

Institute of Government: Deceptive Like Iceberg



Institute of Government, Million Dollar Building

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The Institute of Government is like an iceberg—its most important parts are hidden. It is one of the least-known, yet most directly effective branches of the University. Since its beginning in 1931, it has expanded its ability to ease and coordinate the jobs of state and local government officials in North Carolina.

A few students know that State Highway Patrol recruits are trained at the Institute. Others may recall a professor in the School of Law employed there. But these are only some of the services performed by the Institute, the visible tip of the iceberg.

"The Institute of Government is a part of the University in some ways equivalent to a school," defined its director, John Sanders.

"The principal difference is that we don't offer degree credit and nearly all of our work done in the name of the Institute is for the immediate benefit of people not enrolled

in University degree programs."

"We serve an extension-type function, essentially a service function to government. This is in several forms—teaching, research and publishing and consulting and other professional services."

Most classes taught at the Institute are "short courses," lasting from one day to 14 weeks of continuous or intermittent session. These courses are primarily designed for elected or appointed government officials, either as introductory or supplementary training.

"The length and content of the courses are adjusted to meet the particular need of the students," Sanders said. This entails much adjusting, since over 7,000 people come to the Institute yearly for schools and training conferences.

Their needs are diverse. Mayors, city and county tax attorneys, state and local law enforcement officers, tax assessors and collectors, welfare directors, finance officers, judges, planning of-

ficiers and state departmental administrators are just some of the Institute's students.

Since the Institute's 26-member faculty has full teaching status at the University (10 men received degrees here), some of them teach in its departments and schools.

"The courses they teach are usually on the graduate level," explained Sanders, "also our faculty lectures occasionally as guest speakers."

"We work closely with the Department of Political Science in connection with its Master of Public Administration program. We teach several required courses for it and assist in placing its interns in governmental agen-

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"We do a good deal of research and publish our faculty literature," continued Sanders. "Popular Government" is the Institute magazine and is free to 6,500 state and local officials, librarians, newspaper editors and has a few paid subscribers.

"It is written primarily to serve the needs of public officials and citizens interested in state and local government in North Carolina."

"So too, is our research. It's orientated a good deal to the needs of North Carolina officials."

Institute publications are a boon to officials. Such simple but vital aids as a daily calendar of county officials' duties, a handbook for freshmen state legislators, legal reports on the enforcement of municipal ordinances and a non-legal study evaluation or urban design are sent free to involved officials agencies.

"We keep our clients and students abreast of legal changes," remarked Sanders. "When the law changes, new books are written explaining it."

"We print technical and non-technical material, since the formal education of the people we deal with ranges from high school diplomas to law and MD degrees. However, we seldom have to address both types in the same publication."

Sanders estimated the number of Institute publications in the tens of thousands yearly. Like the Institute's out-of-town seminars, they are "another type of direct service to people who can't attend Institute training programs."

Publications are an important part of the Institute's third basic function, advisory and other professional services.

Since 1935 it has published daily, weekly and sessional bulletins and summaries of the North Carolina General Assembly sessions.

"We maintain a five man staff in Raleigh which reports all bills introduced and the calendar action taken on them. The bulletins explain in legal terms what bills would affect laws now on the books."

Daily bulletins are sent free to about 200 state officials. Lawyers across the state also subscribe to them.

Many more private citizens subscribe to the weekly news sheet, which Sanders called "a non-political column about the legislature."

"The Institute is completely non-partisan," he said. "In all our work our position is the teacher, counselor and advisor, but not the advocate. We hope to inform and educate public officials so they will be in the position to make intelligent decisions themselves."

"Our consulting and other professional services are in response to specific inquiries

on problems from officials, agencies and occasionally, citizens.

"For example, a county suddenly has a number of trailer parks and wants to know how to tax them. Or a government organization has a personnel problem. A local government may have questions about re-organization or election of officials need information on party registration or eligibility for office," Sanders continued.

Until 1942 it continued operating largely off private contributions and voluntary dues paid by grateful cities and counties throughout the state.

Things have changed. Since 1956 the Institute has been housed in a comfortable \$1 million building paid for by legislative appropriations and the Knapp Foundation. In the last 10 years the Institute budget has more than doubled to \$634,000 a year.

The voluntary dues paid by city and county governments provided only five per cent of last year's budget. But this contribution perhaps best

reflects how much the Institute means to North Carolinians.

"Last year virtually all counties and cities paid except the very small communities," said Sanders.

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Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY
Interviews for the Campus Orientation Commission will be held daily this week from 3:00 to 5:00 in Roland Parker I of Graham Memorial. All students are invited to interview for the positions.
Stray Greeks will meet tonight at 6:30 at the Manor House, apartment 2-B. Those needing a ride call 929-1928.

The YMCA Tutorial Committee will run a booth in Y-court today and tomorrow for signing up anyone interested in tutoring this semester. The booth will be open 12:00-3:00 and tutors can sign up in 104 Y-Court anytime.

Interviews for representatives to the Carolina Symposium's Inter-Collegiate Seminar will be held today, tomorrow and Friday 3:00-5:00 at the Symposium office, second floor Y-Building.

All women interested in participating in Sorority Spring Informal Rush must sign up at the Dean of Women's Office, 202 South Bid., by Feb. 9.

Applications for the Leadership Training Program must be turned in to Room 210, Graham Memorial by Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Ski Club

A ski club is being organized in the Durham-Chapel Hill area. Skiers ranging in ability from beginners to experts are welcome and desired and trips to local areas are being planned. Those interested, should call Tony Lachenbruch at 966-1491 or 929-2297.

Television Viewing Today

- WRAL—CHANNEL 5
5:45 Dateline, Reeve with Spoor's
6:00 Dateline News
6:20 Dateline, ABC News
6:50 Viewpoint with Jesse Helms
6:55 Atlantic Weather
7:00 Death Valley Days
7:30 Avengers
8:30 Second Hundred Years
9:00 Winter Olympics
10:00 Venice—City in Danger
11:00 Dateline News, Sports, Weather
11:30 Winter Olympics
11:45 Starlight Theatre:
- WTVB—CHANNEL 11
5:00 Perry Mason
6:00 Newsbeat
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:00 Daniel Boone
8:00 The Virginian
9:30 Green Acres
10:00 Dean Martin
11:00 Channel 11 Late News—Fred Ross
11:30 Tonight Show
- WUNC—CHANNEL 4
8:55 News
9:00 U.S. History
9:30 Phys Science
10:00 World History
10:30 Mathematics
11:00 Alcoholics
11:30 Great Decisions
12:00 Aspect
12:30 Mid-Day News
12:45 Time for John French Chef
1:00 Museum
2:00 Science-Nature
2:30 Farm Business
3:00 Space Challenge
3:30 Modern Teachers
4:00 Basic Electronics
4:30 Job Instruction
5:00 What's New
5:30 Aspect
6:00 News At Six
6:15 Time For John French
6:30 About Ceramics
7:00 Farmer Education
7:30 What's New
8:30 Great Decisions
8:30 Written Word
9:00 News in Prospect
10:00 Sign Off

Play Tryouts

Tryouts for the Carolina Playmakers' production of Euripides' searing masterpiece "The Trojan Women" will be held at 4:00 and 7:30 on Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8 in Memorial Hall.

Production dates for the play, being directed by Tom Rezzuto, have been scheduled for March 13-19 in the Playmakers Theatre. There are roles available for eleven women and five men. Rezzuto is also looking for a small boy in the 8-12 age range for a minor part.

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