

# Grad school dean retires

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Acting Provost Sally Hotchkiss will retire Dec. 31 after 25 years of service at the University.

Hotchkiss was named the first female dean of any academic college in 1982 when she was appointed dean of the Graduate School.

"When I became dean, my family had to pick up more responsibilities," said Hotchkiss, in reference to problems she has faced as dean. "They still expected the laundry and dinner to be ready, but for the most part they have been very supportive."

Hotchkiss first joined the YSU faculty in 1968. She received her master's degree and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Minnesota.

Her psychology students' interest in death led Hotchkiss to begin the Death and Dying class here at YSU.

"When we would touch on the subject in class, the students would come alive," she said. "It was exciting for me."

In July, 1982, Hotchkiss was named associate provost of the University. She has acted as provost since Bernard Gillis retired in 1990. She will be replaced as provost by Dr. James Scanlon.

Hotchkiss said she doesn't feel that she has had to work harder in her career because she is a woman.

"I don't feel being a woman has helped or hindered me in reaching these positions," she said. In her work at YSU, she said she has faced "no more problems than a man would have faced in the same job."

Hotchkiss offered advice to women trying to juggle a family and career.

"Know your limits. If you feel too pressured, stop for a moment and relax. You will figure out how to work out the problem. A supportive family is also very important," she said.