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FacultyLine

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This special introductory issue of FacultyLine is designed to hook you on the practice of reading it for significant faculty news items. Right now we have three:

1. You should have by now received a memo from the President and me announcing a special faculty meeting in Room 112 Oelman at 3:30 p.m., October 1. This meeting has been called to replace Dr. Creighton Phelps who has resigned as Vice President-Elect of the Faculty. Richard Williams, Associate Professor of Finance, and Donald Swanson, Professor of English, are nominees and other nominations are encouraged, both before and at the meeting. The meeting will be short and sweet so please come and vote.
2. Once again the U.S. Congress is considering tampering with our retirement system. If the budget resolution, which has already passed, is implemented by further legislation, the following major actions would affect all Ohio state and local employees, including teachers, beginning 1 January 1986:
 - a. All current employees would be required to contribute to mandatory Medicare coverage (1.45% of gross income for employees, 1.45% for employers).
 - b. All newly hired employees would be mandated into the Social Security system (7.15% Social Security tax on employees, 7.15% on employers).

A system such as STRS is fundamentally weakened by a decrease in active members. I consider Item b an attack on the foundation of a system in which many of us have invested a major part of our resources. To protect the security of our retired colleagues and the future of ourselves and the university, it is important that we take individual action. The names of appropriate senators and representatives are included on the back page of this FacultyLine. I urge you to write to them.

3. Operation Rideshare, an optional car pool system which allows your name and telephone number to be shared with other faculty and staff in your neighborhood, is available this year and is being announced on a separate memo.

You are free to use this information to put together your own ride sharing plans. Please read the memo and consider whether you can help yourself and the university in this way. (You can send your response in at any time. The dates on our memo are not realistic.)



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