

HISTORY

OFFICE OF STUDENT STATISTICAL SERVICES

Shortly after Novice G. Fawcett became President of The Ohio State University, the President's Cabinet was established and the Office of Special Services was set up in 1957 with the following areas of responsibility:

- Admission of students
- Registration of students and determination of fees
- Compilation and printing of bulletins and catalogs
- Teaching Aids Service
- Radio and television education and station operation
- Teaching programs in physical education, air science, military science and naval science
- Machine Tabulating Office and duplicating services
- Relationships with the North Central Association, the Ohio College Association, and the secondary schools
- Scheduling of use of classrooms and other facilities
- The operation of Mershon Auditorium
- Maintenance of records of alumni of the University

It was during the period of time, 1957-58 to the year 1968-69 that the University experienced the greatest growth in its history. Total enrollment for the year rose from 28,565 in 1957-58 to 55,232 in 1968-69. Admissions each year rose from 9,664 in 1957-58 to 21,600 in 1968-69. Mershon Auditorium was dedicated in April, 1957. The Commission on Traffic and Parking was established on November 29, 1957, and a new plan for the control of traffic and parking was established in January, 1958. In order to improve instruction and at the same time cope with increasing enrollments, courses were telecast for the first time over WOSU-TV during the Winter Quarter, 1958. In 1960, the College of Dentistry inaugurated a new closed-circuit television system with the opening of a large addition to the College of Dentistry. The closed circuit television featured a two-way audio hook-up.

During the years between 1957 and 1964 the Office of Special Services organized the Office of the University Archivist and the Office of the Conference Coordinator. The American College Testing Program In Ohio was organized through this office. Test centers throughout the state of Ohio were established and students in Ohio registered for the four tests each year for several years.

A significant activity of the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Registrar for many years has been the publication and distribution of data concerning the admission and registration of students. Data were gathered not only for The Ohio State University and the State of Ohio but for the entire United States. The book COLLEGE AGE POPULATION TRENDS, 1940-1970 had been published in 1954, THE IMPENDING TIDAL WAVE OF STUDENTS, 1955, and then in September, 1961 ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, 1961-1978 was published in cooperation with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. This publication projected enrollments in each state through 1978. In 1961 it was estimated that total United States enrollment would double by 1971 and now in 1969 it is apparent that the enrollment has already doubled in eight years rather than ten years.

During the entire period, 1957-1968, the Executive Dean was responsible for the relationship between the North Central Association, the Ohio College Association and The Ohio State University. Many colleges and universities throughout the nineteen states of the North Central Association have been visited together with most of the colleges and universities in the state of Ohio. The Ohio State University had not been officially visited by the North Central Association for many years but in 1966 a team of six representatives came to the campus for a review visit. University-wide reports

had been compiled by the Executive Dean and presented in the Institutional Profile and the Basic Institutional Data report. The University was continued in full membership in the North Central Association. The Dean served also continuously on the Committee on Membership of the Ohio College Association and during this time many colleges in Ohio were visited and were accepted into membership.

The Executive Dean has served as Chairman of the Commission on Traffic and Parking since the formulation of the Commission in 1957. Regulations have been proposed and adopted by the Board of Trustees and filed with the Attorney General governing the traffic and parking of faculty, staff, students', and visitors' cars. Parking lots have been extended greatly and during the year 1968-69 two parking ramps, each accommodating approximately 625 cars were constructed, one near Arps Hall and the other near the Ohio Union. The Commission took action during the past year to eliminate the separate areas to which faculty members are assigned for parking. Beginning with the fall 1969 persons with A parking decals may park in any area as staff with a B permit may park in any B area and students with a C permit may park in any C area. Rates continue at \$12 per year for students, \$24 per year for staff, and \$36 per year for faculty.

Parking problems have increased along with growth in other areas of the University. Early in 1958 it was found that there were 10,650 student, staff and faculty cars registered and in June of 1969 there were 25,622 cars registered. This did include second cars which are also registered if they are to be driven to the campus. In 1959 there were 9,721 parking places and the University now provides 13,792 spaces for faculty, staff, students and visitors.

In 1964 the Office of Educational Services was established and the Office of Special Services became the Office of Admissions and Registrations under the Office of Educational Services. The Office of Admissions and Registrations became responsible for the Admissions Office, the Office of the Registrar, and Mershon Auditorium, and continued its responsibility for work with the North Central Association, the Ohio College Association, and the secondary schools in the state of Ohio. In 1968 the Office of Admissions and Registrations was replaced by the Office of Student Statistical Services and became responsible for Mershon Auditorium and the Center for Measurement and Evaluation, retaining the responsibility for work with the North Central Association and the Ohio College Association. The office continues to be responsible for the implementation of the work of the Commission on Traffic and Parking and is responsible for the scheduling of University-wide events and the approval of off-campus speakers.

The American College Testing Program has continued to grow and supply increasing amounts of information related to incoming freshmen. The Executive Dean for Student Statistical Services has worked closely with this program, serving on the Board of Trustees or as Field Associate since the establishment of this service in 1959. The ACT Program supplies punched cards and magnetic tapes with data concerning each entering freshman. Scores are available for the component parts of the tests in English, mathematics, social sciences, and natural sciences as well as a composite score. In addition to this information, the Office of Student Statistical Services is now in a position to distribute the names and addresses of incoming freshmen who are interested in a variety of extra-curricular activities and indicating also the extra-curricular achievements the students had in high school.

Available also are lists of students according to their academic interests in 94 academic departments of the University. Thus we are now able, for example, to send to the debate coach the names and addresses of freshmen students interested in debate and to send to the head of the department of nuclear engineering the names and addresses of freshmen who have indicated an interest in this department. Thus modern technology utilizing data processing is making possible a degree of personalized attention not possible previously.

There have been very few personnel changes in the Office since its establishment in 1957. Executive Dean Ronald B. Thompson has been the Dean during the entire period and Miss Isabelle Davis has been secretary to the Dean, having come with the Dean from the Office of the Registrar. Professor True Watson, formerly Secretary in the College of Agriculture, was named Assistant to the Dean in 1957 and remained in this capacity until his retirement in June, 1960. At that time Mr. Samuel B. McCulloch, formerly Assistant to the University Examiner, was named Assistant to the Dean and he continued in this position until his death on October 24, 1968. Upon the death of Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Edward T. Mahr, formerly Assistant to the Director of the University Counseling Center, was appointed Assistant to the Dean on December 16, 1968.

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