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Klain Wins Jordan Teaching Award

Ambrose Klain, Associate Professor of Regional Planning and Social Science, has won the James A. Jordan Jr. Memorial Teaching Award.

He was elected during the Student Government Association General Election on May 18, but the result was not announced until last week.

The award, which is the senior class gift, has been established in memory of Dr. James A. Jordan Jr., who died in a boating accident on Lake Ontario last summer. Dr. Jordan was Associate Professor of Humanities and Philosophy and served as chairman of the Faculty Council. He was an avid sportsman, having been All-Southeast Conference halfback and All-American honorable mention during his undergraduate days at Georgia Tech. He taught for ten years at Emory University before coming to Capitol in September, 1970.

Klain was selected by students from a group of nine faculty members representing the four divisions of instruction. The Teaching Award Committee, under the auspices of the SGA, nominated the following teachers as finalists: Klain, Dr. John Patterson, Dr. William Lewis, Dr. Robert Bresler, Dr. Cole, Prof. Wesley Houser, Dr. F. Frederick Neubauer, Prof. Ralph Frey, and Dr. Jefferson Hartzler.

The Teaching Award, according to the Committee, represents a faculty member who is an effective teacher, displaying enthusiasm and sincere interest in the above average results of his teaching efforts. "The award was granted to Prof. Klain not only for those qualities but also for his unlimited concern and humanitarian attitude toward the individual student. By giving him this award, the students of Capitol Campus hope to show Klain their esteem and gratitude," the Committee reported.

When Prof. Klain was told he was to receive the award, he was highly impressed. "I have been teaching for over ten years," he related. The day he was told of the award he called his "happiest day as a teacher. I knew Jimmy Jordan well. It will be an honor to receive the award which is named for him."

A native of Czechoslovakia, Klain received a degree in engineering from the University of Technology in Bruenn, Czechoslovakia. During World War II, as a member of the underground movement for a Democratic Czechoslovakia, he was arrested and tortured by the Germans. He later escaped to Russian occupied Poland, only to again be arrested, this time by the Soviets. He was sent to Siberia, where he remained for over two years.

He was finally released by an international treaty which gave amnesty to prisoners of war. Only 10 percent of the 50,000 who escaped from Czechoslovakia survived the strenuous prison life. After recovering from typhoid and dysentery, Klain was inducted into the Soviet Army, serving in a brigade with other Slovaks. He



Prof. Ambrose Klain

fought against the Germans on the Eastern Front, returning home to find his family had been killed in the Nazi gas chambers.

After the Communist takeover in 1949, Klain emigrated to Canada. In Canada, working for surveying and engineering firms, he attended night school to learn English. He continued his education at Sir George Williams University and McGill University in Montreal. During that time, he met his wife, Phyllis Margaret Johnson, who was Head Nurse at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The couple now have two children.

Klain received his B.S. degree from McGill in 1957. He earned his M.S. in City Planning from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, in 1961. He was a senior planner with the Cleveland Regional Planning Commission where he was responsible for developing and preparing studies dealing with the Lake Erie waterfront, parks, and general aviation routes in the Cleveland area. From 1964 to 1968, Klain taught urban and regional planning at Case Western. He has been a member of the Capitol Campus faculty since 1968.

Presently, Klain is Editor of the Central Pennsylvania Planning News and Review, which is a publication under the American Institute of Planners. He is the Secretary-Treasurer of the local chapter of that organization. At Capitol, he teaches graduate courses in planning and undergraduate courses in social science, such as 'The City' and 'Man and His Resources'. Many students in the engineering program enroll in his classes as well as social science students.

"I would like to see more credit given for real life experiences, such as practice in all programs," he advocates. "I think more in terms of beginning to educate a non-specialized or non-expert person from our colleges. I see a group of young people who will acquire a

reasonable background in liberal arts, humanities, education and technology."

"For example, such a man or woman will have to understand the ideas of Plato, Newton and Kant and will have basic knowledge in child psychology and the mechanics involved in developing a water sewage treatment plant. Our society is moving toward a service oriented social system as the current trends in the automation of industry indicate," Klain believes.

Prof. Klain is an outspoken man on many subjects. One of his favorite sayings is, "The truth is always controversial." He sees the teaching award as not just a gift of recognition to himself, but also to the students without whom the award would not be possible.

In his undergraduate courses, he tells his students "technology is not the answer to solve our increasing urban problems. We must present new ideas and concepts to right those wrongs." He also believes that teachers, "should not be afraid to be evaluated by students. His basic responsibility concerns the student. I benefit from students evaluating my teaching methods." He continues, "teachers must learn from their students; if they don't, they may be in the wrong profession."

The James A. Jordan Jr. Memorial Teaching Award will be presented to Prof. Klain during the Commencement ceremonies on June 24. The permanent award, which will be presented annually, is in the form of a bronze plaque, on which a likeness of Dr. Jordan is sculpted. Klain will keep a medallion, which is a smaller version of the permanent award. The award was constructed by Capitol's Dr. Oliver LaGrone.

LePere Wins Senate Seat

Judith LePere has edged out Evon Golphin for the remaining at-large SGA Senate seat. The vote was 63 for LePere to 62 for Golphin.

In last Thursday's run-off election, LePere received 50.4% of the vote to Golphin's 49.6%. The run-off was necessitated when the two tied at 33 ballots during the General Election on May 18. LePere was sworn into office with the remainder of the Senate this past Monday.

Golphin has some comfort in that she was elected President of the Black Student Union during an organizational a few weeks ago. Steve Barry, this past year's President, is the new Vice-President.

Lewis Named So Sc Head

Dr. William F. Lewis, Assoc. Professor of Social Science and Political Science, has been named the new Social Science Program Chairman.

He will assume the post now held by Dr. James McAree, who tendered his resignation in April. McAree will devote more of his time to teaching. Lewis is a former Chairman of Capitol's Faculty Council and has served as a member of the University Faculty Senate.

Lewis believes the original concept under which the Social Science program was designed, that of an innovative and inter-disciplinary learning process, to be a firm basis on which the program can progress. "It is time to evaluate what we've done; to be sure the original concept is working," he states. "As time passes, improvements are made. I want to be sure that the original concept is given a fair shake," he continues.

A 1940 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Lewis is former Director of Research at the National War College, Washington, D.C. He received his M.A. degree in International Affairs from George Washington University in 1964. He earned his Ph.D. in International Relations from the School of International Service, the American University in 1967.

He currently teaches courses on the foreign relations of the United States; a course entitled 'Western Political Thought'; and others dealing with international politics. As Program Chairman, however, he will teach only one course a term instead of the usual two course load. He was one of nine finalists in the voting for the James A. Jordan Jr. Memorial Teaching Award.

Dr. Lewis stresses the importance of building on the past work of Chairmen Dr. Stanley Miller and McAree. "I want to be certain that we do what we set out to do," Lewis emphasizes.

He is very receptive to student involvement in the program. "Student input, at Social Science Program meetings for example, is a necessity." Student aspirations in all fields will be stressed under his direction.

The new Chairman plans to place more emphasis on the individual options in the Program, giving them more

viability. A promotion of public policy internships, utilizing the state capital of Harrisburg, is under his consideration.

He will continue the "open door policy" for easy accessibility of students to see the Chairman which his predecessors instituted. Lewis will officially assume the post of Program Chairman on June 30.



Dr. William F. Lewis

"I look forward to a very stimulating period for the Social Science Program," he states. He reviews the current situation in the following manner: "We embarked in 1967 on a new Social Science Program which was intended to feature innovation and an interdisciplinary focus. It would not be surprising at this point if our review reveals that our current state is marked by weaknesses as well as strengths. We shall concern ourselves to preserve the strengths and minimize the weaknesses."

"It seems to me especially important that we look hard at the patterning of our interdisciplinary efforts as represented by the present options. We should ensure that they incorporate adequate coverage, variety, and flexibility as measured by the nature and goals of our student body and good educational practice," he continues.

Lewis concludes his remarks with the following statement: "I feel very strongly that the objectives of the Social Science Program can be realized only with the full participation of the student body. Together, I am confident that we can achieve our goal for the Program and the increase in student benefits which that will mean."

Off-Campus For Next Year?

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