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A tent city arose on the grounds surrounding the football stadium June 22-23 as approximately 3,000 cyclists camped in Bowling Green while taking part in the 5th Annual Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure. The week-long, 350-mile tour of northwest Ohio began in Van Wert and other camp sites included Defiance, Wauseon, Bluffton and Wapakoneta. Riders were able to visit a wide variety of attractions along the way such as Harrison Lake State Park, Sauder Village, Oak Openings Metro Park, Maumee Bay State Park and the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum.

Services and delivery analyzed

Peer Review steers computer services into the future

An analysis of University Computer and Telecommunications Services at BGSU by outside experts has yielded both positive findings and recommendations intended to strengthen and improve computer services provided at the University in the future.

According to Dr. Richard Conrad, computer services, a review of computer services was recommended in the University Computing Council's (UCC) Five-Year Plan for Computing, dated May 1989 and again in its 1991 Five-Year Plan.

Conrad said the ACM Peer Review was a step in the right direction: towards the future. "This enabled us to get some experts who are not from the University but are very familiar with providing computing services in a university environment to review what types of services we should be considering and how we can improve the delivery of our services."

To perform the study, the department chose to enlist the assistance of a Peer Review Team assembled by the Special Interest Group on University and College Computer Services (SIGUCCS) of the Association for Computer

Machinery (ACM). Co-ordinated by Dr. Frank Thomas, University of Akron, the group consisted of Con Dietz, Illinois State University; Jacqueline Brown, Princeton University; and Dennis Kramer, Ball State University. Each individual is the director of his or her respective university's computing center.

The team's findings are based on meetings held with University faculty, staff and students during a March 7-10 visit to BGSU.

Peer Review Team recommendations include the appointment of a director of academic computing or an advocate who would represent faculty and students. According to the team's report, "Deans should be encouraged to include the director of academic computing in their meetings to help integrate technology into academic ... decisions and to implement technology solutions to academic problems."

The team also recommended the development of an organization within Computer and Telecommunication Services which would be responsible for computer network services on campus. Increased staffing for user support and computer repair also was noted. "Bowling Green

State University, unfortunately like many other institutions of higher education, has not addressed the need for faculty and student support in the information age," the report stated.

"Our agenda is laid out before us now with the consultants' report," Conrad said. "Now what we need to do is make these things happen. Some recommendations we can do ourselves, others are going to require assistance or other resources from the University."

Conrad said that preliminary meetings with department directors are scheduled to determine the processes needed to accomplish the recommendations. In addition, an IBM facilitator who works with organizations to help them provide services has offered to sit in on the meetings. Committees may be formed to analyze the required resources, both in personnel and related equipment.

The Peer Review Team also suggested enhancements to services currently provided by computer services such as a Help Desk where

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Neckers named McMaster Professor of Photochemical Sciences

Dr. Douglas C. Neckers, chemistry, has been named the first Harold and Helen McMaster Professor of Photochemical Sciences.

The professorship has been created at the University through the McMaster Endowment to recognize an outstanding scientist and provide that individual with professional opportunities to enhance his or her scholarship.

Honorees are chosen on the basis of established scientific reputation; a record of or potential for outstanding contributions to interaction between industry and academia; and leadership or potential leadership at the University.

Those chosen as a McMaster Professor hold the title for a three-year period and may be reappointed for additional three-year terms.

The McMaster Endowment at Bowling Green was established by Harold and Helen McMaster of Perrysburg. In announcing creation of the professorship through the endowment, Dr. Philip Mason, vice president for University relations, noted the international reputation of the McMaster

name in the glass industry and Neckers' name in photochemistry.

"It is indeed fitting that Doug Neckers, who has brought national and international prominence to the University in the field of photochemistry, be named the first McMaster Professor," Mason said.

Neckers, who also holds the title of Distinguished Research Professor, chairs Bowling Green's chemistry department. During his tenure as chair, the department has been presented Program Excellence, Academic Challenge and Eminent Scholar awards by the Ohio Board of Regents in recognition of its academic excellence.

Neckers also is founder and executive director of the University's internationally known Center for Photochemical Sciences and was instrumental in establishing Bowling Green's Harold and Helen McMaster Institute. The institute was formed in 1985 to develop programs to bridge the gap between business management and technology training.

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Two students are named to Board of Trustees

Jodi Chappell, a junior from Salem, and Alvin Heard, a graduate student from Bowling Green, have been appointed by Governor George Voinovich to the University's Board of Trustees.

Chappell, who replaces Undergraduate Student Government president Jason Jackson, will serve a two-year term expiring in March 1995. A political science and Asian studies major, she is interning at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., this summer.

Submit nominations for Ferrari Award

Nomination forms and criteria for the 1993 Ferrari Award have been mailed to all administrative staff members and are available in the University Bookstore, personnel office, University Union and Faculty Senate office.

The award recognizes the outstanding service of an administrative staff member. The recipient will receive a \$1,000 cash award and a plaque at the opening day reception for administrative staff in August. The recipient's photograph also is on display at the University Union for one year following the award.

The deadline for nominations is July 15 and completed forms should be submitted to Jill Carr, Office of On-Campus Housing.

OBITUARIES

A. James Ehlen

A. James Ehlen, 83, a former University employee, died June 16 at Oak Grove Quality Care Nursing Home in Deshler.

Ehlen began working on campus as a custodial worker in September 1969. He retired in October 1974. In addition, he had been a self-employed barber.

Wilma Konecny

Wilma A. Konecny, 59, a secretary in the political science department, died June 22 at Wood County Hospital.

Konecny had worked at the University since September 1978.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

New vacancies

Posting expiration date for employees to apply: 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 2.

7-2-1 **Account Clerk 2**
Pay range 26
Physical plant

FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

The following faculty positions are available:

EDCI: Assistant professor or instructor (temporary). Contact Robert G. Oana (2-7320). Deadline: June 30 or until filled.

Music Performance Studies: Artist teacher in bassoon (temporary). Extended deadline: July 1. Also, artist/teacher in voice (anticipated, probationary). Deadline: July 1. For all positions, contact the Office of the Dean, College of Musical Arts (2-2181).

Romance Languages: Instructor in Spanish (temporary). Contact Henry Garrity (2-2667). Deadline: July 1.

Visual Communication and Technology: Assistant/associate professor, training and development. Contact chair of search committee, College of Technology (2-2437). Deadline: June 30.

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Firelands College: Assistant to the director of budget and operations. Contact the Office of the Dean, Firelands College, BGSU, 901 Rye Beach Road, Huron, OH, 44839. Deadline: July 1.

Graduate College: Director of Project Search. Contact personnel services (2-2227). Deadline: July 6.

Northwest Ohio Educational Technology Foundation: Business manager (part-time). Contact personnel services (2-8426). Deadline: June 28.

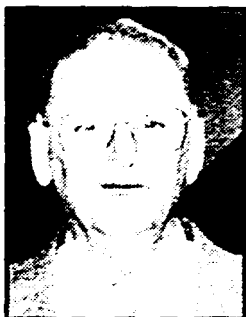
President's Office: General counsel and assistant to the president for legal affairs. Contact Lester Barber (2-2214). Deadline: July 6 or until position is filled.

Heard, a graduate fellow in industrial and organizational psychology, will complete the unexpired term of former Graduate Student Government president Tony Fluellen which ends in March 1994. Heard received his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Detroit. He has been the recipient of the Graduate Professional Fellowship in 1992 and 1993, the Graduate Professional Scholarship in 1990 and 1991, and an honorable mention of the National Science Foundation.

Harvey Klein retires from Firelands College

Harvey W. Klein, a maintenance/repair technician at Firelands College, has retired. Klein began working on the Huron campus in July 1979 in plant operations and maintenance.

This is Klein's second retirement. He took an early retirement from 30 years of construction work where he was part of the crew that built the East and West buildings of Firelands College.



Harvey Klein

CSC Golf Scramble has many winners

There were many winners at Classified Staff Council's June 11 Golf Scramble. The winning foursome consisted of Dave Mears, Rod Maas, Marv Maas and Phil Wilkins with a score of 31.

Award for the longest putt went to Randy King, closest to pin went to Carl Jones and the longest drive went to Aleta McGinnis.

The 50/50 draw winner was Ron Bandy who took home \$20.

Prizes were awarded for the raffle and winners listed below should contact Meagon Shaffer at 372-2891 to pick up their prizes: golf towels - Patty Kitchen, Sue Wammes and Carl Jones; golf umbrellas - Merl Trumbull and Karl Vogt; a six-pack of coolers - Don Thomas and Tom Vance; thermos jugs - Cheryl Joyce and Paul Rolf; gallon thermos jugs - Denny Ehlers and Joe Hagemyer; baseball caps - Lucky Baker, Cathy Kutzli and Frank LaTendresse; one sleeve of golf balls - John Konecny, Aleta McGinnis, Ken Stemen and Mike Sponseller; AM/FM head set - Marv Maas; digital desk top clock - Bob Shamp; auto sun shades - Lois Howe and Diedre Mears; and Tanglewood golf passes - Melissa Bandy.

Prize donors included the University Bookstore, Food Operations, Automated Vending Inc., Classified Staff Council and Tanglewood Golf Course.

Observe the Fourth of July holiday

Independence Day falls on Sunday, July 4 and the University will observe the holiday, July 5. Classes, however, will meet as usual that day. Only those offices which absolutely must remain open should be staffed, and then only at minimal levels.

In order to meet the required 40-hour workweek without creating overtime the week of July 5, each supervisor should schedule classified employees to work 32 hours during the balance of the week. Employees will work until 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 9.

DATEBOOK

Tuesday, June 29

Huron Playhouse, "Rumors" will be presented June 29-July 3, 8 p.m., McCormick School, Ohio St., Huron. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors or groups of 15 or more, \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 433-4744.

Summer Film Series, "Strictly Business," 8 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

NECKERS

From the front

A graduate of Hope College, Neckers holds a doctorate from the University of Kansas. He has taught at Bowling Green since 1973.

His research interests are in polymer-assisted photochemical processes. His work, which has garnered funding from the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health, is directly related to 21 patents that have been awarded or are pending.

Neckers is the author or coauthor of nearly a dozen books and more than 175 journal articles. He has received many recognitions for his work, including an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship for research and the Paul Block Jr. Award for Contributions to Chemistry.

Earlier this year he was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

PEER REVIEW

From the front

all computer-related problems may be reported and tracked throughout resolution.

"If somebody on campus has a problem — it could be hardware or software — they would call the Help Desk," Conrad explained. "There would be someone there who can answer the question, solve the problem or take the ball and get back to you with an answer. We would take ownership of the problem and follow through on it."

In addition, Conrad said he would like to set up a SWAT-type team which could quickly repair equipment within a few hours or a day. He said during spring semester computer repairs were taking too long, often up to a week even for simple problems.

The team also suggested that departments accept increasing responsibility for computing resources located in their respective areas by appointing departmental computing coordinators. Conrad said expertise is required in each department for basic computing needs, such as loading computer software.

The report highlights many positive findings from the three-day visit as well. The group gave excellent ratings to computer services' facilities within Hayes Hall, noting an impressive number of computer laboratories and microcomputers acquired since 1984.

They also considered the computer sales center and rental programs both innovative and entrepreneurial. In addition, they were impressed with the implementation of on-campus data networks. — Mark Hunter