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New development director named

A new director of development and assistant vice president for University relations has joined the staff at BGSU. Kenneth C. Frisch, who has held development positions at Ohio University since 1981, assumed his new duties Aug. 1. He succeeds Ross Pfeiffer who left the University for an administrative post at the Toledo Museum of Art.

In his role as development director, Frisch will oversee private fund-raising activities at the University, including a current $1.8 million campaign for the arts. For the 1991-92 academic year which ended June 30, the University raised more than $4.1 million in private support. Frisch will supervise a professional staff of seven, including three constituent fund-raisers in the undergraduate colleges.

In announcing Frisch's appointment, Dr. Philip R. Mason, vice president for University relations, said, "Ken Frisch has

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Opening day busy with activities

This year's opening day for the University will be Monday, Aug. 24 and will begin with a general meeting at 9:15 a.m. for faculty, administrative and classified staff in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

The meeting also will be broadcast via Channel 27 on campus and to Firelands College. Employees can view the meeting on the main campus by turning to channel 8 in the residence hall lounges or the Commuter Center. At Firelands, the meeting can be watched on channel 7.

Other activities planned for the day include a general meeting of the faculty at 10:10 a.m. followed by college faculty meetings at 11 a.m. Arts and sciences will meet in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom; business administration in 1007 Business Administration Building; education and allied professions in Jenson Auditorium of the Education Building; and technology in 220 Technology Building.

At 1:30 p.m. library and learning resources will have a faculty and staff meeting in 150A Jerome Library and the College of Musical Arts will hold department meetings.

College advisers will meet from 1:30-2:15 p.m. with arts and sciences in 112 Life Sciences Building; education and allied professions in Jenson Auditorium of the Education Building; and technology in 220 Technology Building.

Graduate faculty will meet from 2:30-3:15 p.m. in Jenson Auditorium of the Education Building. School and department meetings (except musical arts) will be held at 3:30 p.m.

The Administration Staff Reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. in the Mileti Alumni Center, with presentation of the Ferrari Award to take place at 4 p.m.

ASC questions task force's recommendations

Questions and concerns regarding recommendations from the Administrative Staff Council Task Force are designed to control spiraling health care costs at the University. The task force's recommendations and predicted that if all recommendations were accepted, the rise in costs could be limited to $40,000, saving almost $1 million from projected 1992-93 fiscal year increases. The savings would occur in five main areas:

- A change in the prescription drug plan, $92,000
- A change in the vision coverage, $60,000;

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Service provides free counseling to staff

Faculty and staff suffering from personal or work-related problems now have somewhere to turn. The newly implemented Employee Assistance Program provides University staff free counseling services in a confidential environment. Employee Alternatives has been selected to provide these services to employees and their dependents. All contact with Employee Alternatives will be made at the individual's initiative and will remain confidential. The office will report only the number of BGSU clients who have utilized their services and no information will be given regarding who uses the program.

Employee Alternatives currently has offices in Toledo, Findlay and Fremont. An office will be opened in Bowling Green once arrangements are finalized.

A series of workshops will be scheduled to inform supervisors and the University community regarding the procedures to be followed in seeking counseling services under the Employee Assistance Program.

Learn more about Section 125 Plan

Confused about how the University is implementing the Section 125 Plan for employees? The Benefits Office will be sponsoring workshops that will review the election and enrollment forms and options available under the health premium, medical spending and dependent care accounts.

The workshops will be repeated several times in order to enable as many employees as possible to attend one of the following workshops:

- Workshops will be held at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday (Aug. 17) in 121 West Hall, and at the same times on Tuesday (Aug. 18) in the University Science Building and on Wednesday (Aug. 19) in 116 Business Administration Building.
- Under the expanded plan, employees can voluntarily make before-tax contributions to medical reimbursement and/or dependent care accounts to meet health care expenses such as deductibles, co-payments and other expenses that aren't fully covered under the University's health care plan. After incurred eligible expenses have been verified, reimbursement is provided under the plan subject to a maximum annual amount designated by each employee. The amount of voluntary pre-tax payroll deductions can be changed annually.

Moore Center adds service fee to charges

The Moore Musical Arts Center box office is now adding a $1.75 service fee to the cost of tickets charged to a credit card or University account.

College of Musical Arts concert office director Martin Porter said the fee has been instituted to cover the costs of staffing the box office as a result of recent budget cuts.

"At this time we have a $1.75 service fee for every charged transaction. If you change one or 10 tickets, the fee is the same, $1.75. If you pay cash, there is no service charge," he said.

In the future there may be a handling fee for all tickets sold at the box office. "We'll have to see how much revenue is generated. For at least now, the fee is just for tickets that are charged," Porter said.

Children's books needed for collection

If you have piles of old children's books cluttering your shelves or closets, now is your chance to get rid of them. Dr. Joel Rudinger, English and humanities, Firelands College, is looking for community donations of new and used children's books to build a Firelands library collection of children's literature.

Pre-school through junior high level books in good condition may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in 335 West Building on the Firelands campus.

For more information, contact Rudinger at 433-5560, ext. 273 or (800) 322-4787.