

Hotchkiss named acting dean of grad studies

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Shhh! Did you hear the latest? A woman was recently hired to fill the position of acting dean of graduate studies and research. In case you didn't know, female deans are practically unheard of at YSU.

Who is she? She is Dr. Sally Hotchkiss, psychology, and although her position is temporary, expiring June 30, 1981, she said she may "consider" joining the several candidates now seeking to gain the permanent position of dean of graduate studies and research.

If Hotchkiss does become a candidate and is chosen to fill the permanent position, she will

be recognized as the first woman to accomplish that goal.

Formerly full professor of psychology, Hotchkiss described her new job as "challenging" and emphasized that it is a "tremendous learning experience."

Responsibilities such as supervising the interests of the Graduate School and encouraging and facilitating research done by faculty members, she remarked, are only part of the job.

An indication of the numerous duties accompanying the job was evident when Hotchkiss said she was on "Roman numeral 23." and that "lots of subheads"

exist within the draft she is currently composing, which

describes the role and functions of the dean of graduate studies and research.

Although her responsibilities are many, Hotchkiss is in the process of attaining goals she set for herself shortly after taking office July 1, 1981.

Goals such as "maintaining and enhancing the quality of graduate programs, the efficiency of the operations within the office and the communication with other parts of the University," she noted, will be reached before her present contract expires.

A native of Leominster, Mass., Hotchkiss earned her A.B. degree in psychology in 1949 from

Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Va., and in 1950 she obtained her M.A. degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota where she also received her PhD in psychology in 1959.

Prior to coming to YSU, and in addition to being a mother of two boys, Hotchkiss said her career included "directing research in Pittsburgh, doing consulting work in Cleveland, and teaching and assuming the role of chairperson of the psychology department at Rockford College, Ill."

Later on, Hotchkiss began teaching at YSU on a full-time basis and continued to do so for

13 years ending spring quarter. At that time, she graduated in position from associate to full professor standing.

Outside the University, she is currently an examiner for the State Board of Psychology and is a member on the Regulatory Board for the State of Ohio for the Practice of Psychology, a position appointed her three years ago by Governor James Rhodes.

What are Hotchkiss's future career goals? She said she is not sure, but whatever change(s) occurs, YSU is "stuck" with her until she retires because, as she put it, "I have invested too many years and gray hairs into this University" to leave.