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In one of the smallest offices on campus six Bowling Green faculty and four graduate students work on the largest serial bibliography for modern languages and literature in the world.

James Harner, English, oversees the analysis and compilation of collections of essays and "Festschriften" for the Modern Language Association International Bibliography. His office is nestled on the second floor of University Hall. Dr. Harner described the "Festschriften" as volumes of essays published in honor of someone, quite often on the occasion of birthdays or death.

The MLA International Bibliography provides annual three-volume coverage of scholarship in the modern languages and literature, listing more than 40,000 entries compiled from more than 3,000 journals, series and books. Some 240 bibliographers, including the Bowling Green section, compile the listings, which ultimately are edited and published by the MLA, headquartered in New York. Dr. Harner said the Bowling Green bibliographers analyze and classify some 500 to 600 "Festschriften" and other essay collections each year. The work load now is at a peak, he said, because April 16 is the deadline for submission of material for the 1978 volume, to be published in September.

Working with Dr. Harner as bibliographers are John Burt, Warren Wolfe and Klaus Schmidt, all of romance languages; Donna Fricke and Ken Robb, English, and English graduate student Michael Wentworth, David Pasqueline, Brenda Caldwell and Sandra Kammer.

Dr. Harner noted the bibliographers' work is tedious and time consuming. One of the most difficult aspects of compiling the bibliography is identifying all works that have been published, he said. The bibliographers rely largely upon publishers to supply them with that information and review copies of the books.

Once books are received, they are checked to determine if the essays should be included in the bibliography and then are assigned to one of the section members for review and classification under one or more of the major volume headings. Dr. Harner noted a bibliographer must work about six months just to learn the classification system.

With the publication deadline fast approaching, Dr. Harner said the section members volunteer an average of six to 10 hours per week to the bibliography.

"The one reward is that we get some review copies to keep," Dr. Harner said.

The MLA International Bibliography has been published since 1926, according to Dr. Harner, but Bowling Green's involvement is relatively recent. In 1974 the editor of the bibliography asked Dr. Fricke, who previously had worked with him, to establish a section at Bowling Green to classify the "Festschriften" after 1976. Dr. Fricke established the section at Bowling Green and has been a member ever since. She relinquished her position as section head to Dr. Harner a year ago.

Two other Bowling Green faculty also are involved with the bibliography, but outside the easy section.

Douglas Fricke, English, is a bibliographer in the American literature section. Browning Salomon, English, is one of 10 scholars selected nationwide to study pan-American bibliography under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Retention study continues

Committee mails more questionnaires

An initial response of only 30 percent to questionnaires mailed as part of a University retention study has resulted in a second mailing.

Dr. Richard Eakin chairs a committee named last fall to study a three percent enrollment decline experienced fall quarter in the upper level classes. He said questionnaires were mailed the week of March 12 to students who did not respond to the first mailing.

"Only 18.9 percent of those responses were received from that first mailing to 553 students who did not return to Bowling Green fall quarter but had indicated intentions to do so.

Dr. Eakin said his committee, formed at the direction of Provost Ferrari, is hoping for a 50 percent response before drawing any final conclusions.

"It may be that we have a representative response now, but we would like to have more questionnaires returned and then check for representativeness," Dr. Eakin said.

The questionnaire is designed to determine where the former students are living now, what they are doing and their reasons for leaving the University.

Data from the 189 questionnaires returned indicated 69.8 percent of the students are living at home, 67.7 percent are employed either full or part time and 51.8 percent are continuing their education.

Listed as primary reasons for leaving the University were lack of funds to continue (39.8 percent); unclear educational or academic objectives (31.3 percent); wanting to take time off from school (28.6 percent); and the impersonal nature of Bowling Green (23.5 percent).

The 189 responses also showed that 19.2 percent of the students who left the University have definite plans to re-enroll, while another 17.4 percent indicated they probably will re-enroll at Bowling Green.

Dr. Eakin said much more complex analysis of the data is planned before the retention study is completed sometime during spring quarter.

Members of his committee now are forwarding to him requests for specific analysis of the data and comparisons with demographic information on file. Dr. Eakin said he plans to look at combinations of factors as well as individual breakdowns of the data.

He indicated he particularly is interested in establishing the validity of the claim that financial reasons were at the heart of most students' failure to return.

Faculty and staff have received questionnaires similar to those mailed to the non-returning students in an attempt to assess their views of why fall quarter retention was low. Dr. Eakin said the response rate to the faculty/staff questionnaires has been very good, but no data has yet been tabulated.

Another questionnaire will be distributed to students on campus during the spring quarter to determine their views on the retention problem.

"From these three sources, we hope to learn the areas that need attention in terms of improving retention," Dr. Eakin said.

He added, however, that Bowling Green followed national trends in showing an enrollment decline fall quarter and has since shown improvement. The retention rate from fall to winter quarter this year was higher than last year, he said.

Emeriti faculty were invited for the first time to participate in commencement ceremonies when 450 students received degrees on March 17. Among the emeriti faculty who attended were [left to right] William C. Jordan, education; Robert Keefe, health and physical education, and Charles W. Young, education. The winter quarter commencement was held in Memorial Hall.
Update

In 1976, women's intercollegiate athletics at Bowling Green were transferred from the jurisdiction of the department of physical education and recreation to the department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Carole Huston was hired as associate athletic director for non-revenue sports, which included all women's intercollegiate activities. The University's non-revenue sports are funded entirely through student fees and no admission fees are charged.

The move has enhanced the already good reputation of women's sports at Bowling Green, according to Huston, who said the breadth of the University's athletic program is one of the largest in the Midwest. The women compete under the jurisdiction of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

Huston said approximately 175 women are involved in the intercollegiate program, which includes competition in basketball, track and cross country, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, swimming and diving, tennis, volleyball and softball. Softball is the most recent addition to intercollegiate competition at Bowling Green.

Huston said the future of women's intercollegiate athletics at Bowling Green hinges largely upon implementation of Title IX of the Educational Amendments for 1972 which mandates equal opportunity for men and women in all areas of athletic competition, including funding.

"We are waiting now to receive the specific regulations regarding measurement of compliance," Huston said. Although she acknowledged it will be a problem finding the funds required to meet the new standards, Huston said the federal act is "definitely" will enhance our program in the areas of grants-in-aid, travel and scheduling.

New advisory committee to oversee Campus Safety and Security operations

A committee which ideally should have "very little to do" has been formed to oversee actions of Campus Safety and Security.

Gerald Rigby, chair of the new Campus Safety and Security Advisory Committee and director of the University's criminal justice program, said the group was formed by George Poatich, vice president for operations. Its purpose is to serve as a sounding board for any complaints about the operation of Campus Safety and Security.

"If things go well, we ought to have very little to do," Dr. Rigby said. "Only in the case of a serious question would it become active, and it appears that since the department has been restructured, most of the complaints that were grounds for investigation now are non-existent."

Dr. Rigby referred to an investigation of the University police conducted by the Ad Hoc Police Review Panel. The panel was "en-created in spring 1977 by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Rigby was a member of an ad hoc committee and said the new advisory group is a direct result of the ad hoc committee's report, issued in November 1977.

"We want to prevent a lack of confidence in Campus Safety from recurring," Dr. Rigby said. "The real value of the committee will be to take the lid off thesteam if there is any growing resentment towards the department."

Although he stressed the new committee should have little to do, Dr. Rigby said the group will be "available" to keep channels of communication open between William Beiss, director of Campus Safety and Security, and the University community at large.

"If there is a group on campus which feels it is being harrassed or overlooked by the police, the committee is a good place to come," Dr. Rigby said. He emphasized that special meetings of the committee may be requested by any individual or group on campus, similar to petitioning him for such a meeting.

The committee, which began formal meetings in February, has devoted its time thus far to internal organization and discussions of the operation of Campus Safety and Security.

However, Dr. Rigby said the committee may very well get involved in such issues as the trespassing incident which occurred at the beginning of winter quarter when a student was charged for entering her own campus residence before rooms officially were open.

"We may be asked to look at the appropriateness of that rule as well as at the actions of the officers involved," Dr. Rigby said.

According to Dr. Rigby, a key to the group's effectiveness will be its breadth in terms of "being a democratic community at large and with Campus Safety personnel."

Dr. Rigby said committee members represent a broad area of academic life. Members include George Allen, Student Government Association; Gailen Ash, Bowling Green City Police; Beth Aumuth, Graduate Student Senate; Randy Gallner, classified staff; Beverly Munoz, equal opportunity compliance office; Karl Schurr, Faculty Senate; Jan Scottby, student affairs; John Mullins, public relations; Kari Bess, minority students, and Dr. Rigby.

Improved communication is goal of Personnel Steering Committee

After two meetings, members of a newly-formed Ad Hoc Personnel Steering Committee are "enthusiastic," according to Susan Carrell, program planning manager in the Office of Personnel Support Services.

The group first met March 6 to discuss the purpose of the committee, which has been formed to provide direct channels of communication between classified employees and the personnel office.

According to Richard Rehmer, director of personnel support services, the committee will serve as a sounding board for the discussion of policies, procedures, incentives and services affecting classified staff; provide an avenue of input from between William Beiss, director of personnel involving matters of concern related to their employment; and provide University officials with an effective method of communication on matters affecting classified employees.

Seventeen classified employees have been appointed to the Ad Hoc Personnel Steering Committee that was formed to seek the basis of job location, job category and unit.

Present members include Josie Perez, academic custodial; Ruth Warner, night custodial; Louise Shockery, dormitory custodial; Harold Speaker, building maintenance; Ralph Basye, skilled crafts; Dorothy Kerr, University Union; Robert McEwen, grounds; Karen Allen, residence dining halls; Charlotte Starnes, Campus Safety; Sandra Miesmer, Admissions; Gerald Hiser, athletics; Denise Freeman, alumni, development; John Ketzer, Health Center, student services and Rec Center; Richard Sanford, computer services; Charlene Rohr, McFall Center; Christine Plotts, library, and Kay Reed, academic colleges.

Faculty Senate

Oral interviews to be conducted by present members of the Faculty Senate have been determined as the mode for a general faculty assessment of the Senate.

David C. Roller, chair of the Faculty Senate, announced at the March 3 meeting that a committee has been formed to develop the questionnaire which will be used in the interviews.

On the committee are Thomas L. Kinney, English; Albert B. Blankenship, marketing; Susan Arpad, popular culture, and Melvin Shelley, education, who will chair the committee.

The questionnaire will be presented on a one-to-one basis, Dr. Roller said, with the current Senators approaching their colleagues in an attempt to analyze faculty sentiment on the effectiveness of Senate's governance.

Dr. Roller told the Senate at its Feb. 6 meeting that he believed a survey of faculty sentiment towards the Senate might resolve questions about the Senate's representativeness and should assist it in becoming more effective. Questions about Senate's representativeness and effectiveness have been circulating on campus in recent weeks, Dr. Roller said.

He told the Senate March 6 that a study of membership had been completed and that 230 different individuals had held terms of office during the academic year.

Dr. Roller added that only 10 faculty members had been elected to the Senate for 10 years or more, with all but one of those continuing senators from the College of Arts and Sciences. Of the current 64 elected faculty on Senate, only 15 are serving in continuous terms of four years or more.

Other findings of the study revealed the average Senate chair served 7.8 years in the Senate and that all but two chairs in the 16 years studied have come from the College of Arts and Sciences. Senate secretaries during the period studied served an average of 7.2 years. During seven of the 15 years the Senate's executive officer was held by a representative from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Although 19 members from outside the College of Arts and Sciences are serving continuously, no recent election of such a representative has held a senate seat within the Senate. Dr. Roller said that the faculty survey will attempt to answer why so few senators of that group currently represent the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Roller said.

Other questions will deal with Senate's responsibilities and priorities.

HUSTLING—Women's intercollegiate basketball is just one of 11 sports which has blossomed under the jurisdiction of the department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Carole Huston, associate athletic director for women's intercollegiate athletics, said approximately 175 women are involved in the women's intercollegiate program, one of the broadest in the Midwest.
Grants

Gary R. Hess, history, $2,500 from the Bowling Green State University Institute to support a study of the first phases of U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia during the 1940s.

William B. Jackson, environmental studies, $12,895 from the Toledo Edison Co. for a continuing Davis-Besse Bird Strike Monitoring Program which is required by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dr. Jackson is investigating the effects the nuclear power plant has on migrating birds.

Vincent Mabert, management, $4,775 from the American Production and Inventory Control Society, Inc., for a study which will help identify the essential elements of management duties. Survey data will be used to develop and document a detailed set of management programs to fit the needs of colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Reginald Noble, biology, $2,100 from the U.S. Forest Service to analyze plant materials for chemical and morphological examination.

Faculty

Wei Shi, applied statistics and operations research, $10,742 from the Ohio State University Engineering Experiment Station to perform mathematical programming/operations research/systems analyses to support efforts at redesigning the Social Security Administration.

Publications

Alice Heim Calderonelo, English, and Kathleen Hart, English, "Sentences, Paragraphs and Essays: An Integrated Approach," published this month by Little, Brown and Co. The text is a developmental writing book which utilizes materials the authors prepared for English 110 at Bowling Green. The materials have been used in duplicated form in the 110 classes.

James Hodge, education, "Assessing Teacher Stress: A Beneficial Task for the Administrator," in the latest issue of "American Secondary Education." The article was co-authored by Perry Marker, doctoral fellow at Indiana University, and is based on experimental research involving secondary education teachers and their own perceptions of stress.

Dr. Hodge says that many education and psychology researchers still believe that teachers are a rather homogeneous group, which he does not think is true. The problem of teachers' stress is of increasing concern to those in the education field.


Recognitions

Wallace E. DePue, music composition and history, has been named a fellow at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in Sweet Briar, Va. As a result of this appointment, DePue will spend June 15-July 21 at the Center, where he plans to finish a symphony for children entitled "The Three Little Pigs.

James R. Gordon, journalism, has received the Robert S. Carson Award for outstanding contributions to photojournalism in Ohio.

The award was presented by the Ohio News Photographers Association at the annual convention held March 17-18 in Cleveland.


The tapes and instruction sheet were prepared by Hessett from data she gathered during her leave to Czechoslovakia in 1978. Hessett used the record and instruction sheet to teach at a "Folk Dance Weekend" Feb. 18-19 at Parksville, N.Y.

Douglas C. Necker, chemistry, has been named the 1978 recipient of the Leo Friend Award in Chemical Technology. The award, which includes a $500 honorarium, is presented each year by the American Chemical Society for the best paper published in "Chemtech," the organization's journal.


James J. Romeo, creative arts program, College of Musical Arts, has received a two-month research grant from the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation of New Mexico. From June 20-Aug. 20, 1980, he will complete research for the composition of a ballet on American Indian music and folklore.

The Woodwind Quintet

Woodwind Quintet to perform at national music convention

For the second time in six years Bowling Green's Woodwind Quintet has been accorded national recognition.

The group has been invited to perform at the 1979 Music Teachers National Association Convention in Seattle, Wash., April 1-6. Special emphasis is being given to the woodwinds at the convention this year.

John Bentley, music performance, and a member of the group, said the MTNA is one of the oldest and largest associations of its type in the country. Membership includes music teachers from both the public and private sectors. The group was selected to perform on the basis of competitive auditions, which makes the honor especially significant.

Dr. Bentley said. Six years ago the Woodwind Quintet played for a similar competition at the National Association of Music Educators National Conference in California. On April 19 the group will again be featured at the Midwest Regional MENC in Indianapolis, an honor also earned on the basis of competitive auditions.

In Seattle the quintet will perform twice, once in a lecture recital and once in a general session evening concert. Present members of the quintet, who have been together seven years, are David Melle, flute; Edward Marks, clarinet; Robert Moore, bassoon; Dr. Bentley, oboe, and Herbert Spencer, horn. The original quintet was formed in 1970.
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE—Welders were installing a railing in the main auditorium of the new Musical Arts Building last week. A report on the status of construction was issued by the University architect to the Board of Trustees on March 8. The report indicated that as of Feb. 28 the project was 75 percent complete. Redwood paneling has been installed in the main auditorium and fixed auditorium seating should be ready to install by May. Construction work is tentatively scheduled for completion by mid-July and the facility is scheduled to open at the beginning of fall quarter, 1979.

Trustees

Inflation and a projected tight money situation for the coming academic year prompted a raise in room and meal rates for students and comments from President Moore on House Bill 204 (the state appropriations bill for higher education) at the March 8 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The trustees voted to increase room rates by $10 to $292 per quarter. The meal coupon plan was increased by $15 to $205 per quarter.

President’s Report

President Moore told the trustees that on the basis of the formula proposed in HB 204, the base level subsidy is recommended for Bowling Green is $30,924,000 for 1979-80 and $32,717,000 for 1980-81. The recommended base level subsidy in the first year of the biennium represents $2.4 million more than for 1979-79, or an increase of 6.4 percent.

Dr. Moore pointed out to the trustees, however, that in 1979-79 the University received a classified pay supplement of $619,000 which has not been renewed. When the pay supplement is factored into the base level subsidy, the total new dollars for Bowling Green amount to $1,782,000, or an actual increase of 6.2 percent, Dr. Moore said. He added that mandated classified step increases totaling $163,000, plus increased retirement rates for the State Teachers Retirement System and the Public Employees Retirement System, bring the total net new subsidies down to $1,454,000, or a 5.1 percent gain.

Dr. Moore told the trustees that as of March 1 total applications received from freshmen and transfer students for fall quarter 1979 are seven percent above the level of the year earlier.

He announced a title change for James E. Hof, former vice president for public services, who has been named vice president of development and alumni affairs, effective March 1.

Effective the same day, he said, the directors of News and Photography Services and the Publications Office report to Richard Edwards, vice president and assistant to the president.

Board Action

The trustees voted to proceed with 73 separate improvement projects, most of them in residence halls, at a cost of $801,950.

In other action the Board formally approved the creation of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Three amendments to the University’s Academic Charter, recommended by the Faculty Senate, were approved.

An amendment to Section 5-A of Article XII sets the formal term of office for a department chair at four years and states that new terms shall normally begin at the start of the academic year. An amendment to Section 6 of Article IV excludes department chairs from membership on the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Conciliation.

The grievance arbitration procedure also was amended to include a provision for investigation of alleged deficiencies in procedure or violation of charter provisions after the findings of the hearing board have been issued.

The trustees accepted grants and contracts totaling $886,305.68 for January and February of this year.

When and Where

Music

Men’s Chorus, 8 p.m. Monday, March 26, Recital Hall, College of Musical Arts. Free.
Robert Cohen, guest cellist, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Recital Hall, College of Musical Arts. Free.
Trombone Ensemble, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 1, Recital Hall, College of Musical Arts. Free.
The Eastman Trio, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 1, Recital Hall, College of Musical Arts. Free.

The concert is sponsored by the Artist Series, Student Activities and the College of Musical Arts.

Burtynsky, guest bass, 8 p.m. Monday, April 2, Recital Hall, College of Musical Arts. Free.
Brass Quintet, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 5, Firelands College Theater. Peter Armstrong, guest pianist, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 8, Recital Hall, College of Musical Arts. Free.
Brass Quintet, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 8, Recital Hall, College of Musical Arts. Free.

Exhibits

Watercolors by the late James Strong, Lima, 2-5 p.m. daily through March 29, McFall Center Gallery. The exhibit has been extended as a memorial to Strong, who died March 9.

Theater

"Trouble in Mind," 8 p.m. April 5-7, Joe E. Brown Theater.

Assistant Roznowski

Steve Roznowski has been appointed assistant director of placement, replacing Jim Treger, who has a new position in the athletic department.

Roznowski was formerly director of placement at Davenport College, Michigan, and was an administrative assistant in placement at Ferris State College.

He will be responsible for placement of business graduates and alumni.