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Karin Sandell to formulate television theory with FRC grant

Karin Sandell, speech, isn’t satisfied with the popular notion that “television is bad for Americans.”

In an attempt to learn for herself just what the impact of television is on the formation of attitudes, beliefs and values, Dr. Sandell has launched her own study, which she expects to complete sometime this spring.

Her research is financed entirely by Faculty Research Committee awards, given for the 1978-79 fiscal year. With a part-time summer associateship and an additional $1,000 research grant, Dr. Sandell said she has been able to conduct what she believes is one of the most extensive television studies ever done.

“I applied for an FRC award because I realized the type of intensive research I wanted to do would require both release time from my duties at the University and some additional funds,” Dr. Sandell said.

She was told of the research program when she interviewed for her position in the School of Speech. “It was one of the things which attracted me here,” said Dr. Sandell. “I was impressed by the fact that the University had set aside money specifically to support faculty research.”

Dr. Sandell said she had applied to the National Association of Broadcasters for research funding but was turned down “because of the nature of the project.”

An exciting part of the FRC awards is that they do not require altering a research plan just to obtain funds,” Dr. Sandell said. Dr. Sandell’s research involved preliminary interviews with randomly selected residents in the Toledo area on their assessments of the social impact of television. She later developed a Q-sort based upon the statements from the initial interviews and presented her survey to about 70 families in the Toledo area.

The last stage of her project will involve administering the same survey to high school students in the Toledo area.

Although her results are not yet final, Dr. Sandell said what she is finding now is that people see television as doing “terrible things” to society but nothing to them personally.

When her project is completed, Dr. Sandell will incorporate her findings into a paper which she hopes to present to her peers at conferences and in journal publications. Her goal is to illuminate and update present research in the field, she said.

In addition, Dr. Sandell said she believes her project will help her as a teacher.

The project will be a study of the “Arabic Characteristics in Malese Music.”

Dr. Friedman will study “Movement Detection Thresholds in the Aged.”

Full-time summer associateships are tenable during the summer months and, according to Faculty Research Committee guidelines, the recipients must devote full-time to the activity during this period.

The 43 part-time summer associateships awarded by the FRC total $69,279. Recipients of these awards are expected to devote at least 50 percent of their time during the summer months to the project.

Receiving these awards were Dr. Charles Chittle, economics, “Photophysics of a-Silyl-Ketones: A Study of How the Nature of Excited Electronic States Affects Their Decay Processes;” William Scovell, chemistry, “Drug Interactions with Biological Macromolecules;” Audrey Rentsch, college student personnel, “Significant Influences on Student Behavior;” Charles Chittle, economics, “Interregional Wage Differentials in the Worker-Managed Economy of Yugoslavia.” Dr. Chittle also received a $1,000 research grant.

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Survey says adults will return to school

The market for continuing education at colleges or universities during the next few years is "millions of adults," according to results of a public opinion survey.

The survey, commissioned by the Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC) was conducted during December by Market Opinion Research, Detroit.

IUC is composed of the presidents of the 13 state-assisted universities and representatives of their boards of trustees.

The survey showed that as many as 1.7 million Ohio adults may enter or return to college during the next few years. Most are looking for part-time programs.

Another section of the study dealing with the financing of higher education showed three of four Ohioans do not see any reduction in state spending for higher education.

The survey also showed that few Ohioans know that the amount the state spends, per capita, in support of higher education ranks among the lowest in the nation.

The study is designed to provide faculty, administrators, and legislators with more insight into the effect of state funding on the level of education in Ohio's state universities. It also contains information about how the 13 state universities are planning to serve better the people in Ohio in the 1980's."

Lead opera roles held by faculty

"The cast for the College of Musical Arts' production of Puccini's opera, "La Boheme," was announced by Eugene Dybdahl, music performance studies, who is stage director and conductor for the College of Musical Arts' production of Puccini's opera, "La Boheme," will be presented at 8 p.m. March 2 and at 3 p.m. March 3 in the Main Auditorium of University Hall on campus; at 8 p.m. March 9 in the Earlham High School Auditorium in Findlay, and at 7:30 p.m. March 11 in the Fortunata Theater, Lorain. In keeping with the practice in recent years of double-casting for opera productions, the audience was announced that visiting faculty member Phyllis Titon Hunt and graduate student Joseph Doucet will alternate in the title role of Mimi.

Tina Ross Ekuin, music performance studies chair, and Richard Mathey, music education, will alternate in the role of Mimi's sweetheart Rodolfo.
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ALL VOLUNTEER—Budget cuts in 1976 forced Radio Station WBGU-FM to become an all volunteer operation. The station is used to afford students valuable experience in broadcasting, according to Robert K. Clark, chair of the department of radio, TV and film. Paul Stowers, a sophomore from Perrysburg who is majoring in broadcast journalism, is one student who is using the station to his career advantage.
Volunteers sought to teach seminars

Faculty and staff who have the desire to volunteer about the University will have the opportunity to volunteer for that assignment over the next few weeks.

Charlotte Scherer, director of the University Seminar Program, is seeking volunteers to teach 15 seminars during the fall quarter and an additional six or seven sections during spring and winter quarters next year.

Letters seeking the volunteer mentors will be mailed soon to all faculty and staff. Dr. Scherer said.

The University Seminar, a two-hour S/U course, is an introduction to Bowling Green and higher education in general. Dr. Scherer said. An elective for freshmen, it is limited to 20 students. The University Division of General Studies, which coordinates seminars, will prepare a handbook for mentors to use in their classes. This is the fourth year for the seminar, which became a permanent course offering only this year.

Dr. Scherer indicated she enjoys teaching smaller sections (about 20 students) and others say they learn a great deal about the University itself while teaching. Dr. Scherer said.

The University Division of General Studies, which coordinates the seminars, will also be amending its charter to allow for the creation of additional seminars.

Faculty Senate

A faculty survey on the effectiveness of faculty governance through the Faculty Senate may be taken yet this academic year, according to David C. Rollier, acting president of the Senate.

Dr. Rollier told the Senate at its Feb. 6 meeting that he believed a survey of faculty sentiment toward the Senate might be worthwhile.

"It is my opinion Senate is set up to represent the University community as the (University) charter says it should," Dr. Rollier said. He added, however, if a large number of the faculty feel the Senate is not representative of the faculty as a whole, "then, there is a problem."

"I think it would be worthwhile to find out what the faculty actually thinks instead of what I think they think," Dr. Rollier said.

He added that the Senate always has been willing to offer opinions about staff and faculty committees on campus but it may now be time for Senate to solicit an opinion of its limit.

Questions about Senate's representativeness and effectiveness have been circulating on campus in recent weeks, Dr. Rollier said.

Senators are elected from their respective colleges for a three-year term, with one-third of the Senate elected each year. Colleges with more faculty members are more heavily represented in the Senate.

Dr. Rollier said the Senate is charged by the University charter with certain responsibilities, among them the passing of charter amendments to the trustees. Senate also is to function as the principal representative of faculty views on the welfare of the institution as a whole, he said.

Although no definite format for a survey has yet been developed, a possible question if a survey is taken might be, "How well does Senate fulfill its charter-defined responsibilities?" Dr. Rollier said. It is his opinion that most faculty are not aware of what the charter charges are and he said he would like to see questions on a survey which would help analyze just what kinds of information about Senate the respondents have.

Dr. Rollier said a major question to consider, in addition to representation, is "Are our priorities right?"

"Maybe we spend too much time discussing faculty salaries and changes in retirement benefits. Senate is not supposed to function more as a debating forum on things like the quality of the freshman experience," Dr. Rollier said.

He added that everyone with whom he has talked has favored a Senate evaluation.

Further meetings with Senate committees to discuss administrative responsibilities, policy and evaluation have been planned.

Military retirement credit ends March 15

Career military personnel now employed by the University have until March 15 to purchase a maximum of five years' credit in the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio.

House Bill 754, enacted by the Ohio legislature, provides that effective March 15, 1980, any member of the military who has served 20 or more years of active service and are receiving monthly military retirement, who now no longer be eligible to purchase military service credit toward retirement in PERS.

Further information about the conversion is available from the Office of Personnel Support Services, 372-0421.

Workshops set for 'Consumer Week'

Workshops on everything from car repair to cuisine have been scheduled during "Consumer Awareness Week" to be held Feb. 26-March 1. The activities are sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and the Student Consumer Union.

Following is a schedule of events:

"The Role of Advertising," 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26, Ohio Student Union.

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"Consumer Assertiveness" and "Frauds and Deceptions," 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, Ohio Student Union.

"How to Work Your Way Up to Master Charge," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, Ohio Student Union.

"What Insurers Know You Buy," 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27, Ohio Student Union.

"Car Repairs," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, Student Services Forum;

"Stereophoria Workshop," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, Grand Ballroom, University Union;

"Cuisine and Conviviality in the Toledo Area," 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 1, Commuter Center, Moseley Hall basement

"What You Need to Know About Running Shoes," 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, Rec Center lounge;

"Health and Nutrition," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, Rec Center lounge.

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NSF grant supports student research

For the second consecutive year, the National Science Foundation has awarded a grant to Bowling Green for a NSF- University of Michigan Undergraduate Participation Program to be held next summer on campus.

The $1,000 grant will enable 10 juniors and seniors to conduct research under the guidance of a Bowling Green faculty.

According to Robert Conner, program director of the project, the program is designed to make the University's research resources available to students at colleges and universities in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana who otherwise might not have an opportunity to conduct research as undergraduates.

Each student selected to take part will be paid a $1,000 stipend to cover expenses of participation and will work with a faculty member in one of 18 different research areas.

Fifteen Bowling Green faculty will conduct research seminars which will be held during the regular summer quarter.

Scholarship to aid foreign students

A scholarship for foreign students enrolled in the humanities will be offered for the 1979-80 academic year.

The scholarship was made possible by a $5,000 contribution to the University by Katherine Mackin, widow of Neil A. Mackin, Rossford.

The Mrs. Mackin Memorial Scholarship will be used as an income-generating fund that will assure a $3,000 annual scholarship and in addition, the office of international student programs has set up a scholarship fund for the annual subscription.

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Two win national management awards

Two former Bowling Green management students have been awarded first place in a national contest sponsored by the American Production and Inventory Control Society.

Among the competitors was David Biggs, management chair, said papers by the two, who have since graduated, were entered last year in a competition and chosen by a jury.

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