Tour of Asia results in more than 400 applications

International recruitment efforts open-BGSU’s doors to the world

Most people travel to the Orient to see the exotic; Jeff Grittell, director of the Office of International Programs, went to see students.

Sure, he could see plenty of students by staying within the United States, but he wanted to see international students—and he wanted to tell them about BGSU.

Grittell participated in a 19-day tour of Asia last fall arranged by Linden Educational Services, a tour made up of 29 other representatives of American colleges and universities, he visited Tokyo, Taipei, Singapore, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Hong Kong. Their goals were two-fold: to present information on U.S. higher education to students and parents, and to talk with prospective students about their institutions.

Currently, there are 347 international students enrolled in classes at the University. They represent 53 countries and break down to 119 undergraduates and 228 graduate students. There are 127 women and 220 men.

Grittell said the University previously has never actively recruited international students. They simply heard about us by word of mouth, by reputation, through our faculty, alumni or because they heard about a specific program they are interested in," he said.

With the international enrollment at 80 averages between 300 and 350 students each year, Grittell said the University could accommodate approximately 400 students. He eventually would like to see an enrollment of at least 500 students. President Olscamp agrees. In his annual report this year, he outlined the need for an increase in the number of students from abroad attending BGSU.

Grittell said there are a number of advantages to having a large international student population on campus, but he thinks the most important reason is for "interacting."

"For our BGSU undergraduates, if we want them to be prepared for the real world, they better have some exposure to people from other countries," he said. "They can get an early start from the faculty, from the curriculum or from one-on-one, face-to-face contact."

He listed other advantages: International students can provide stability to the University’s enrollment figures in the wake of a demographic downturn of Ohio high school graduates; they pay out of state fees; foreign students, especially from Western Europe, bring additional educational opportunities in the U.S.; and other students have been continuing to aggressively market their institutions abroad and participating in international recruiting.

Having never actively recruited international students before, Grittell thought it would be a good idea to travel with a professional tour group first. Linden Tours for American College Officials has a good reputation and Grittell said he was interested in recruiting in Asia for demographic reasons. "The countries have dense populations with more people who have a desire to come to the U.S. to study," he said.

Touring the Orient the schedule proved to be rigorous. Each day had an organized itinerary. The goals is to absorb starting their days early by meeting with the country’s educational leaders at breakfast. Later they would visit high schools to talk individually with the students. They also conducted University fairs at each stop where the students would come to their booths to pick-up catalogs and brochures and seek advising. In addition, the representatives sponsored college fairs in high school gymns where students from two or three schools would attend for more information.

For the evening, Grittell would meet with University alumni or families of international students currently enrolled at the University. "There really wasn’t much of a chance for sightseeing. You just looked at the scenery on the way to the next step," he said.

The schedule was so busy that once Grittell spoke to 3,000 students in one day.

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Research to focus on stress related to care of Alzheimer’s patients

Three University researchers have been granted nearly $400,000 to embark on a study of how the stress of caring for Alzheimer’s disease is affecting caregivers.

Dr. John Cavanaugh and Dr. Nancy Jo Dunn, both of psychology, and Dr. Jennifer McKinley, gerontology, have received $118,374, the first portion of a three-year grant totaling nearly $325,000, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Institute of Aging. Also, they will receive nearly $575,000 in support from the AARP Andrus Foundation.

Approximately eight percent of Americans over age 65 are suffering from Alzheimer’s disease. More than 60 percent of the women are cared for at home.

Alzheimer’s disease is the fourth leading cause of death among adults over the age of 65, behind heart attacks, cardiovascular disease and cancer. The illness is characterized by memory lapses, emotional instability and progressive loss of social and intellectual skills.

Cavanaugh, director of Bowling Green’s Institute for Psychological Research and Application, said the study will mark one of the most ambitious attempts to examine how spouses of the disease’s victims cope with the demands made on them.

"Caring for an Alzheimer’s disease victim can be very stressful, and there are big differences in how much stress caregivers experience. Some are very creative in dealing with problems while others are very stressed," said Cavanaugh.

Anchors the researchers will examine are whether the quality of the marital relationship itself has a bearing on how well the caregiver is able to cope.

"One would assume that a strong marriage going into this kind of situation would provide positive support for the couple. And one would assume having a rocky marriage might compound the problems. To our surprise, nobody has tried to examine that. We want to know the extent to which a strong marriage helps," Cavanaugh said.

The researchers also will look at strategies caregivers devise to help their spouses deal with symptoms of the disease as well as how caregivers cope up with these techniques.

Cavanaugh noted that some caregivers are quite creative in helping their spouses while others seem completely at a loss. He gave an example of how one wife made it easy for her husband to locate objects by posting pictures of stored items on cabinet doors.

"We’re interested in generating a list of all the things the caregivers do. One of our long-term goals is to assist caregivers by designing better workshops for caregivers. Most of the advice now given in workshops isn’t based on research; we may be able to come up with more successful strategies," the psychologist said.

Another aspect of the study will zero in on what causes stress for caregivers and how they deal with that stress.

The scientists want to follow caregivers for six months, assessing monthly how many problems are being experienced, which are the most bothersome problems and how the caregivers are coping with them.

"As time elapses, we’ll ask the caregivers how their problems change and what new problems might have cropped up. Because Alzheimer’s is a changing disease, the problems people are dealing with also change," Cavanaugh explained.

Another question investigators hope to answer is whether coping strategies remain the same or change over time. Some problems caused by Alzheimer’s disease, such as not being able to remember a spouse’s name, won’t "go away."

"How do people change coping strategies once they realize it’s going to be a permanent problem? Some seem to use the same approach over and over, others find flexibility is better. What are the differences and why are there differences among people? We want to find out. Our project is not to compare caregivers but to look at individual experiences and see how that changes over time," Cavanaugh said.

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King Day is a holiday for staff and students

Monday, Jan. 21, is Martin Luther King Day, a holiday for University offices and schools. All offices will be closed.

Special program planned by theatre troupe

A nationally acclaimed theatre troupe will perform a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. Saturday (Jan. 19) in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

The performance will begin at 7 p.m. and is being sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The troupe will present an original unitted work which will examine the life of Dr. King and the history of the Civil Rights movement.

The four-member troupe, based in Columbus, has a special message for young people and their mentors. Performing throughout the country, its plays, dances and dramatic presentations have dealt with issues ranging from minority self-esteem and back-fighting drug abuse and AIDS.

The troupe, presents workshops, plays, improvisations and music programs for the public schools on topics such as self-esteem, career choices, social responsibility, drug abuse and the safety.
Noted paleontologist to discuss dinosaurs at Mayfield Lecture

It has been centuries since dinosaurs last roamed the earth, but people have not lost their fascination for the creatures. John R. Horner, a world-renowned expert on dinosaurs, will bring their stories to life in the annual Mayfield Lecture Thursday (Jan. 17).

Horner, author of the popular 1989 book Digging Dinosaurs, and curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies, which is affiliated with Montana State University in Bozeman, Horner’s lecture is entitled, “The Life and Death of Dinosaurs.” The free address is at 8 p.m. in 123 Oremin Hall.

Dinosaurs have a unique place in our society, he said. The concept of dinosaurs with discoveries of more than 500 whole or partial dinosaur eggs and evidence for social behavior, including nests and mass grave sites. The scientific community has been particularly excited about a excavation of a virtually complete Tyrannosauriss rex skeleton. Before Horner’s discovery, the best remains represented about 50 percent of a complete skeleton. His find, northeast Montana, is between 65 and 90 percent complete.

Dinosaurs are considered among the most successful animals that have ever lived, dominating food chains for more than 140 million years. They specialized to take advantage of nearly every type of habitat on land and in the air and sea. Characteristics of dinosaurs as slow, lumbering and stupid are now known to be incorrect. Dr. Horner states, “We should best focus on what made them so successful for so long.”

The Mayfield Lecture Series was begun in 1978 by the geology department to honor the University’s first geology professor, the late Samuel Mayfield, who taught from 1926-58. Each year a geoscientist is invited to deliver the lecture. Prior lecturers have included Stephen Jay Gould, Alan Cox and Robert Hatcher.

To date, 20 courses, offered by a variety of departments, have been approved to meet the requirement. Anyone interested in developing a cultural diversity course should contact Champion at 372-2796. Champion was recognized for his work with the Cultural Diversity Committee last spring when his name was one of five recipients of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Distinguished Educator Awards. He received the award for innovation in curricular development as the committee’s coordinator. Champion was proud of his ability to “avoid partisanship, to facilitate understanding and to respect differences among faculty and student cultures.”

Bright receives business education award

Dr. Don Bright, business education coordinator of the University’s North-west Ohio Vocational Education Personnel Development Regional Center, is the recipient of the 1996 Award of Merit from the American Vocational Association’s business education division.

The award is the highest honor presented by the division and is based on contributions to business education as a teacher, administrator or supervisor that lead to improvements in theory, methods and classroom practices. Professional contributions to the field, research paper and research publications are also considered.

Bright received the award at the Business Education Division of the American Vocational Association Annual Convention held in December in Cincinnati.

Bright, who has 22 years of college teaching experience, 15 years of high school and junior college teaching, has been on the University faculty since 1965. In 1977, the Ohio Business Teachers Association named him educator of the year. He also received the National Association of Teacher Educators for Business Education’s Distinguished Service Award in 1987 and has served as president of the organization.

The award was established in 1983 by the National Association of Teacher Educators for Business Education.

Facts are important reference to BGSU

“How do you really know the campus? As University employees we are frequently asked about our programs and facilities. A variety of facts about the University have been collected to help you know the answers to these important questions.

The campus

-1,338 acres with 110 permanent and three leased buildings on the main campus; Firelands campus has three buildings

-23 miles south of Toledo, adjacent to Interstate 75, north of U.S. Route 6

Students

-18,040 students, including 2,300 graduate students on the main campus, 500 Firelands College students

-11 percent from out of Ohio including 550 from other countries

-1,050 minority students

-75 percent of graduate students are minorities; the University ranks second in Ohio in the number of graduate degrees awarded to minorities

-11,139 nontraditional undergraduates

-60 percent graduate rate (within six years of initial enrollment)

-20 to one student to faculty ratio

-Entering freshmen have 23.7 ACT average and a 3.21 GPA average

-21.4 percent of entering freshmen are in top 10 percent of their high school class

-Ranked 14th nationally among public universities in number of National Merit Scholars in Fall 1996 freshman class

Budget

-$200 million budget for 1996-97 including $120.71 million educational expenditures ($61.72 million in state instructional subsidy); and $79.05 million in other University operating expenditures; also $29.5 million in endowment funds

Faculty and staff

-750 full-time faculty (78 percent with Ph.D.), 200 part-time faculty

-10 percent minority faculty

-1,400 non-teaching staff members

Degree programs and learning resources

-170 undergraduate degree programs, 12 master’s degree programs in 69 fields, three specialist degree programs, 14 doctoral programs with more than 50 areas of specialization

-Accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; member of National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges

-University library with four million titles, including 1.5 million volumes and 500,000 recorded sound and video materials; online access to journals, periodicals, microforms, government documents

-3,200 personal computers, four mainframes, 17 labs with one in every residence complex, hookup to CRAY supercomputer

-Firelands College in Huron provides five associate degree programs

Student life

-21 residence halls housing 8,000 students

-Five dining halls, four snack bars, one deli

-170 student organizations

-46 sororities and fraternities

-16 intramural sports

-19 NCAA Division I teams in:

-Mid-American Conference (19 league titles since 1980)

-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (four league titles and one national title since 1980)

-Grass Lakes Region (soccer)

-Student Recreation Center usage rate — 90 percent use it, 57 percent use it three or more days per week

Financial aid

-55 percent of students receive financial aid

-1,400 academic scholarships worth $21 million

-400 minority scholarships and grants worth $430,000

Reddin Symposium planned for Jan. 19

"Canada’s Native Peoples" will be the focus of the 1991 Reddin Symposium to be held from 12:30-5:15 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Millett Alumni Center.

The symposium will include an overview of the history and legal issues of Canada’s aboriginal peoples presented by Bradford W. Morse of the law faculty at the University of Ottawa. It will be followed by a presentation by Gerry Korr, regional director general, Ontario Region, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, on the Canadian federal view on Indian issues. Other speakers include Sybil Diamond, chair of the Wisconsin First Nation and former Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees in Ontario; and John Trudell, a member of the Ponca tribe in Nebraska.

His topic will be “Aboriginal Rights in Conflict With Development in the North.”

A panel discussion including the featured speakers will also be held, and students attending the symposium will be eligible for drawing of free tickets to see the Canadian rock band “30 Seconds to Mars.”

The free symposium is being sponsored by the Canadian Studies Program and the College of Arts and Sciences. Since seating is limited, interested persons are asked to contact Sylvia Ditto at 372-2017 to reserve space.

Satellite class set

Imagine a classroom where faculty use interactive video and CD-ROM to teach, or where students collaborate on line with their peers miles away. "Macintosh in the Classroom" is the name of a live satellite downlink that will be shown from 3:30-5 p.m. Jan. 24 at the W3UG TV station.

For more information, or to register for the program, contact Tony Short at 372-2700.
Faculty/Staff Publications


Kenneth Jones, psychology, co-wrote the following articles published in Psychophysiological Analysis, "Analysis of Cardiovascular Responses to Mathematics Anxiety," "Prelim EMG Recordings During the CPT Study" and "CPT Cycle Sessions":[t]; and "Examination of the Effects of the Reduction of Exposure to Cold Pressor on the Electrocardiogram." In addition, last fall he was visiting telephone research fellow in the Department of Psychology at the University Medical Center of the Johns Hopkins University system.

Larry Smith, English and humanities, Finlandia College, had six poems published in a magazine. "Poaching the Lake" appeared in Magazine from the University of Iowa's "The Mill Garden - Domino Remembers" appeared in Pigeon Magazine and Poetry, and Poem was in Whitefish Bay Press. He was also published in Crazy Horse Magazine and "Letters from France - 1920 - "Purchases" have been in Coventry Reader.


Fujiko Kawai Sekikawa, history, "A Scholar of the Mountain Grove (Saito) in the Eighteenth Century" in American Historical Review, Fall 1990.


Allan S. White, theatre, "Suggestions for Integration of Professional Training in a Lib-
Personnel services to be closed Jan. 29 and 30

The offices in personnel services will be closed Jan. 29 and 30 when its staff will be training on computers for Project 90. John Maniccia, executive director of personnel services, said the offices' move is due to be staffed and employees in emergency situations can be.

During the past year the personnel services office has undergone changes in staffing and responsibilities. The following information is provided to help University employees contact the proper person who can best answer their questions.

Under administration:

- John C. Moore (372-2556) is the executive of personnel services. He manages the personnel office and handles grievances, discipline and employee relations for classified and administrative staff.
- Margie Buckles (372-2556) provides technical and secretarial support to the executive director and handles his schedule. Laura Gazzanek (372-8421) administers the clinical testing and provides support for the office by answering the phone and assisting people who come to the office.
- Walt Montenegro (372-4324) is the manager of personnel administration. He is responsible for handling civil service law and new employee records. He assists in administrative/classified staff wage and salary administration, surveys, personnel procedures and monomarina, admi strative/classified staff handbooks, PER/ STRG references and classified staff awards, budgets, research and special projects.
- Lois George (372-8422) provides support to the manager of personnel administration and handles performance evaluations, leave requests, organizational charts, job descriptions and unemployment compensation. Employment classification and back-up for IRS employees.

Under employment services:

- Sam Hassoon (372-2227) is the manager of employment services and is responsible for all administrative processes and classified and administrative jobs. He also jobs audits and special leave requests.
- Vicki Hermon (372-8422) handles daily employment procedures for processing requests for full-time classified vacancies and contract vacancies and handles civil service testing. Mary Holley (372-2227) handles daily employment procedures for processing requests for part-time temporary classified staff, high school students and contractors. She also is responsible for civil service testing and job line (372-8622) for the administrative staff.

Have a personnel-related question? List indicates who can help you

Under records management:

- Shirley Coleman (372-8422) has the manager of records. She supervises the records staff, the Project 90 HRS user liaison and handles requests, name and address changes and faculty service records.
- Jo-Ann Sanders (372-2559) is the as sistant to the records manager. She assists the manager in the general coordination and management of activities and projects. Karen Fife (372-8404) is responsible for the full-time personnel records, name, address changes, leave of absence requests, notary public, sick leave, vaccination and service credit. Genni Odey (372-8425) handles the part-time/ temporary personnel records, name and address changes and faculty service records.

Under training and development:

- Michael Miller (372-2229) is responsible for the full-time personnel records, name, address changes, leave of absence requests, notary public, sick leave, vaccination and service credit. Genni Odey (372-8425) handles the part-time/temporary personnel records, name and address changes and faculty service records.

Note the date change for Weight Watchers

The next 10-week Weight Watchers Program will be offered starting Feb. 7, and will run through May 27. These dates have been updated since a previous announcement.

Each session will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in 1 College Park Office Building. To register, contact Mary Miller at 372-7846.

Fax to the Union

Communication with the University Union now can be done by facsimile. Persons needing to contact the business office, such as space reservation confirmation, room setup plans or catering contracts, can transmit it by faxing it to 372-7940.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

People for Racial Justice, 9 a.m., Room Union, University Union.

WBGU-TV Program, "Art Beat," will explore the arts and cultural activities of northwest Ohio. 5:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., Channel 27.

Friday, Jan. 18

Open Auditions, for the Finke College special needs theater program, will be held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., McCallum Auditorium, Finke College. 35th and North Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 9, 1983. By appointment, and 8 p.m., Saturday, December 9, 1983. By appointment.

WBGU-TV Program, "On Our Business," featuring a debate on current business issues, 5:30 and 11:30 p.m., Channel 27.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Room Union, University Union.

WBGU-TV Program, "Art Beat," will explore the arts and cultural activities of northwest Ohio. 5:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., Channel 27.

Monday, Jan. 14

Men's Bowling League, 7 p.m., Buckeye Room, University Union.

Student Lecture Series, "Emil Portrait," presented by Russell Hemenway, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, Moore Music Arts Center, Free.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Classified Staff Council Meeting, 9 a.m., Room Union, University Union. Also, Pre-Screening: 11 a.m., Room Union, University Union.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Room Union, University Union.

WBGU-TV Program, "Art Beat," will explore the arts and cultural activities of northwest Ohio. 5:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., Channel 27.

Seminar, "Why You Should Think About Cycling," presented by Dr. John Elder, 3:30 p.m., College Union, Free.

Thursday, Jan. 17

OFM University, 5:15 p.m., University Union, Free.