How good is the good news?

Budget future hinges on proposed tax hike

University administrators are greeting with mixed emotions the latest word from Columbus that subsidy cuts will not be as deep as projected earlier.

Last Monday (Feb. 1), Bowling Green received official word from Columbus that the current budget will be cut by three percent, or about $1 million, for the five months remaining this fiscal year:

Compared to an 8.9 percent, or $3.1 million, cut which had been announced only a week before by the state's budget office, the latest word is good news.

But Interim President Ferrari told Faculty Senate Tuesday that "we cannot lapse into a false sense of security" because Gov. Rhodes has proposed a temporary one percent sales tax hike to make up a large part of the state's projected $1 billion deficit. That tax increase appears to have little legislative support at this time, he said.

If the tax increase is not approved, Bowling Green and other state agencies will probably face the same kinds of subsidy cuts originally announced two weeks ago.

Dr. Ferrari said that because of the uncertainty in the state's financial situation, the University will continue under the 15-point plan announced Jan. 26 which is expected to save Bowling Green about $2 million in the remaining months of this fiscal year. If subsidies are cut by only $1 million, the University will have an edge on meeting anticipated six percent, or $2.5 million, cuts in 1982-83 subsidies.

"We are trying to do the best we can to get through this year, but we really are looking at a 17-month problem," Dr. Ferrari said.

He announced that he does not intend to recommend a student instructional fee increase for spring quarter to the Board of Trustees when it meets Feb. 12. The three percent subsidy cut lessens significantly the urgency for an instructional fee increase at this time. He noted that most other state universities also have abandoned considerations for a fee hike this spring.

WBGU-TV airs budget programs

Richard Eakin, executive vice provost for planning and budgeting, and Joseph Stockner, treasurer of the Bowling Green City Schools, will answer questions on the state budget cuts and how they will affect education on WBGU-TV's Answerline program Wednesday (Feb. 10).

Lincoln Pamm will host the 6:30 p.m. program during which Dr. Eakin and Stockner will give their respective institution's perspective on the subsidy reductions.

Questions may be phoned in during the live program to 372-0121.

A program featuring State Superintendent of Schools Franklin B. Walter discussing the budget situation was aired Feb. 3 on WBGU-TV and is now available on tape from the station, 372-0121.

Grounds and custodial workers have had a particularly difficult time this winter keeping up with their snow removal tasks. More than 220 tons of salt have been used to remove ice from sidewalks and parking lots, and the ground crew has literally worked around the clock on several occasions to keep the campus clear.

Among those who must brave the elements every time it snows are Mike Malone (above left), Steve Yates (above right), and Bob Rath (left). Snow removal costs are expected to be high this winter because of the untimely snowfalls, most of which have occurred on Sundays when staff receive time and a-half wages. An attempt is made to have all lots and roads cleared before staff and students arrive for the day.

Sidewalks receive next priority. The University maintains four riding snow blowers, four four-wheel drive vehicles with snowplows, three tractors with snow brooms, several snow blowers and a lot of snow shovels to assist with the removal efforts. The grounds crew is responsible for clearing all parking lots, walks and roads through the campus and custodians must clear the entrance ways to buildings.
The daily trash output of the average family of four probably fills no more than two or three wastebaskets. At the University, however, incinerators, parking lot dumpsters, three garbage trucks and four men are needed to haul away the daily collection of refuse created by a University "family" of 20,000, including students, faculty and staff.

Robert Hayward, director of custodial and grounds services, oversees the disposal of between five and eight tons of campus trash each day, totaling approximately 2,500 tons per year.

That waste is picked up from 100 buildings seven days a week. And the men must make their appointed rounds no matter what the weather.

A relatively small portion of the University's trash is burned in incinerators located in Harteman, Kreischer and Founders quadrangles, Offenhauser Towers and Prout Hall. The majority of general waste, however, is transported from parking lot dumpsters by University personnel to the Wood County landfill on Tontogany Road.

Hazardous wastes are not tossed out with the trash

Not all University waste can be handled by the custodial and grounds services.

As a low-level generator of hazardous waste (anything toxic, flammable or corrosive), the University must dispose of that waste according to stringent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.

As director of environmental services, Selden Carsey makes sure the University adheres to those guidelines.

But because the University generates less than a ton of hazardous waste a year (a relatively small amount), "We've considered a problem in the eyes of the EPA," he says.

One example of the hazardous waste produced here is the by-product of a genetic research project being conducted by Ronald Woodcroft, a University biology professor, on Drosofila melanogaster (the fruit fly).

Other University hazardous waste includes discarded solvents used by the art department and the remains of pesticides used in grounds maintenance.

Such waste cannot be tossed in a trash can or dumped in the main, Carsey says. Instead, exacting procedures must be followed for disposal.

For example, the EPA stipulates that hazardous waste be loaded into 55-gallon drums with labeled tops, and that only one type of hazardous waste is allowed in each drum.

A special project requiring 2,200,000 drums involving 58 Florida universities, and employing 12 contract hazardous waste haulers, has been compiled to dispose of carbon 14 and hydrogen 3, "the most dangerous kind of waste," says Carsey.

Provisions are made to be deductible from the net profit during the fall semester and must carry the endorsement of the faculty member's department/school colleagues.

A faculty committee appointed by the provost will review the nominations and select the winners of persons and national and international institutions in the respective field, and make a recommendation to the provost on each.

The provost, following consultation with academic deans, will then forward a recommendation to the president and Board of Trustees for action.

The title will be conferred, either at commencement exercises, the annual fall meeting or at a special convocation.

Research professors will receive the same privileges as teaching professors.

Wilson headlines winter jazz fest

Composer, arranger and bandleader Gerald Wilson will be the artist-in-residence for the University winter jazz festival (Jan 12 through Jan 21).

Wilson, who teaches jazz history at California State University at Northridge and lectures at universities across the country, will give a faculty recital in Bryan Recital Hall on Thursday (Feb. 11) at 8 p.m., a faculty recital in Prout Hall on Friday (Feb. 12) at 8 p.m., and a faculty recital at the Moore Musical Arts Center on Saturday (Feb. 13) at 1:30 p.m.

Wilson will lecture on "The History of Afro-American Musicians" at 8 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 10) in Bryan Recital Hall.

A concert featuring his music performed by the University's Big Band under the direction of David Shatzel will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 11) in Kobacker Hall.

Students to learn theater techniques

About 250 students and teachers from northern Ohio high schools are expected to attend a theater workshop sponsored by the theater program Saturday (Feb. 20) on campus.

Conducted by Brian Hanor Lee, speech communication, the workshop is intended to deal with common problems faced in theater productions and to share the resources and expertise of the University's theater program with area schools.

The day's activities will include sessions on acting techniques, make-up, costume changes, directing problems, special stage effects and costuming on a limited budget.
Faculty research may aid railroad management.

"Don't touch anything!" That's the greeting most visitors to Lloyd Buckwell's office get these days. Nearly every available inch of the cranny is filled with computer printouts, and Dr. Buckwell, accounting and MIS, sees the potential for becoming forever lost in an avalanche of paper.

Much of that paper is the result of a research project Dr. Buckwell and James Sullivan, applied statistics and operations research, are now concluding for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

With a $22,983 grant, the professors have been analyzing the Uniform Rail Costing System. The relatively new financial accounting system, one of the Railroad Revitalization and Reform Act passed in 1976 by Congress, replaces the Rail Form A system formerly used by railroads to cost traffic movements.

Essentially, the URCS is used to calculate how much it costs railroads to move a car from one point to another. "Think of it as a tennis match," Dr. Buckwell says. Although both freight and passenger trains are eligible for URCS, all the costs must be accounted for on a case-by-case basis. The system must consider joint costs, divide them equally among the parties, and then calculate the cost of moving "from point A to point B," Dr. Buckwell explained.

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"We hope to learn more about the movement to monitor freight rates and to develop a cost accounting system. The system is important to rail executives because the data it supplies is needed to properly manage the railroads," Dr. Buckwell said.

Grants
Robert Anderhall, geology, $4,000 from the Kuhlman Foundation for study of the Great Lakes and the evaluation of the sinuosity in western Lake Erie for their suitability for use in the glass industry.

Michael Moore, liaison for legislative affairs and the arts, $2,500 from the Ohio Arts Council and $532 from the Faculty Development Committee to support the Arts Unlimited Program which he coordinates.

Patterson after the Lincoln Center Institute in New York City that Arts Unlimited offers teachers in Wood County the opportunity to develop their aesthetic perception skills so that they may be able to instill appreciation in their students.

Recognitions
Kelly Martin, music education, will be chair and a guest conductor at the string orchestra. She has been appointed to the Ohio/Kentucky Music Educators Association and Ohio String Teachers Association for the upcoming year.

Deanna J. Radieloff, home economics, has been appointed to a two-year term on the National Publications Committee of Ornamental Nu, a home economics honorary society.

Janet Sullivan, education clinical laboratory, has been selected for inclusion in, "Who's Who in Library and Information Services," to be published in the spring by the American Library Association.

Publications

Francis Porec, library, "Russia in History."

University drops to I-AA
Lessig hopes to regain athletic status

Bowling Green and the Mid-American Conference were temporarily lost their NCAA Division I-A status.

The drop from the nation's top college-football conferences to Division I-AA was not entirely unexpected, according to James Lessig, athletic director. "At one time we were optimistic that the entire conference would be acceptable, but we learned two weeks ago that the NCAA was not interpreting the December legislation the same way we were," he said.

However, Lessig is hopeful that the conference will remain the Division I-A ranks. "Not in 1982 season. "Dropping down for one year should have no real significance on the conference schools. Recruiting is nearly completed for this year and it is determined that these Division I-A schools on MAC schedules for next year will be at the games at this date," he said.

He also did not think that Division I-AA status would negate any television appearances next season for MAC schools. "The NCAA is planning on a number of Division I-AA televised games and the MAC couldn't possibly feature the division's better games."

Under new NCAA regulations more positions of a conference must meet a combination of attendance and stadium size figures in order for all conference schools to qualify for Division I-A. The MAC narrowly misses that criteria.

The NCAA has announced that the University of Toledo and Northern Illinois University meet the Division I-A qualifications. If these two schools remain in the MAC, as they are expected to do, they will be classified as Division I-AA. The conference members cannot confer with conference officials that are in different classifications.

The status of Miami and Western Michigan is still undecided. Kent State, Northern Illinois and Bowling Green have not yet met the qualifications and they are force to do so. Ohio University, Western Michigan and Ball State will not be able to qualify.

Bowling Green and Northern Illinois plan to appeal to the NCAA Council because both schools feel they quality according to the new standards approved at the NCAA convention in December. One of those new regulations, which go into effect Sept. 1, 1982, states that to qualify for Division I-A a school must average 17,000 in home attendance in one of the past four years and have a 30,000-seat stadium.

Both Bowling Green and Northern Illinois meet the first requirement and plan to add a number of seats. Bowling Green and Ball State will not meet the stadium size to 30,000. If the appeal fails and Western Michigan and Miami are classified Division I-AA, then all MAC schools will be in the NCAA's top division.

In Bowling Green's case, it is a matter of adding about 5,000 bleacher seats in the south end zone.

In addition, full-time employees are eligible for instructional and general fee waivers of $48 per credit hour for undergraduate courses and $61.00 per hour for graduate courses.

Spouses and dependent children of full-time personnel with five years of service are also eligible for fee waivers.

Benefits are significant part of classified staff compensation

There's more to your paycheck than meets the eye.

That's the message to classified staff from the Personnel Steering Committee. The committee compiled a list of benefits paid by the University to full-time workers.

In addition to retirement contributions of 1% of each employee's salary, the University pays $1,812.24 annually for each staff member in workers' compensation. That includes $1,500 for the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan and $317.74 for John Hancock Life-Occidental Death and Dismemberment insurance; $197.62 for club privileges and $47.40 for Blue Shield vision care. A $2.51 annual premium is paid for travel risk insurance, and the University also contributes an average of 3.97 percent of each classified staff member's annual salary for unemployment. A $71.98 annual premium is paid for each staff member's worker's compensation.

Vacation benefits include 30 days of vacation annually for classified staff members of 10 years or more, 25 days annually for classified staff members of 5-9 years, and 20 days annually for classified staff members of 0-4 years.

Sick leave is awarded at the rate of 3 days per month for 30 days or less annually; those with eight to 14 years receive 25 working days annually; those with 15-24 years receive 20 working days annually, and those with more than 25 years receive 25 days.

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Shakespeare drama comes to Bowling Green stage

William Lessig's "The Merchant of Venice" will open Wednesday, Feb. 10, for a two-week run at the Main Auditorium of University Hall. The University theater production will be staged at 8 p.m. Feb. 10-13 and Feb. 17-20. A matinee performance also is scheduled at 3 p.m. Feb. 10. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 372-2791 or 372-2213.

A tale of intrigue and romance set in Italy during the Renaissance, the play depicts the wily stories of the merchant, venal Shylock and the beautiful Portia, who disguises herself as a gentleman to resolve the pressing conflicts of the plot.

Chronologically, Shakespeare wrote "The Merchant of Venice" between "The Taming of the Shrew" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Shakespeare did not invent the plot but based the play on a collection of popular Italian folk tales. Though it was first performed around 1595, it was not until the early part of the 18th century that the play began enjoying the popularity it retains today with audiences.

Bowling Green's production is being directed by Robert Hansen, speech communication, the play's author. For this season directed the University production of "The Imaginary Invalid" and "The Taming of the Shrew."" Scenery are being designed by Mildred Lintner, speech communication.

Lecture to highlight Shakespearean theater

Internationally recognized Elizabethan theater authority and lecturer C. Walter Hodges will speak on "The Elizabethan Playhouses: Shakespeare's Theater" at 2 p.m. March 10 in the Main Auditorium of University Hall.

His lecture is being sponsored by the theater arts department, School of Speech Communication, the honors program, English department and the College of Arts and Sciences. A native of England, Hodges has since 1979 been chairman of the advisory committee and designer for the continuing project to reconstruct Shakespeare's First and Second Blackfriars Playhouses of Shakespeare's Day. He has worked most of his life as a freelance illustrator, designer and author. Hodges' additional illustrating books by other authors, he has written and illustrated his own books for young people.