

Philosophy professor retires after 18 years

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After 18 years of service to YSU, Dr. Martin Greenman of Youngstown, professor and chairman of the department of philosophy and religious studies, is retiring.

Dr. Greenman said that basically his life will remain the same, but now he will have more time to complete his research and writing.

He is currently researching and writing a small book, a paper, and an article, but has not had time to complete them.

"Now that I'm retiring, I won't have any excuses for not getting my work done," he commented.

Dr. Greenman, originally from Chicago, came to YSU in 1968 from Morehead State University, located in the small town of Morehead, Ky. He said he wanted to raise his children in a larger city, and moved to Youngstown when he was offered a better teaching position here.

"There is a quality to a city that is different than a small town," he said.

After he retires July 31, Dr. Greenman also plans to travel, but he does not anticipate leaving the area. He said he likes his house and the clean air in Youngstown.

"Since many of the large factories have closed, the air is actually cleaner here than in Denver."

During his teaching career at YSU, Dr. Greenman has been known for applying humanistic teaching methods to his course rather than academic ones. He does not believe in tests. Instead, he has his students write journals which he feels allows them to encounter the substance of the course.

He explained that when teachers administer tests, they make students conform to their terms, and a student may feel restricted. By writing journals, he says students can develop their own ideas about the course and also unleash their imaginations.

"You can give the student the opportunity to grow within themselves. After all, nobody knows what a human being needs to know because it varies from individual to individual."

Through these journals, he says, he has discovered that students are astonishingly creative.

Sometimes he feels that putting a grade on them is "an obscenity." "Some of the journals were so great, I wanted to display them as works of art."

Dr. Greenman's professional interests include philosophical method, logical theory, and theory of analysis.

He received his bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago, and also studied at Harvard University. He has served as department chairman since 1968.

Dr. Greenman and his first wife, the former Mary Clare Gregory, who died in 1963, had six children.

Margaret Barmack is an attorney and lives in Swampscott, Mass.

Charles G., a YSU graduate, is a technical writer with Digital Equipment Corp. and lives in Pepperell, Mass.

John F. Greenman of Youngstown, now executive news editor of *The Akron Beacon Journal*, graduated from YSU and was editor of *The Jambar*,

the student newspaper. He also worked at *The Vindicator* and was editor of the *Warren Tribune Chronicle*.

Martin L. is a law student at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Matthew M. who graduated from YSU, is now a graduate student at the University of Colorado at Boulder. His twin, Mark, who was a student at YSU, died in 1976.

Dr. Greenman's second wife, the former Justine Litchfield, died last February. She held a bachelor's and master's degree from YSU and taught English for some 10 years at the University.

Dr. Greenman will be succeeded as chairman of the department of philosophy and religious studies in the College of Arts and Sciences by Dr. Thomas A. Shipka of Youngstown effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Shipka has been a member of the YSU faculty since 1969. He received a bachelor of arts degree from John Carroll University, Cleveland, and a doctoral degree from Boston College.



DR. MARTIN GREENMAN

Dr. Shipka is a native of Youngstown. He served two terms as first president of the YSU Chapter of the Ohio Education Association, is former chairman of the NEA's Higher Education Council, a past president of its National Society of Professors, and a former president of the Western Reserve Transit Authority.