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Freshmen favor general education

A majority of University freshmen who enrolled in the fall 1985 consider general education courses to be of equal importance to courses in their major, according to the 13th annual survey of entering freshmen by the Office of Institutional Studies.

In the survey, 69 percent of the 2,164 freshmen responding to questions put general education courses on the same level as classes in their major. In other responses, 27 percent said general education courses were less important

and 5 percent said general education courses were more important.

The freshman data are intended to provide a picture of freshmen for the University community, but in particular faculty and staff engaged in program and curriculum development, said James Litwin, director of Institutional Studies.

"The finding on general education is a good one," said Dr. Litwin. "It's surprising given the rather large emphasis in the past on career orientation of students. It's a real hopeful sign."

The survey gathers information about freshman aspirations, initial concerns and attitudes toward a variety of issues.

Women made up 64 percent of the respondents, which nearly equals the actual proportion of 63 percent women who enrolled last year.

Dr. Litwin said the survey also posed questions to students regarding other cultures. Only 14 percent of the freshmen said learning about diverse backgrounds and cultures was a very important reason for going to college.

"Given that the University is considering a University-wide requirement of culture study, we will need to launch a pretty good campaign to convince students of the importance of such courses," said Dr. Litwin.

"We have to show students that we are going to provide leadership in this matter and it's not just a frill but something we

take seriously."

Dr. Litwin also said the survey indicates that many freshmen develop a meaningful philosophy of life early in their college career. "In their first semester, freshmen are focusing on the immediacy of getting started," he said. "Then they relax and start learning more about issues."

Dr. Litwin said Institutional Studies soon will begin surveying seniors. Doing so will provide a means of comparing attitudes of students as they enter and leave the University. Such comparisons should show how students have developed during their four years at Bowling Green.

Comparison of surveys in 1975, 1980 and 1985 indicate that students are increasingly in pursuit of job, career and financial well-being. Concern for others in difficulty remains, said Dr. Litwin. Along with these commitments there is an indication that the entering freshman still spends time pursuing significant questions about self and the future.

Political identities have more or less stabilized and students remain interested in broader, out-of-classroom interactions with faculty. And, the financial costs of attending college have become an increasingly important aspect of the admissions process.

The complete results of the 1985 survey, as well as those of previous years, are available from Institutional Studies.

Sheridan to address graduate students

Harriet Sheridan, professor of English and dean of the college at Brown University, will be the featured speaker at the Graduate Student



Harriet Sheridan

Orientation Program for 1986.

Dr. Sheridan, a nationally-known speaker on higher education, will address excellence in teaching in higher education. Her presentation will be at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 18

in Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

The orientation program is designed to acquaint new graduate students who have duties as teaching and research assistants in various departments at the University with their roles and responsibilities. The week's activities will take place on Aug. 18-22.

Over 100 faculty and administrators will lead the orientation sessions. Speakers will deal with library survival skills, research strategies, teaching techniques, international student/cross-cultural relations, computer skills and stress management.

JoAnne Martin-Reynolds, director of the orientation program, noted that approximately 450 graduate students will attend the week-long program.

Registration will be held in the N.E. Commons on Sunday, Aug. 17, from 3-7 p.m. and on Monday, Aug. 18, from 8 a.m.-noon.

More than a book, it's a package

Accounting Today, Principles and Applications is more than just a new textbook on the market — it's a slick, full-color package.

Written and compiled by Mark Asman and Steven Mandell, both of accounting and management information systems, and a colleague from Case Western Reserve University, *Accounting Today* includes not only a textbook, but an instructor's resource manual, instructor's solutions manual, test bank, transparencies, student study guide, working papers, practice sets, tutorial software and spreadsheets.

Released earlier this year, the package took five years to develop for the extremely competitive accounting education market.

"It's a well-established market," said Dr. Asman, for whom this is his first publishing venture. "We're not offering a revolution in the field, but we feel our work is part of the evolution. We believed we could provide the information better and more clearly."

A good computer software support system is a key component of the *Accounting Today* package, Dr. Asman said. "We have more of and a better set of integrated software than previous texts," he said.

Part of that software was developed by Dr. Asman, who owns the copyright on the system, which is adaptable to the book and its support materials.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mandell adapted the material to computer programs that are easily affordable for colleges who can't afford extensive and expensive packages.

"We wanted to get in the market this year so that schools can see what we have to offer," said Dr. Asman. "Schools generally don't adopt a text in its first

year. We expect the market to be more open next year."

The development of *Accounting Today*, published by West Publishing Co., was no easy matter. Review of the text included using the national accounting firm of Arthur Young and Co. to check each example, exercise, problem and solution for accuracy.

The 1,000-page textbook combines a discussion of accounting with a learning-oriented approach to the subject. Each of the 26 chapters begins with a concise statement that tells the student what he or she will learn.

Key accounting terms are emphasized, defined and restated to help students. Concept summaries organized in easy-to-read charts are included after important discussions. Demonstration problems near the end of a chapter apply chapter material to a problem situation. Also, to help students review chapter materials, there are questions, exercises and problems. In each of the six parts of the text, an application case taken from a real company is used to show students how both large and small companies implement the concepts presented in the book.

Monitor

Monitor is published weekly by the Office of Public Relations for faculty and staff of Bowling Green State University. The deadline to submit material for the next issue, Monday, Aug. 18, is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12.

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Buildings will lose power

During the week of Aug. 18, a contractor will be on campus to make repairs to PCB transformers. This will require electrical shutdown in the several buildings.

The schedule is:

- Aug. 18 — Conklin East and Hayes Hall, four hours.
- Aug. 19 — Psychology Building, eight hours beginning around 4 p.m.
- Aug. 20 — Airport and technology annex, eight hours.

With the exception of the psychology building, all work will be completed during daytime hours.

Also, the Technology Building will have a power outage for approximately four hours during the early morning of Aug. 18.

975 students to graduate at summer commencement

Approximately 975 students will be conferred degrees during summer commencement exercises Saturday, Aug. 16.

Ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. on the lawn immediately west of University Hall. President Paul J. Olscamp will give remarks.

The summer graduating class includes 39 candidates for doctoral degrees; 363 for master's degrees; 3 for specialist degrees; 17 for associate degrees and 565 for bachelor's degrees.

Of those receiving bachelor's degrees, 39 are expected to graduate with honors.

In the event of inclement weather Saturday, graduation will be held in Anderson Arena, Memorial Hall. A decision to move commencement indoors will be made by 8:30 a.m. that day. Campus Fact Line (372-2445), campus telephone operators and the University Union information desk will be notified if graduation is to be held indoors.

Software kit available

Apple Computer, Inc. has provided Computer Services with a demonstration kit showcasing college level instructional software for the Macintosh and II line of microcomputers.

Currently, the kit includes software for: mathematics and statistics, computer science, English composition, graphic design and engineering, music and chemistry. Additional categories will be added at later dates.

Some of the software in this kit can be obtained through Kinko's Courseware Exchange, others are sold by the originating software house.

Afternoon group demonstrations may be arranged on an appointment basis. For more information, contact Don Schumacher at 372-7724.

Classified Employment Opportunities

The following classified positions are available.

* Indicates that an internal candidate from the department is bidding and being considered for the position.

NEW VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date for Employees to Apply: 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 15, 1986

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| 8-15-1 | Account Clerk 3
Pay Range 27
Food Operations |
| 8-15-2 | * Clerical Specialist
Pay Range 25
Space Assignments
University Union |
| 8-15-3 | Clerk 1
Pay Range 2
Aerospace Studies
Academic year, part-time |
| 8-15-4 | Clerk 2
Pay Range 3
Parking and Traffic
Permanent, part-time |
| 8-15-5 | Typist 1
Pay Range 3
Popular Culture Library
Temporary, part-time
Aug. 14, 1986-June 14, 1987 |
| 8-15-6 | Typist 1
Pay Range 3
Romance Languages
Academic year, part-time |

Gardner meets with employees

Legislation dealing with early retirement was the subject of an address to classified employees by State Rep. Randall Gardner of Bowling Green on Aug. 5.

Gardner was invited by Classified Staff Council to talk with employees about the status of House Bill 706 and corresponding Senate Bill 206, which deal with early retirement for state employees.

About 65 employees attended the session in which Gardner said that he was 80 to 90 percent sure the legislation would pass and be signed by Gov. Richard Celeste. He said the bills have received widespread, bipartisan support in both houses of the legislature.

He emphasized, however, that employees wishing to express their concerns about the measures still have time to do so. He said the legislation could be sent to Celeste in early September.

Similar to previous buyout legislation for faculty, the current bills are flexible in their use, according to the state representative.

"Much depends on the University," Gardner said, explaining that should the legislation pass the University decides whether to participate and, if it does participate, how extensive that

Regular work hours return

The Office of Personnel Support Services has issued a reminder that the four-and-one-half day summer work schedule will end Friday, Aug. 15.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 18, regular work hours will resume. In most cases, offices will be open 8 a.m.-noon, and 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Office hours for Continuing Education for Aug. 18-29 will be 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays.

For Sept. 2-Dec. 19, the hours will be 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays.

No steam, no parking

There will be no University steam available in any building on Aug. 17, 18 and 19. This may affect air conditioning systems, hot water, cooking autoclaving or any laboratory use of steam. The steam will be back on on Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Also, no cars may be parked in lots E (central heating plant) or lot 4 (across the railroad tracks from central heating plant) on Aug. 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. At this time, the smoke handling system will be repaired by a spray process.

Faculty and staff who normally park in lots E and 4 will find adequate parking in lots J and 3 during this time.

Firelands registration opens

Open registration for fall semester at Firelands College began last week. Classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 27.

The Office of Registration is open 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Friday.

Beginning Aug. 18, the hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m.-noon on Fridays.

Faculty/Staff Positions

The following faculty positions are available:

College of Arts and Sciences: Director of environmental studies. Contact Michael Marsden (2-2017). Deadline: Aug. 11.

Psychology: Postdoctoral fellow in clinical psychology. Contact Robert L. Conner (2-2301). Deadline: Aug. 26.

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Affirmative Action: Coordinator, handicapped services and equal opportunity specialist. Contact Susan Caldwell (2-2558). Deadline: Aug. 29.

Computer Services: Systems analyst. Contact Richard Zera (2-2911). Deadline: Aug. 15.

Northwest Ohio Education Foundation: Office coordinator (formerly advertised as secretary/bookkeeper). Contact Sally Blair (2-7035). Deadline: Aug. 14.

Public Relations: Editor of Monitor. Contact Susan Caldwell (2-2558). Deadline: Aug. 20.

Student Health Center: Medical office assistant. Contact Susan Caldwell (2-2558). Deadline: Aug. 12.

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participation will be.

"The flexibility is built into what the University feels it can afford," he said. "There is no cap on the percentage of employees who could be eligible, but at least 5 percent of the employees must be eligible."

In response to a question, Richard Rehmer, director, personnel support services, said that the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) would establish the salary base for eligibility using a variety of tables. That work cannot be done, however, until the legislation becomes law.

Gardner also said there no timetable for instituting the legislation after the mandatory 90-day waiting period following the governor's signing the measure.

H. Chris Esparza, CSC chair, urged employees to consult with the council's Personnel/Welfare Committee, which will be working with the administration on how the legislation can best be implemented at the University.

Meeting prior to Gardner's appearance, the CSC:

- Approved spending \$1.75 each for 21 identification tags for council members to use at public functions, particularly the upcoming Classified Convocation.

- Heard a report from Joyce Hyslop regarding plans for the Sept. 5 convocation, which will be held in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom, University Union, from 9-11 a.m. A close-circuit television hookup will be used to broadcast the event to Firelands and main campus employees unable to attend.

- Set its next meeting for Aug. 19.

Datebook

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Forum on insurance and investment planning, Mark Greenfield of Northwestern Mutual Life, 6-10 p.m., Alumni Room, University Union.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Sweet Wednesday, University Activities Organization sponsored event, free popsicles, noon, Union Oval. Rain date: Thursday, Aug. 14.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Graduation, 10 a.m., lawn west of University Hall. President Paul J. Olscamp will give remarks. In event of inclement weather, ceremony will be held in Anderson Arena, Memorial Hall.

Sunday, Aug. 17

Registration for Graduate Student Orientation, 3-7 p.m., N.E. Commons.

Monday, Aug. 18

Graduate Student Orientation, from Aug. 18-22; registration from 8 a.m.-noon, Monday, N.E. Commons; also on Monday, Harriet Sheridan of Brown University will present featured address, 1:30 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.