

Department heads discuss taxes

By ELLYN HARLEY
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Continuing tax problems of graduate students was the main concern at a meeting last night of department heads and B.F. Howell, associate dean of the Graduate School.

Proper documentation of the graduate student's assistantship status when the assistantship is in partial or complete fulfillment of academic requirements should be given to the IRS when the student is claiming a refund, Howell said.

Kenneth S. Babe, assistant vice president of Audits and Internal Controls of the University, said documentation has often not been sufficient in graduate student tax returns to determine whether the stipend is scholarship or fellowship, and that letters to the IRS should be personal letters — not form letters.

The letters should include factual information such as the student's name, position, the amount of the stipend and the time period involved.

Most importantly the letters should include a description of the service required, a statement that the service is required for a degree, and in some cases a statement of what fraction of the assistantship is scholarship and

what is service to the University, Babe said.

Students applying for refunds and professors writing letters to the IRS should keep these requirements in mind, Babe said:

- The student must be a candidate for a degree.
- The service must satisfy stated requirements of a degree.
- Academic requirement must be reasonably appropriate.
- Service must not be in excess of requirements.
- There must be equivalent services from all degree candidates.

Social Security taxes are completely separate from federal taxes and graduate students should not expect to be reimbursed for those taxes, Babe said.

Several faculty members questioned why there are no written standards on teaching or research requirements for graduate assistantships for each department, and one participant asked, "is the University, as an integrated body doing anything about this problem or are they saying 'department heads, it's your problem?'"

However Graduate School Dean James B. Bartoo said rigid, centralized guidelines should not be forced on the departments. Such guidelines might become obsolete

very quickly, he said, because of the variation in degree requirements even within a single department.

"That must be recognized in statements to the IRS in ways they can understand," Bartoo said.

Howell said he thought national audits of graduate student income tax returns are getting stricter, but the IRS may not be as strict this year as they have been this year since the IRS has limited screening ability and graduate students are a relatively low income group.

Of the approximately 2,200 graduate students at the University, 300 have been or are will be audited by the Internal Revenue Service this year, and although he knows of one student who won his appeal to the IRS, Howell said he does not think most students will win.

"Very few graduate assistants have \$800 or so to take to the IRS," he said.

Also discussed at yesterday's meeting was whether the current system of one-quarter and three-quarter time assistantships should be replaced by one-third and two-thirds assistantships when the semester calendar is initiated in 1983. Under the Graduate Council's recommendation, the current half time assistantships would remain after the semester switch.

Jeffreys, Eddy, Moyer win seats on school board

By CHRISTOPHER COONEY
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Loretta Jeffreys, Mary S. Eddy and William Moyer won seats on the State College school board last night, while Thomas W. Benson lost.

Jeffreys was voted in with 7,508 votes, Eddy with 6,894 and Moyer with 6,493. Benson received 5,292 votes.

It was more of a surprise winning in the primaries than in the elections, said Jeffreys, the only incumbent who ran.

"Of course, incumbents are often defeated, so it was nice to not have that happen," she said.

The Republican Party endorsements helped the candidates, she said. "We are still in the Reagan Republican sweep."

The school board will be diminished a little because of the retirements of Nancy Daniels and Bob Dunam, she said. "Their years of experience and wisdom will definitely be missed."

The new-comers will make a good contribution though, she said. "It's always nice to have fresh blood."

"I was delighted by my election," Eddy said. "I never counted on it, but I always hoped for it."

"I think being on both tickets, Democratic and Republican, helped a lot," she said.

Moyer said he wouldn't have been surprised if the results went either way. "You're never sure because no one ever tells you anything bad," he said.

The candidates nominated by both parties (Republican and Democrat) were in the best position, he said, because they received the votes from the straight party voters.

Tom Ortemberg, Consumer Party chairman, said advertising had more to do with the election than party support did.

"Moyer spent an incredible amount of money on advertising," he said.

Toxic shock disease linked to surgery patients

By PAUL RAEBURN
AP Science Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Toxic shock syndrome, usually found in women who use tampons, has now been discovered in a new group — men and women who undergo surgery, a researcher said yesterday.

Other researchers have found that a toxin associated with toxic shock has appeared in the breast milk of mothers who have the disease. But the researchers say they do not know whether the disease itself can be transmitted through the milk.

The findings, reported at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, emphasized that toxic shock can strike people of all ages, men as well as women.

Toxic shock can cause fever, low blood pressure, skin rash, vomiting and sometimes death. Nearly 1,400 cases of toxic shock syndrome have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta since the condition was discovered several years ago.

Researchers have linked the disease to a very common kind of bacteria called staphylococcus aureus, a frequent cause of infections in hospitalized patients and others. Some patients exposed to the bacteria get toxic shock, but most don't.

Scientists do not know why.

Dr. Donald Graham, of the Springfield Clinic in Springfield, Ill., reported the occurrence of toxic shock in patients who have had operations. He and a group of

doctors from four other institutions across the country found 15 patients who had developed toxic shock after various types of surgery. One of the patients died of pneumonia, probably as a result of having had toxic shock, Graham said.

The patients — five men and 10 women — developed the toxic shock symptoms a few days after surgery. None of them had infections or other complications from the surgery, Graham said.

Most cases of toxic shock still occur in women who are menstruating and using tampons. But Graham said the unusual appearances of the disease in surgical patients and others might be increasing.

"I've heard about eight or 10 other cases," he said. "It's so dramatic, it's a

big problem. But the average surgeon is never going to see it."

Scientists also found evidence that toxic shock syndrome may be passed from one hospitalized patient to another. "We couldn't prove it, but we suspected it strongly," Graham said. "The coincidence was overwhelming."

Dr. James Vergeront of the Wisconsin Division of Health reported the case of the woman carrying in her breast milk a toxin linked to toxic shock. The woman was advised not to breast feed her baby until the toxin disappeared.

Vergeront said there are no known cases of toxic shock being passed to infants, but "the theoretical possibility is there."

Two University students win logo contest

The artistic abilities of Dave Plummer (10th-meteorology) and Lee Young (7th-geological science) paid off last night when their design was proclaimed the winner of the Earth and Man Exposition logo contest.

The Earth and Mineral Science Student Council voted on the design at last night's meeting.

A \$10 prize will be awarded to them, council president Larry Kodosky said.

A committee will be set up next term to arrange for area industries, such as Corning Glassware, to set up exhibits at EMEEX, Kodosky said.

The committee will consist of Charles Hosler, dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, John Cahir, associate dean for resident instruction, and members of the council, he said.

William B. White, professor of geochemistry will speak about "The Golden Age of Cave Exploration in North America" on Nov. 10, Laurie Brandt, council vice president said.

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Engineering Science and Mechanics Seminar, 11 a.m., Room 232 Hammond Bldg. Dr. V.K. Varadan, Ohio State Univ., on "Acoustic Scattering by a Finite Elastic Cylinder in Water."

Ceramic Science 500 Seminar Series, 11 a.m.-noon, Room 301 Steidle Bldg. Dr. H.P. Kirchner, Ceramic Finishing, on "Surface Preparation and Properties."

Film, 11:10 a.m., Room 171 Willard, "Shinto: Nature, Gods and Man in Japan." Career Development and Placement Center Seminar, "Job Search for the Non-Technical Major," 4th period, Room 321 Boucke.

Career Development and Placement Center Seminar, "Interview Skills," 5th period, Room 321 Boucke Bldg.

Career Development and Placement Center Seminar "Resume Preparation," 6th period, Room 321 Boucke Bldg.

English Dept. and Inst. for the Arts and Humanistic Studies, poetry reading by Sidney Lea, author of *Searching the Drowned Man* and editor of the *New England Review*, 3:30 p.m., Rare Books Room, Pattee Library.

Geosciences Colloquium, 3:45 p.m., Room 22 Deike Bldg. Professor Robert L. Folk, Dept. of Geological Sciences, Univ. of Texas, on "Italian Radiolarian Cherts and Ophiolites: Peritidal or Abyssal?"

Physics Colloquium, 3:50 p.m., Room 117 Osmond. P. Mohr, Yale Univ., on "Lamb Shift in High Z Atoms."

1981 Taylor Lecture in Materials Science, 4 p.m., Room 26 Mineral Sciences Bldg. Dr. Irving Wender, fuel scientist and research professor, Univ. of Pittsburgh, on "Our Energy Outlook through 2000."

Math Colloquium, 4 p.m., Room 104 McAllister. Robert Lee Wilson, Rutgers Univ., on "Simple Lie Algebras with Local Cartan Subalgebras."

Philosophy Colloquium, 4 p.m., Room 220 Willard Bldg. Albert G. Tsugawa, Dept. of Philosophy, on "Truth and Fiction."

Engineering Science and Mechanics Seminar, 4 p.m., Room 214 Hammond Bldg. Dr. P. Keating, Bendix Advanced Technical Center, Columbia, MD, on "Piezoelectricity at the Atomic Level."

Special Acoustics Seminar, 4 p.m., Room 73 Willard Bldg. Dr. Robert J. Hooker, senior lecturer in mechanical engineering, Univ. of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, on "High Damping Metals."

Wargame Club meeting, 6 p.m., Rooms 107 and 108 Sackett.

Commons Film Series, *Myra Breckenridge*, 7 and 9 p.m., Room 112 Kern.

Water Ski Club meeting, 7 p.m., Room 209 Willard.

PSORML meeting, 7 p.m., Room 225 HUB.

Tau Beta Pi, Tutoring for Engineering Students, 7 p.m., Room 106 Osmond.

Delta Sigma Pi meeting, 7 p.m., Room 311 Boucke.

Student Foundation for Performing Arts meeting, 7 p.m., Room 227 HUB.

Internationale Dancers meeting, 7 p.m., Room 132 White Bldg.

USG, Political Affairs meeting, 7 p.m., Room 316 HUB.

Sailing Club meeting, 7 p.m., Room 308 Willard.

College of Education Student Council meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 323-324 HUB.

Model Railroad Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 108 Sackett.

IFC, Panhel and Associated Student Activities, lecture, 7:30 p.m., HUB Ballroom. Eileen Stevens, founder of Committee to Halt Useless College Killings.

URTC, Williams, *The Glass Menagerie*, 8 p.m., Pavilion Theatre.

Golden Key meeting, 8 p.m., Room 307 HUB.

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