ANNUAL REPORT OF PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Reporting Period: September 1968 to September 1969.

I. Faculty

A. Faculty Honors

- Dr. William F. Grossnickle was officially cited by the national office of Psi Chi, honorary fraternity in psychology, for outstanding work with the East Carolina University Chapter.
- Dr. Clinton R. Prewett was re-appointed Vice Chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Practicing Psychologists.
- Dr. Thomas E. Long was accorded diplomate status by the American Board of Professional Psychology.
- Dr. Charles C. Mitchell was a speaker for the East Carolina University Executive Development Seminar.
- Dr. Clinton R. Prewett was elected Vice Chairman of the North Carolina Mental Health Training Institute.
- Dr. Charles C. Mitchell was officially cited by the national office of Psi Chi for outstanding work with the East Carolina University Chapter.
- Dr. Clinton R. Prewett was a speaker for the East Carolina University Executive Development Seminar.
- Dr. William F. Grossnickle was elected parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate.
- Several staff members are consultants to various educational and research enterprises in the State.
- Dr. William F. Grossnickle was a speaker for the East Carolina University Executive Development Seminar.
- Dr. R. Stephen Tacker was the recipient of a grant from the U. S. Public Health Service.
- Dr. Charles H. Moore presented a paper at the Southeastern Psychological Association meeting (February 1969). "Treatment of homosexuality by aversive conditioning and desensitization: A case study.
- Several faculty members have been accepted into various divisions of membership in the American Psychological Association.
- Dr. Calvert R. Dixon received his Ph.D. Degree from East Coast University.
- Two papers were presented at Southeastern Psychological Association meeting under the sponsorship of Dr. Clinton R. Prewett.

II. Students

A. Departmental Majors:

- 1. Fall quarter, 1968: 360; fulltime graduate students: 36.
- 2. Number of majors in School or Departmental honors program: None.
- 3. Total number of majors in probation during period covered: 264.
- 4. Total number of majors on probation in Spring quarter: 80.

B. Student Honors:

Three psychology majors graduated Magna cum laude: John Julius Beasley, Lynda Scott Cox, and Lynda Sue Mathews.

Caroline Breedlove was appointed an official representative of Psi Chi by the American Psychological Association to work in the national office during the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association meeting in Washington, D. C.

The following students were accepted for doctoral study at various universities. Each student was awarded a substantial stipend:

John Vantrease, The University of Georgia--\$425 per month.
Philip D. Jones, University of Tennessee--\$3400 plus tuition and fees.
Gerald McCullen, Georgia State University--\$2600.
Michael Jon Prewett, The University of Georgia. (Scholarship not yet determined.)

III. Curricula

- A. New degree programs added -- None.
- B. New major or minor requirements -- None.
- C. Courses added or deleted since last report.

Added:

Psychology 407 (3)--Assessment and Development of Creative Behavior

Psychology 408 (3)--Fundamental Psychological Concepts

Psychology 429 (3)--Non-parametric Statistics

Psychology 469 (3)—Seminar in Behavior Modification

Psychology 471 (3)——Seminar in Sensitivity Training

Psychology 472 (3)--Psychology of Cognitive Processes

Psychology 476 (3) -- Advanced Psychopathalogy

Psychology 484 (3)--Psychological Assessment I

- D. Courses not taught for past two years but still listed in catalog: None
- E. Special lectures or academic programs sponsored by Department:

Monthly programs were presented by Psi Chi, the Psychology Club, and the staff of the Psychology Department.

IV. Instruction

A. Comment on Departmental teaching load for academic year.

In the fall quarter 1968 68 classes were taught with an average of 44 students per class. This includes all graduate classes as well as undergraduate classes. In the winter quarter 64 classes were taught, again with an average enrollment of 42 students per class. In the spring quarter 65 classes were taught with an average class size of 40.

B. Average Departmental teaching load for academic year.

Faculty members averaged teaching between 11 and 12 hours per quarter.

The heavy teaching load, in terms of students per class, is not as crushing as might appear at first glance. We do need much smaller classes in Physiological Psychology and in Experimental Psychology. We can continue to carry large loads in Psychology 50, Psychology 100, Psychology 240, and Psychology 305 without serious trouble with the quality of teaching.

C. Comment on what is being done to attain or maintain a strong, consistent faculty demand for higher quality student performance.

The Psychology Department ranks about in the middle as far as the grade distribution pattern at East Carolina is concerned. We have managed to maintain the quality of student performance rather well by demanding that certain of our classes screen out the weaker student. For example, statistics, experimental psychology, and physiological psychology at least keep the illiterate from graduating. Our best students compare favorably with graduates from outstanding universities in the country.

D. Comment on methods used to safeguard security of test materials.

The mimeograph room has been converted into a locked vault-type room with each professor having an individual storage space for tests and other materials. This room adjoins the Departmental Office and is kept locked whenever the office is not occupied. The door has a special steel bolt lock, making it impossible for it to be pried open. Only two keys are available for this room and the Departmental secretaries have them in their possession at all times.

E. Comment on any innovations in teaching methods since last report.

We are continuing to try to find ways to spread our equipment and facilities out so that we get maximal returns from such things as calculators and experimental bins. Innovations in experimental psychology and in physiological psychology are continued to be tried each quarter.

F. Comment on methods used to assure that at least one essay examination or the nearest equivalent is given in each course.

Staff members are reminded at the monthly staff meetings of the ruling of at least one essay examination. Several staff members prefer essay exams but it is a problem with the huge sections of some of the courses.

- 1. Source of funds--U. S. Public Health Service

- 2. By whom prepared--Dr. R. S. Tacker
 3. Total amount of grant--\$6253
 4. Total amount of indirect funds allowed by grantor--\$622.00
- F. List proposals made during reporting period and note current disposition (pending, rejected, in revision, etc.).

Pending:

- 1. Source of funds--United States Office of Education

- By whom prepared--Dr. Clinton R. Prewett
 Total amount of grant--\$231,500
 Total amount of indirect funds allowed by grantor--None.

VI. Addenda

Attach any pertinent material including faculty reprints, etc.