

Research Review

Students' Attitude Favorable Toward Televised Instruction

By ELLEN BRADLEY

Over three-fourths of the students polled on the acceptability of televised instruction reported favorably.

The majority checked either "very good" or "fairly good."

THE UNIVERSITY began research into the effectiveness, acceptability, appropriateness and feasibility of televised instruction in 1954. This research is being conducted by Leslie P. Greenhill, associate director of academic research and services, and Clarence R. Carpenter, director of academic research and services.

The University is attempting to use television to cope with the mounting enrollment of students and to raise the standard of in-

struction by expanding the influence of its best professors, Greenhill said. Television also makes it possible for professors to present demonstrations and other teaching materials that would be impossible or impractical to use under normal classroom conditions, he explained.

Successive surveys of faculty members not teaching over television at the University have shown that a small group is negative toward television, another small group is willing to try television if it should become a necessity and a large group is neutral, Greenhill said.

"It would appear that students are quicker to accept innovations in teaching than are most faculty members," Greenhill said.

A questionnaire was given to 3,000 students in eight television courses. In answer to the question, "What do you think about television as a means of handling courses with large enrollments?" 78 per cent checked either "very good" or "fairly good," and 22 per cent checked either "fairly bad" or "very bad."

The chief objections to the use of television relate to the inability of students to ask questions and the "impersonality" of television teaching, Greenhill said.

TO COUNTER these objections, the "pyramid" plan has been introduced, whereby students are organized into study-discussion groups with 10 to 12 students to a group, he explained. The groups are pyramidal in structure.

The base is composed of eight or nine students from the particular course who would most probably be freshmen and sophomores. To this group would be added two juniors and one senior who are majors in the field and who are chosen on the basis of scholarship and interest.

The research is being supported by both the University and the Fund for the Advancement of Education.

Subcommittee Disciplines 103 Men in Fall Term

By STEVE CIMBALA

A total of 103 men, five less than during the fall term 1961, were involved in disciplinary cases during the past term, Daniel R. Leasure, assistant dean of men, said recently.

An analysis of the individual residence areas show that 29 residents of Nittany area were involved in disciplinary cases, the highest total among the five men's living areas, Leasure said. Seventeen students from Pollock area involved in disciplinary cases constituted the second highest total, he added.

THE COLLEGE of Liberal Arts and the College of Engineering and Architecture, each with 24 cases, had the most enrollees disciplined by the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline and by the tribunals, Leasure said.

He said 17 students in the College of Business Administration received disciplinary action, the second highest figure among the various colleges.

In a report released this week, Leasure said the single most-abused disciplinary category was general misbehavior, since 33 men were involved in cases of this classification.

Violations of regulations concerning drinking and possession of alcoholic beverages sent the second largest number of men, 24, to the University's chief disciplinary agencies, the student tribunals and the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline, he said.

THE SIX tribunals, one for each residence area and one for students living off campus, are seven-man student-boards which hear disciplinary cases within their areas of jurisdiction. They then render a decision concerning each case to the office of the Dean of Men or to the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline for final approval.

If these officials do not approve the decisions, the cases are remanded to the discipline subcommittee for a final decision.

Last term these officials approved 33 of the tribunals' 43 recommendations and slightly modified the rest.

Other cases are heard by the senate discipline subcommittee, which last term heard 22 cases involving 35 men, Leasure said.

Penalties most frequently assessed to these offenders were office and disciplinary probation, he said, adding that 26 men received each penalty last term.

Institute of European Studies To Grant Seven Scholarships

Scholarship applications for undergraduate study in Europe during the academic year 1963-1964 will be accepted by the Institute of European Studies until Feb. 15.

Seven scholarships are being offered for study at the institute's centers in Vienna, Paris, and Freiburg, West Germany. Included are three full scholarships which cover all basic costs such as tuition, meals and transportation from the United States.

The programs in Vienna and Paris are open to college sophomores and juniors, while the Freiburg program is limited to juniors.

Scholarships will be granted on the basis of academic achievement, financial need and recommendation by the applicant's "home" college or university. Applicants must be 18 to 24 years old and single.

"Each program includes formal classes, lectures, seminars and field-study and is designed to fulfill usual course requirements," officials of the institute said.

Art Prof Exhibits Prints

Bill Hanson, instructor in art, is among the artists exhibiting at the George Eastman House in Rochester, N.Y.

The prints exhibited, all of them originals, are available for sale. The exhibition and print sale will continue through Jan. 15.

Forms and descriptive literature are available from the Institute of European Studies, 35 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago 1, Ill. Scholarships will be announced about May 1, 1963.

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