, MA Oxford, UK) teaches American and European Politics, Public Administration, Public Policy, and Congressional Policy Making.

His articles on fifteen party and machine leaders were published in the Encyclopedia of American Political Parties and Elections, (ed) L. Sandy Maisel, (Garland, 1991.)

Dr. Lewis has a review article forthcoming in the American Political Science Review, on three major works on Thatcherism; he reviewed a volume by Susan Hadden on the Hazardous Materials law, in Policy Studies Journal; and he has a review forthcoming in the APSA British Politics Group professional newsletter, on a law volume by Rosamund Thomas, Espionage and Secrecy.


He has been training federal officials on the statute and case law of Freedom of Information and Privacy. Dr. Lewis organized a civil rights panel for UNI graduates at the Iowa Conference of Political Scientists, November 1991.

Dr. Lewis researched two datasets (US States, and Crime) with UNI students Joe Kohls and Sarah Olson; both were published by William Brown, of Dubuque, IA, July 1991.

His other software has been re-published by William Brown: Congress; The Presidency; Elect '88; Mayor NYC (submitted); and PtReg: Point Regression Program (co-authored.) He is currently working with UNI undergrads on a database contrasting the 1981 and 1987 US congresses and public policy.

Prof. TOM LINDSAY (PhD Chicago) recently had an article, "James Madison on Religion and Politics: Rhetoric and Reality," in the American Political Science Review, 85:4 (December 1991), a coup for the department.

He also had an article, "Aristotle's Qualified Defense of Democracy Through 'Political Mixing,' " in the Journal of Politics, 54:1, (February 1992.)


He has been Program Director for the MidWest PSA panels sponsored by the American Chapter of the Society for Greek Political Thought.

Dr. Lindsay won an Ehrhart Fellowship research grant for a book on Aristotle's project for democratic education, on which he is engaged. He also was awarded a UNI Summer Fellowship.

Dr. Lindsay also has served on departmental committees including the Student Outcome Assessments and Scholarship Committees, and was elected to the trusteeship of the Plahin Fund. He has shared the duties of pre-law advising with Lyle Alberts, and organized the 1990-91 and 1991-92 faculty lecture series of monthly addresses on topical political questions and current research.

Tom and Margaret Lindsay (who lectures in the Economics department at UNI) had a baby girl, Susan Elizabeth, on June 10th 1991. Susan is their fourth child, a further indication of increased enrollments in the department.

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Prof. TAIFA YU (PhD U. South Carolina) spent three months in Tokyo on research, finding it an expensive capital to work in. His price list for fruit would delight the Cedar Falls Hy-Vee workers among our students.

His article, "Ironic of Pragmatism: One Decade of China's Cultural Exchange with the West," has been published in Pacific Focus. Anxious to become modern, China resumed cultural exchange with the West in 1979, and hoped to tap Western technical knowhow. Yet "flies and mosquitoes" (Western political thought and values) have crashed into China through its Open Door, and have "polluted the Chinese Spirit." Western cultural influence has created problems of social control for the Chinese Communist party. The paper examined the Chinese objectives in developing cultural exchanges with the West, the impact of Western culture on Chinese intellectuals, and the problems of social control resulting from the influx of Western values and ideas.

Dr. Yu presented a paper on "Change in East-West Relations and its Impact on Japan's Defense Policy" at the 40th annual meeting of the MidWest conference on Asian Affairs, Sept 15th. His paper focused on the impact of the end of the Cold War on Japanese public opinion, political parties, and the defense decision-making process.

Faculty:
Standing L to R: Taiya Yu, Allen Brierly, Lyle Alberts, Jeremy Lewis, Thomas Lindsay, Kenneth Basom, Al Hays, and Pita Agbese.

LONGTIME FACULTY

Prof. LYLE ALBERTS teaches Local Government and Personnel Administration, and has been very active as a consultant. He has rewritten the City Clerks Guide for the State of Iowa (Fall 1991).

He has also written a new volume, The Personnel Management Handbook for Iowa (October 1991.) This is distributed by the League of Municipalities of Iowa.

He continues to set the civil service tests for cities across the state, including the police Captains and Sergeants examinations, and fire and other personnel tests in cities.

He gives annual speeches to the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association.

As for committee service, he cites the SBS Scholarship program, which supports sixty young scholars every year.

Mr. Alberts has enjoyed travelling to Britain in the summer of '91, and toured continental Europe in '90. He frequently casts a mean rod upon the lake trout of Canada, and has a new granddaughter.

Prof. ALLEN HAYS is Associate Director of the Graduate Program in Public Policy, and teaches Public Administration, including Methods and Policy Analysis.

He presented an article at the APSA conference in August in Washington D.C., and is writing a related chapter on Home Ownership for the Poor for his anthology for Greenwood Press, Home Ownership and Public Policy.

He had an article published in the Western Political Quarterly, Fall 1991, on "Intergovernmental Interest groups." He also hopes for a contract soon on the second volume of his book from SUNY Press, The Federal Government and Urban Housing. Last year he served, inter alia, on the committee reviewing research proposals for Faculty Summer Fellowships, and was active as a local government consultant through the Center for Social and Behavioral Research.

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Dr. Hays is also active in the Greater Black Hawk Habitat for Humanity, which builds low-income homes in Waterloo. He works on site selection and property acquisition.

Dr. Hays' second son, Michael, recently played to packed houses as Mowgli in the adapted play "JungalBook."

Prof. MARIAN KROGMANN continues teaching Soviet Government, Soviet Foreign Policies, Environmental Policy-making, and World Politics. The Soviet classes have been enriched by interactions with seven graduate students from the USSR, and three newer ones who arrived this Fall.

Dr. Krogmann has found it personally enriching to hold a seminar for elementary education majors from Herzen University in Leningrad (formerly St. Petersburg), conducted each spring in recent years. The seminar familiarizes them with the American political, economic and social systems through lectures and field trips to various local public and private institutions. Dr. Krogmann has appreciated the cooperation of former students in making these field trips successful.

Dr. Krogmann continues her active service on the College Senate, the University Curriculum Committee and several departmental committees.

The department's rugged individualist, Dr. Krogmann spends her summers hiking and camping on the Colorado plateau.

Prof. ROBERT ROSS continues to teach in American Government, particularly the Presidency. He often gives interviews to Public Radio through the UNI Public Information Service, on topical issues. He has reduced his television appearances recently to devote more time to the extended radio format.

Dr. Ross has a proud record of many years of teaching and former Headship in the department, and has recently taken phased retirement so that students will be able to enjoy his classes for some time to come. Dr. Ross served for many years as a trustee of the Erma Plaehn Fund, during which time he successfully raised funds and furnished the Seminar and Resource Rooms. Recently he stepped aside to devote more time to teaching and family, and the department and alumni will join this editor in thanking him profusely for his efforts over the years.

Dr. Ross has five grown children, with a family tradition of competitive swimming.

Dr. DHIRENDRA VAJPEYI has been active in the International Political Science Association, chairing two panels in Buenos Aires, Argentina at the Sixteenth IPSA conference.

He has taken a well-earned sabbatical from editing the International Journal of Comparative Sociology in order to concentrate on departmental matters.

In October, he flew to the University of Hull, in Britain, to present a paper on "The Politics of Paradise: Religion, Identity and Politics in India."

[Editor's Note: Dr. Vajpeyi was too modest to extend this note, but he has also seen several candidates interviewed, two fulltime faculty hired in each of the last three years, a series of anthologies edited, several other conference panels conducted, and two rounds of Governor's budget cuts defended against in the summer of 1991.]

Prof. FRANCIS WINTER continues to be active in International Studies and a member of the Rotary. He has recently moved from his clifftop mansion in Cedar Heights to a new country dacha somewhere south of town. We wish Doc a successful setup of the new home, no doubt with ample opportunities for our majors in the remodelling work.

Adjunct Faculty

Rep. DARRELL HANSON (R-Manchester) who received his MA from our Department (Summer 91) taught two sections of American Politics in a Comparative Perspective. He has brought a wealth of practical advice on state politics to the lunch table in the Resource Room.

Recently he has been monitoring the state redistricting process on behalf of the House Republican Caucus, and developing statistical tools for analyzing the changes.

He attended the National Conference of State Legislatures in August in Florida, and participated in sessions dealing with campaign finance reform, rural economic development, tax reform, and program evaluation.

In November he organized a retreat for GOP House members, to focus on developing issues and strategy for the 1992 session.

ROBERT MAHAN and WILLIAM WEGMAN continue teaching Problems in Juvenile and Family Law and the Courts, respectively, for the Department.

KAY DELAFIELD has been teaching Administrative Law since 1988.

**Departmental Staff**

**KATE BIELENBERG** joined the department last spring. She has a strong impact on the workplace right from the start, reorganizing the files and the computer, and establishing an active and equitably shared work-study team. The editor is indubitably not the only hard-pressed faculty member who has been saved by her staff’s fast performance in duplicating materials. All of the faculty thank her for stepping into a difficult position with grace and efficiency.

Kate is also mother of Doug, a UNI undergrad and Presidential Scholar, and wife of Dale, a teacher.

**MARY DELANEY CARDIS** is a Graduate Assistant in the Master’s of Political Science program, having arrived from History. She eventually aims at a Doctorate, and has thoroughly enjoyed working for the department. She excelled in a tutorial course in the summer of 1991 with Prof. Lewis, and still found time to marry Paul Cardis, an Educational Psychology major.

**ROY CAGER** is a Graduate Assistant from Southern University in New Orleans, now specializing in International Relations and Comparative Politics. After taking classes last year, he was so impressed with the academic quality at UNI that he came back with his son, Roy jr., who is a freshman taking General Education courses in the department.

**BLESSING UWAGBOE** (Nigeria) has lived up to his name as a new Assistant, fitting in quickly in the department, and also hailing from Southern University in New Orleans. He is specializing in International Relations and Comparative Politics, and hopes to take a law degree following his studies at UNI.

**Fall Graduate Assistants**

Steve Miller and Michael Elbert will be the Department’s Graduate Assistants beginning next fall.

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**Cooperative Education Program**

[The Department participates in the University Coop Education program. Contact the departmental adviser, Dr. Lewis. Course credit is available as a major elective, 94:179, and requires a daily journal, a brief portfolio of writing produced on the job, and a short reaction paper.]

Early this semester I began my Coop job at the office of the President. My official job title is Research Assistant to the University Strategic Planning Committee. As a Public Administration major, I am interested in researching government policy, and this experience helps me integrate my classroom learning with an actual job experience.

I research various aspects of educational policy, as assigned by my supervisor, Paul Butler-Nailin. Currently I am working on a state by state comparison of Higher Education appropriations at public universities, community colleges, and private institutions.

My coop supervisor takes my learning experience very seriously. He helps me enormously by offering suggestions and improvements on how to carry out my research, and analyze the finished data. He also tries to enrich my learning experience by giving me the opportunity to attend meetings that are related to the research I do, or that are relevant to public administration. This has been a great experience for me, to realize what work I would be suited to.

I would strongly recommend students to try the program.

—Tracy Hightshoe

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The political science INTERNSHIP PROGRAM provides opportunities for students to gain experience as well as practical knowledge about politics and public administration. On-the-job experience enables students to gain perspectives that seldom can be effectively conveyed in academic courses.

Intern assignments are made after consultations among the intern, the prospective employer and the intern coordinator. Some of the intern positions used in the past have been with congressional offices, state senators, state representatives, county attorneys, city mayors, the state office of the Iowa Civil Liberties Union, the League of Women Voters and Iowa Attorney General’s Office. Intern Coordinator Lyle Alberts places 25-30 interns a year and is always looking for new opportunities for interns. Please contact him if you are aware of possible placement opportunities.
We would love to hear from you!

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NEWS OF ALUMNI:

HAROLD BRIMMER has been accepted to the PhD program at the University of Missouri- Columbia.

MARGARET CURRAN intends to take a PhD at DeKalb University.

PAULA SUE DIERENFELD has been Caucus Staff Director since 1985 for the Iowa Senate Republicans, and has become Legal Counsel to Governor Branstad. Recently she formed a Joint Conference of the marital variety with Mr. Roederer. (See below.)

JOHN DINGER ('74) is still with the State Department, and is presently posted in South Africa. He visited us last fall.

PETE FAGAN practices law.

BRAD FISTER is with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

CATHY GALLAGHER has given dynamic leadership to Waterloo-Cedar Falls community activities.

BARRY HARTLEY served in the Gulf with the US Marine Corps.

GARY HESSE is the City Clerk of Cedar Falls.

WESLEY HUISINGA practices law.

HABIB KORAGANI is working in the US State Department.

SCOTT KREBSBACH is a new member of the Iowa House, and we congratulate him on his election, which we view as a vote of confidence in the department's training.

JOAN LARSEN is in her third year at Northwestern University Law School.

JOHN McCALLEY is now with the Democratic State Central Committee, and came back to speak to Dr. Ross's Parties class recently.

JEFF MOHRHAUSER, an attorney in Sioux City, is still following politics, and recommends the following popular book: Aron Ehrenhalt, The United States of Ambition: Politicians, Power and the Pursuit of Office.

PAT O'REAGAN has been serving in the US Army.

JOHN PEEK is an Assistant Professor at Century College.

DAVID MILTON ROEDERER has been Governor Branstad's Legislative Liaison for several years, and is now Chief of Staff. He recently established a marital coalition with Ms. Dierenfeld.

CHRIS J. SCHELDUP is an attorney with the firm of Moyer and Bergman of Cedar Rapids.

MARILYN SPIES is a senior executive with US West (the telephone company) in Arizona.