University officials prepare to justify doctoral programs

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University faculty and administrators are working feverishly to meet a tight deadline for a self-study of doctoral programs in history and psychology. The studies are required for "round one" of the Ohio Board of Regents' statewide review of Ph.D. programs at Ohio's public universities and are due by June 15.

The review was initiated by Gov. George V. Voinovich's Managing for the Future Task Force report, a document which suggested ways for public universities to operate more effectively; including eliminating programs that are duplicative or ineffective.

In round one, the Board of Regents will partly study doctoral programs in history, psychology and computer science. Bowling Green doesn't offer a Ph.D. in computer science.

The University was informed of the targeted areas for round one and was given the June deadline the first week of December.

"It took us somewhat by surprise," said Donald Nieman, chair of the history department. "We knew this was in the offing but we didn't know we would be one of the first groups to be reviewed and even if we were (one of the first groups), we thought the report wouldn't be due until the end of the calendar year."

Nieman and Dr. David Skaggs, the graduate adviser for history, started gathering data for the review before Christmas, which included contacting Ph.D. graduates from the college.

An ad hoc committee, which Skaggs and Nieman will co-chair, will meet for the first time this week to continue the rest of the review process using criteria established by a committee of the Board of Regents.

"I think we have a strong program that is unique in the state of Ohio and is not duplicated by many programs in the country," Nieman said. "Our job now, as I see it, is to show that to the best advantage so that the people involved will appreciate just exactly how good our program is."

Dr. William Balzer, chair of the psychology department, admitted that "being first out of the chute is difficult. We feel we're a solid department but we're concerned quite honestly as to whether the criteria the Board of Regents will be using to decide whether to cut programs is based on quality criteria."

He noted that the University of Toledo also offers a doctoral program in psychology and expressed concern that "Northwest Ohio is not high on the priorities of Columbus.

"We see our mission not only as justifying why we should exist but also educating the Board of Regents as to how psychology contributes to the welfare of the state of Ohio."

Like Nieman, Balzer has also convened an ad hoc committee made up of faculty from psychology and two from outside the department to conduct the self-study.

Once universities submit their self-studies for round one, a state-level review of those programs will be conducted from July 1-Sept. 15. The Board of Regents plans to take action regarding the reviews at its October meeting.

In round two of the project, universities are required to submit self-studies of Ph.D. programs in English, education and chemistry by Sept. 15. In round three, reports of doctoral programs in biological sciences, physics and business are due by Oct. 15.

Bowling Green has programs in six of the identified areas — history, psychology, English, educational administration and supervision, biological sciences and photochemical sciences. However, students in photochemical sciences don't do the kind of chemical projects listed by the Board of Regents in the request for review.

"We don't mind reviewing it but it isn't a chemistry program," said Dr. Louis Katzner, dean of the graduate college.

Katzner objects to the limited time frame given for the self-studies and is also concerned that the statewide review will be based on political concerns rather than the merits of the programs.

"If the review focuses on the programs then I'm confident we will fare well, but if it becomes a political issue — that's a different story and it will be really unfortunate for higher education."

Katzner has been working with the college deans, department chairs, graduate coordinators and the vice president for academic affairs to prepare for the review process. He said that the University will also use external consultants to offer input on the studies.

"We're trying to see that we're not hurt in the self-study, that we are doing the best we can."

Journalism professor's textbook takes readers into writing process

Wanna-be newspaper reporters are counseled to learn the trade by practicing their writing and interviewing skills. Yet Dr. Ray Laakaniemi, chair of the journalism department, found that the authors of textbooks seemed to encourage beginning journalists mostly to read.

"Journalism entry-level textbooks are much longer than they should be," Laakaniemi said.

He set out to create an alternative in the college textbook market and recently produced a work that is not only concise but makes students get involved in analyzing and trying out different styles of writing.

"Newswriting in Transition" is a kind of paperback version of a writing coach, designed for a one-semester course. It offers step-by-step guides to creating various types of news stories, pointing out common mistakes to avoid and suggesting tips to remember. It encourages students to analyze why certain stories are structured or written a particular way so that they will do more than simply follow a format when they create their own pieces.

"By focusing on the problems the student needs to understand before, while and after writing news stories, this book provides something new and useful. It focuses on how the reporter thinks his or her way through a story," Laakaniemi wrote in the book's introduction.

The book is based on "process theory" — a concept well known by English professors, where the act of writing is organized into different parts. Several chapters end with lists of facts which students can use in composing their own stories.

"Newswriting in Transition" also provides its readers with more than 40 award-winning stories which Laakaniemi culled from publications all over the United States. "Students need to read well-written news stories to understand how to write better news stories, feel the enthusiasm the writer has for the story, and have the satisfaction of reading all the way through a well-crafted story," Laakaniemi said.

Collecting the examples, writing and thoroughly organizing the material for a concise format took the journalism professor several years. "In my estimation it's a lot harder to write a short book than a long one," he said.

During those years, Laakaniemi published another book, "The Weekly Writer's Handbook," a primer for newspaper reporters who come to the field with little or no journalism training.

With two publications on the shelves, he's already at work on his third and fourth — a handbook for reporters of daily newspapers titled "The Daily Miracle," and a collection of anecdotes from people who have worked on weekly newspapers called "The Great American Weekly."
Physics professor collaborates with national scientists on quark theory

Since the elusive sub-atomic particles called "quarks" were first discovered, they have puzzled physicists.

Quarks are considered to be among the most basic constituents of matter and their behavior is the subject of intense study.

Dr. Lewis Fulcher, physics, is contributing his expertise in relativistic dynamics to test theories that seek to explain the kinds of nuclear forces quarks exert on one another.

Fulcher has begun a collaboration with a team of physicists who have developed a theory known as Dual Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD). He describes this as "a dual approach to the color forces between particles."

Dr. Marshall Baker, University of Washington, Dr. James Ball, University of Utah, and Dr. Fred Zachariasen, California Institute of Technology, have been working for ten years to develop and refine this theory. "Now, the burning question is 'is the theory correct?' said Fulcher. Sometimes, he said, a new test is needed for new theories, but the criteria for any test is 'Can it explain the data?'

This summer, Fulcher met Ball and Zachariasen for the first time when they traveled to Como, Italy, to present papers on their research. Fulcher was on the organizing committee for the international conference on "Quark Confinement and the Hadron Spectrum."

In Como, Fulcher led a plenary session and gave two reports, one on his collaboration with the group and another strictly on his own work on relativistic dynamics. "I tried to give the most general talk possible about my approach as it may be applied to other theories as well," he said. He had already been sharing research with two other physicists on the organizing committee, Dr. Giuliano Prosperi and Dr. Nora Brambilla, from the University of Milan, whom he had met at a conference at Fermilab II in 1992.

Fulcher's collaboration with Ball, Baker and Zachariasen began after Baker heard Fulcher give a talk announcing a new approach to relativistic dynamics in 1993 at the Institute for Nuclear Physics in Seattle. "Baker became very excited and realized my approach could be used to test the Dual QCD theory," said Fulcher.

At first, Fulcher communicated by mail and telephone with Baker, whom he described as "an idea man." He told Fulcher to learn the theory in order to know if my relativistic dynamic approach could be used to test it," he said. Later, he began an intensive e-mail correspondence with Ball, the calculations and computer expert of the group, in which they shared dozens of complicated calculations, formulae and results. "We were sending each other long programs two to three times a week," Fulcher said.

ASC suggests six month leave for moms, dads

Administrative Staff Council is recommending some changes to employee handbooks, including the increase of leave for new moms and dads from four months to six months.

The suggested changes, drawn up by ASC's personnel welfare committee, originally called for simply an increase in the amount of maternity leave to equal what is available to classified staff.

After discussion at the Jan. 5 meeting, however, several ASC members noted that the current policy puts paternity leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act which offers only 12 weeks.

The revisions, if approved by the University's Board of Trustees, would allow administrative staff members who parent a new child, either by birth or through adoption, six months leave.

Although many ASC members left the meeting before a final vote on the recommendation was taken, a majority of the members present approved it.

However, a special meeting of ASC has been called for 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the library conference room to discuss keeping paternity leave at 12 weeks.

The recommendations will be reviewed by the President's Advisory Council before they are submitted to the Board of Trustees.

ASC also approved recommended revisions to the Family Medical Leave Act policy. The council liked the policy to state that each employee is eligible for the 12 weeks of leave recognized by federal law. For example, if both a husband and wife are employed at the University, they should both be allowed 12 weeks of leave each, said ASC members.

The other suggested changes in the handbook that came out of the January meeting spell out recommended procedures to be followed regarding equity adjustments; assumption of additional responsibilities due to the elimination of a position, the consolidation of positions or the vacancy in a position; interim and acting appointments; market adjustments and promotions.

Three new chairs are appointed for 1995

With the start of the new year, three faculty members began new appointments as chairs of their departments.

Dr. Ronald Shields will oversee theatre, Dr. Marvin Belzer, philosophy and Dr. John L. Hayden, mathematics.

Shields is an associate professor of theatre and has been on staff since 1986. He has served as the director of several University productions and will be staging a performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth this semester.

Belzer, associate professor of philosophy, was a visiting assistant professor at Duke, Rutgers and North Carolina State universities before he joined the staff of Bowling Green in 1991. He has served on the philosophy advisory committee and curriculum committee.

Hayden, professor of mathematics, joined the University in 1976. He has been a member of the department's curriculum and graduate committees, and chaired the Ph.D. prelim committee. The chair positions are each four year terms.

There was also a strong, purely mental aspect to the work. "It's the artistic, creative angle that sucks you in," he said.

This mostly happens when you go to bed at night and somehow process all that you did that day, " Fulcher said.

is not sure where the collaboration will lead, or indeed if the Dual QCD theory will prove correct, but already the presentations and papers of the group have spawned reactions and comments from other members of the scientific community that may lead to new avenues of inquiry. "The wonderful thing about science is that it's reproducible. We can share our knowledge to find the right answer," said Lewis Fulcher.

Canadian values to be explored

Canada's record of intervention in world hot spots will be the subject of the eighth annual Reddin Symposium from 12:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at Mili Alumni Center.

Titled "Peacekeeping as an Expression of Canadian Values," the symposium will feature a panel of defense experts.

They will discuss the circumstances that led former prime minister Lester Pearson to advocate the use of multinational armed forces to serve as a buffer in areas of the world where conflict could erupt.

Pearson's efforts led to a Nobel Peace prize.

Presented by the University's Canadian Studies Center, the symposium is funded by the Reddin family of Bowling Green to promote a better understanding of Canada and its people among northwest Ohioans.

The Reddin Symposium is free and open to the public but space is limited. Those wishing to attend can make reservations by calling Linda Snyder in the Canadian studies office (2-2457) between 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations can also be made by FAX at (2-2875).

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Workshop to focus on safety standards

A day-long workshop for public employees on maintaining compliance with Ohio House Bill 308 will be held Friday, Jan. 20, in the Atumus of Holley Lodge, 1630 E. Wooster St.

House Bill 308, which went into effect Jan. 1, requires libraries, schools, municipalities and other local and state government agencies to comply with health and safety standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Topics will include the right to work in a healthy environment and the cost of safety.

The workshop is being sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs in cooperation with the Division of Safety and Hygiene, Wood County Board of Mental Retardation and Mental Disabilities, Wood County Office.

There is a fee to attend. For more information or to register, contact Shirley Trythall at Continuing Education (2-8181).

University does more while reducing costs

By instituting its own chemical recycling program, environmental health and safety has saved the University $75,000 in chemical purchases and disposal costs.

By joining a pooled property insurance program through the Ohio Inter-University Council, the University has realized a savings of $29,281 in property insurance.

By implementing a bike patrol, public safety has saved the department $800 per month in gasoline and other costs related to operating vehicles.

These are just a few of the examples of how Bowling Green is "doing more with less" that were included in a report submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents.

Regents Chancellor Elaine Hairston had requested the reports from Ohio's public universities to show Gov. George V. Voinovich and state lawmakers examples of innovative programs that have resulted in cost savings.

"Bowling Green is, in my opinion, one of the most efficiently run public universities in Ohio, as we were even prior to the recent significant reductions in faculty and staff," said J. Christopher Dalton, vice president for planning and budgeting. "We need, however, to continue to strive to find ways to improve the quality of our service to students."

Professor is named "accomplished leader"

Dr. Fiona MacKinnon-Staney, higher education and student affairs, was presented with the Ohio College Personnel Association's first annual "Accomplished Leader Award."

MacKinnon-Staney's award recognizes professional service, advocacy and research related to the field of college student personnel. She has 29 years of experience in the field and, since 1988, has been coordinator of her department's adult learner focus group.

Before coming to Bowling Green, she taught at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and served in the Career Services Office at Pennsylvania State University. She currently is vice chair/chair-elect of Bowling Green's Faculty Senate and is a member of the presidential search committee.

Back to school

Spring semester 1995 is underway, as evidenced by the students in line at the Bursar's Office last week.

Officials shed some light on campus illumination

How many University employees does it take to change a light bulb? Quite a few, according to Walt Beeker, public safety.

Beeker is in charge of making a monthly survey and inventory of exterior campus lights where he looks for such things as burned-out bulbs and areas that should have better lighting.

Beeker sends the results of his findings to the five other individuals involved in University lighting. These include Carl Cogar, director of the physical plant; Charles Codding, assistant director of the physical plant; Raymond Gonyer, electrical shop supervisor; Francis (Bud) Johnson, physical plant electrician in charge of outside lighting; and Robert Martin, vice president for operations.

Johnson accompanies Beeker on his lighting rounds whenever possible as it is he who does the actual replacing of bulbs. Beeker noted that it is a big job for one person to handle alone. "We've got halogen lights, sodium lights and several other kinds. We've got a little bit of everything," he said.

"Lighting is our area of biggest concern and the area our police department has the least control over," said Barbara Waddell, public information officer for the campus police. "Just as in towns and villages, where the police don't come out and change light bulbs when someone reports one out, we can't actually replace them ourselves, but lights are so important to the safety of our students."

She and Beeker both agree that the areas around bike racks should be better lit. Bicycle theft is one of the campus's main crime problems, according to Waddell, and has been the focus of anti-theft programs.

The University is in the review stage of a long-range plan for upgrading lighting throughout the campus.

Cogar said the University had just received a report from an engineering firm hired to analyze campus lighting needs and to develop a plan to address those needs. After the proposed plan has been critically reviewed, the project will be divided into affordable phases.

But many of the improvements recommended by Beeker are already in the works, according to Martin and Cogar. These include more lights in the inner campus, which is the area encompassed by the Administration Building, the University Union, McFall Center and South Hall.

All University parking lots will have improved lights by the end of this month, said Cogar. Employees of the physical plant electrical shop are currently installing new, high-output lights that will focus light more directly on the ground where it is needed. These new lights will be both brighter and more energy-efficient, said Beeker.

Also scheduled for improvement are Ridgeway Street and Merry Avenue along the Oak Grove Cemetery. "The lighting used to be suitable in this area, but the trees have grown so large they've obscured a lot of it," he said.

Work on the lighting improvements is slated to begin this spring or summer and is expected to cost between $60,000 and $80,000.

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In the next round of upgrading, lighted sidewalks will be built along Merry Avenue at Mercer Road between the University Field House and the Recreation Center, said Cogar.

Martin said approximately $200,000 is allocated for lighting every two years. The planning committee gathers information and reports from several areas, including Undergraduate Student Government, campus student housing officials, University police and others to set priorities for the next biennium.

Faculty and staff members who have concerns or suggestions about campus lights should contact Beeker at 2-2346.
— Bonnie Blankinship
Monday, Jan. 16
University closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday, Jan. 17
Classified Staff Council Meeting, 9 a.m.-noon, Taft Room, Union.
People for Racial Justice Committee Meeting, 1:20-3:30 p.m., Taft Room, Union.
Faculty Senate Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Assembly Room, McFall Center.

Wednesday, Jan. 18
Faculty Artist Series Concert, Tubist Ivan Hammel assisted by Elizabeth Cobb, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.
Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Michigan, 8 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Thursday, Jan. 19
Annual Dance Concert, University Performing Dancers, 8 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Admission $5.
BGSU Lenhart Classic Film Series, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975) directed by Milo Forman, 9 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Friday, Jan. 20
Hollywood Comedies of the 1930s film series, "Laurel and Hardy at Work," 7:30 p.m., and "Our Gang Comedies," 8:45 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.
BGSU Planetarium Show, "To Shine Almost Forever: The Incredible Lives of Stars," 8 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Bldg. A $5 donation is suggested.
Annual Dance Concert, University Performing Dancers, 8 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Admission $5.
Concert Performance, BGSU Symphonic Band conducted by Bruce Moss with guest soloist Kenley Inglesfield, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Saturday, Jan. 21
Concert Performance, BGSU Concert Band conducted by Thomas Rohrer, 11 a.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.
Women's Basketball vs. Toledo, 1:30 p.m., Anderson Arena.
Annual Dance Concert, University Performing Dancers, 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Admission $5.
Hockey vs. Michigan State, 7 p.m., ice arena.
Hollywood Comedies of the 1940s film series, "The Lady Eve" Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Sunday, Jan. 22
Faculty Artist Series Concert Performance, Violinist Paul Macara and pianist Jerome Rose, 4 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.
BGSU Planetarium Show, "To Shine Almost Forever: The Incredible Lives of Stars," 7:30 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Bldg. A $5 donation is suggested.

Monday, Jan. 23
International Film Series, "Cagavsi Golam" (1919) German film directed by Robert Wiene and Henrik Galeen, 8 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.
Items submitted for Datebook must be sent in writing, c/o Monitor, 516 Administration Bldg., or faxed to 2-2617 no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday the week preceding intended publication.

Practice, practice
The University Performing Dancers rehearse for their annual dance concert. The program will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday (Jan. 19-20) and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 21) at Eva Marie Saint Theatre in University Hall. It will feature a piece by guest choreographer Gregory Patterson, a University alum who is now an assistant professor at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., and assistant director and dancer with the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble. Another piece on the program, titled "Walking and Falling," includes students from the Creative Arts Program along with the University Performing Dancers. Tickets for the concert are $5 and are available at the door.

Gish film theater welcomes families on weekends
At the Gish Film Theater, Fridays and Saturdays are family nights. The theater will be showing comedies each Friday and Saturday through April 29. Fridays will feature Hollywood comedies from the 1930s while comedies from the 1940s will be showcased on Saturdays. Admission is free.
Dr. Ralph Wolfe, curator of the Gish Film Theater and Gallery, said parents should not hesitate to bring the kids along.
"They don't make movies like these anymore; maybe we're too serious," Wolfe said, adding that the films feature some of Hollywood's finest directors and actors.
The double feature on Friday (Jan. 20) will be "Laurel and Hardy at Work" at 7:30 p.m. followed by "Our Gang Comedies" at 8:45 p.m. On Saturday (Jan. 21), movie-goers will see "The Lady Eve," a 1941 motion picture starring Barbara Stanwyck as the delightfully delinquent lady who sets sail on a high-rolling ocean liner casino to hustle a seemingly innocent millionaire played by Henry Fonda.
Future films include "His Double Life," a 1933 film featuring Lillian Gish and Roland Young; "A Night at the Opera" starring the incomparable Marx Brothers; "My Man Godfrey" with Carole Lombard and William Powell; "Bringing Up Baby" with Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant; Frank Capra's "You Can't Take It With You," and "Abbot and Costello Meet Frankenstein.

FACULTY/staff POSITIONS

For sale
The philosophy department has for sale a Kodak Data Show system which works with all 286 PC machines for $100. Contact Pat Bressler at 2-2110.
Graduate Student Senate has for sale two computers, an IBM PC and an Apple Macintosh Plus. Call the office at 2-2826.