

APSA Membership Directory Available

The 1983 Membership Directory came off the press the last week in February and was mailed to all members who paid the pre-publication price. The Directory lists nearly 9,000 individual Association members with information on their current position, institutional affiliation, address, phone number, highest degree (including date and granting institution), and fields of specialization. The index includes listings of women, black and hispanic members, a geographical listing of members, and a listing of members by fields of interest. The price is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Please add 75¢ for each copy you order to cover cost of postage and handling. Orders should be placed through the national office. □

Congress: We the People **A Report on a New Telecourse**

The Association is preparing an undergraduate telecourse about the United States Congress. The telecourse titled, *Congress: We the People*, is being produced by WETA—the Washington, D.C. public television station—and the APSA with the support of a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting/The Annenberg School of Communications Project.

Congress: We the People will consist of:

- 26 one-half hour television programs;
- a guide to the programs and their accompanying reading assignments for students who are taking the telecourse for credit; and
- a guide for the instructors who supervise the telecourse students.

Norman Ornstein, Catholic University, is the principal investigator and series editor. Edwin Newman is the series host and announcer. The Study Guide will be

written by Samuel Kernell, University of California, San Diego.

APSA and WETA established this joint venture in order to marry the scholarly and instructional expertise of political scientists with the public affairs broadcasting skill and experience of WETA, producers of *The Lawmakers*, a weekly program about Congress, and *Washington Week in Review*.

The topics of the 26 programs are:

Week 1

A Freshman Comes to Washington
The Two Houses of Congress

Week 2

Who Serves in Congress
A Variety of Voices

Week 3

Congressional Elections
"... And If Elected"

Week 4

Congress in Committee
Compromise in Congress

Week 5

Who Runs Congress?
Varieties of Leadership

Week 6

Procedures, Process and Policy
The Congressional Establishment

Week 7

The House Floor: A Day in the Life
Yeas and Nays

Week 8

A Congress of Communities
Home Style

Week 9

Lobbying Congress
Influence and Interests

Week 10

Congress and the President
Both Ends of the Avenue

Week 11

Congress and the Bureaucracy
Congress and the Courts

Week 12

Congress and the Media
Congressional Ethics

Week 13

The Power of the Purse
An Assessment of Congress

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The two pilot programs on congressional committees were prepared in 1982 and were evaluated by groups of faculty and students. The in-class evaluations were conducted at:

- The University of Minnesota in an upper division course on Congress taught by Earl L. Shaw.

- Georgetown University in the second semester of an introductory American Government course taught by James I. Lingle.

- The College of San Mateo in the survey American Government course taught by Kern Richmond.

An evaluation report based upon questionnaires collected from the students and transcripts of faculty comments was written by Herbert Asher, Ohio State University. He found that the students and faculty considered the programs informative, attractive and a unique visual source on congressional politics and processes.

Congress: We the People will be televised on "PTV III," the education component of the Public Broadcasting Service, in 1984. The summer *NEWS* will feature a full description of the telecourse programs, a broadcast schedule and information about licensing.

Congress: We the People will also be available—as individual programs and as an entire series—for purchase or broadcast off the air—by colleges and universities whose faculty would like to use the television programs in their own courses on American Politics, Congress, and the Legislative Process. Information about prices, licensing fees and distribution will be in the summer *NEWS* and *PS*.

Faculty will be able to see several of the telecourse programs at the 1983 APSA Annual Meeting. The programs will be shown from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, at the Palmer House in Chicago. Staff and consultants for the telecourse will be at the meeting to talk about the programs. A schedule for these programs will be published in the summer *NEWS*. □