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Faculty evaluation effectiveness in doubt

By Paula Wardlow
Staff Reporter

The role of student evaluations in judging teaching effectiveness recently came under fire by Dr. David S. Newman, professor of chemistry and president of Faculty Senate.

Newman said at a Senate Executive Committee meeting last month, that student evaluation tools of both students and teachers come into play in student evaluations. However, students, faculty and staff members often are inadequate in determining faculty merit.

The mandatory evaluations are a factor in according faculty tenure and promotions.

NEWMAN SAID that student evaluations often become a "grading" at the instructor rather than an assessment of his teaching method.

"Students aren't competent to grade the evaluation and the evaluations aren't valued," he explained.

Newman said that college students may see evaluations as a dishonor to their teacher and department chairmen may change student responses to more favorable ones.

HE ACKNOWLEDGED that student opinions can be valid in reviewing work areas in a teacher's methods. "Everyone can improve," he said.

He recommended that student and peer evaluations be used to suggest improvements rather than to determine merit or promotions.

Each college in the University has its own policy concerning the use of student evaluations, he said.

In FEBRUARY 1975, the College of Business Administration voted to discontinue mandatory student evaluation. The role of student evaluations in determining faculty tenure and promotions are required and play an important role in awarding promotions within the college.

"We have never had a promotion without student evaluations," noted Newman. "We know who's good and who's not."

"Who knows better what's going on in the classroom than the students," he asks.

The question is likely to remain unanswered until the following summer when major changes are announced in the student evaluation system.

Lucy

Economist first, politician second

By Dennis J. Sadowski

Lucy is a woman to be elected to a state office. It is even more unusual for a woman to be elected to a community-wide office.

This year is not skipping Lucille G. Ford. Ford is seeking the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor. She is running as the running mate of Senate leader Frederick L. (Fred) Rhoads.

If she wins the election, she would be the first woman to serve as lieutenant governor in Ohio's history.

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Opinion

PROF MUST MAKE THE GRADE, TOO

Dr. David S. Newman, president of Faculty Senate, said at that body's executive committee meeting last month that mandatory evaluations of undergraduate professors weighs too heavily in performance decisions.

News polls said that the evaluation procedure was better at indicating improvements that might be made in teaching methods, adding that students would be more likely to condemn professors for incompetence.

That's a pretty interesting observation, considering the amount of time spent, the number of students surveyed, and the purpose of the procedure.

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Having to place a student in the classroom is not an out of teaching. If a professor consistently refuses to be aware of his students, he is not going to be a very good teacher.

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Crime nearly non-existent in China

By Mark Sherry
Staff Reporter

Crime is at the lowest possible level in China today because there is not even enough crime to commit criminal act, Deputy Judge George W. Crockett, Jr., and Monday night.

Crockett, one of the First Americans to witness a criminal trial in the People's Republic of China, said a palpable reduction of crime in the U.S. would not be seen because "crime stems from our dedication to the concept of private property," he said.

"China's judicial system may be ideal for China, but it would not work here," he added.

CROCKETT WASH the leader of a delegation of prominent blacks and lawyers of the trial in 1977.

"There has not been a single case heard by the Chinese Supreme Court since the 1960's. They tried the 'King of Shanghai, '" he said.

For crime statistics alone, a process of mediation and consolidation is instituted, Crockett said.

"These conviction committees try to adjust conflicting resolve disputes from being arrived again," he said

CROCKETT DESCRIBED a particular criminal case that he witnessed in which a Dwayne nodo male was charged with auto theft-a serious crime in China as cars are property of the state.

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School employees eye no-pay, no-work plan

School employees eye proposal while top state officials met in yesterday on a no-pay, no-work Cleveland schools began voting for the system.

School districts at Toledo, Brunswick and other school workers asked the Ohio Supreme Court in Columbus to order schools closed until money is found to pay the debts.

MCIKINICH, VOTING over five school days will decide whether to give

Three city employees, who said they were acting on instructions of the city's acting mayor, Homer A. Furrer, told police the probe was instigated by a "court of public opinion" in which the employees were not involved.

James Barrett, Cleveland safety director, said the employees were wrong in their suit, but that a 111-page safety report cleared Human Resources Director Isabelle Bondrick.

"We spent the whole investigation in the probe," Barrett said. "We spent the whole investigation in the probe," Barrett said.

President Carter, in a new effort to slow inflation, asked businessmen and labor for voluntary cooperation yesterday and promised an end to wage and price controls except in a national emergency like all others.

The president, launching a new anti-inflation offensive, also cited Congress for not enacting the landmark energy program and threatened administrative action to reduce "unreasonable" losses.

The inflation rate last year was 6.8 percent. Prices rose at an annual rate of 8.4 percent during the first two months of the year.

The government says it will cut off all assistance to refugees who refuse to return to their home countries.

The committee's 20-16 vote leaves the bill covering only college tuition costs.

The president said it is a myth that the government itself can stop in-

President Carter, speaking shortly after a House committee removed back to tan tax credit bill, said yesterday he would vote any tax bill that he considers "unconstitutional or too costly."

Every proposal I have seen in the Congress is far too weak and too costly," Carter said. "It's very close to the future of education in our country."

Carter judges tax credits 'detrimental'
The Falcon's scheduled double-header versus Adrian college was postponed due to weather conditions.

GRONDMAN said the game would be rescheduled for April 23.

THE RUGGERS played a game on Saturday when they face Wittenberg in the Ohio College.