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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Phillip A. Sinclair, M.A., was professor of business technology at the University of Toledo's Community and Technical College during the 1970s. Sinclair pioneered the use of instructional television at the University of Toledo, thereby assisting the University and ComTech in gaining a greater reputation.

Sinclair was active in the business community, to which he also served as a consultant for many years. A member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, and the Academy of Advertising, he was the first ComTech faculty member to win a UT faculty research grant, and he was named "Teacher of the Year" by the university in 1973. He was promoted to the rank of professor in 1977.

Professor Sinclair published numerous articles in professional journals. He was also author of <u>Personal Creativity for Today</u> (1975), a text published by the University's Community and Technical College for use in its media creativity course, and with others, <u>Business Communication Coursework</u> (1974).

Research into how to improve the teaching effectiveness of business colleges and universities was the focus of Sinclair's professional academic career. Together with Franklin R. Koontz, Jr., professor of technological media and director of the University Television Services, Sinclair co-authored articles and conducted experiments on classroom theatrical techniques as a way to demonstrate and enhance learning in the classroom.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains the papers of Phillip A. Sinclair, a professor of business technology at the University Community and Technical College. Most of the collected material relates to Sinclair's televised courses in advertising and business communication, the first of such courses to be offered at UT.

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