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Summer conferences keep campus busy

While the student population was typically lower over the summer, the University played host to a diverse group of non-students which included fans of pulp fiction, youngsters participating in mock governments and members of religious organizations.

Summer is a busy time for staff members who serve the various conferences taking place at the University, and this year was no exception.

Jim Treeger, associate director of the University Union and director of conference services, said his office scheduled 14 conferences over the summer and estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 people were in attendance. In addition to those conferences, there were also various summer camps and other specialized activities sponsored by other departments held on campus this summer.

Three groups that normally held events at the University selected other sites this year, but their loss was made up by four conferences that were held in campus facilities for the first time, according to Treeger.

Buckeye Girls State, which had 1,150 high school girls and about 150 adult staff members on campus from June 25 through July 2, was the largest new conference of the summer.

The program, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Ohio, brings together girls from high schools throughout the state to take part in a mock government.

Although Boys State, a similar program for high school boys, has been a summer staple of the University for many years, Girls State had been held at Ashland University until this year.

The Girls State sponsors wanted to be able to expand the program to more girls to participate while Ashland restricted their numbers to 1,100, said Jo Ann Bond, of the Legion Auxiliary.

"One of the reasons we moved to Bowling Green was because of their ability to house our young people," Bond said. "We liked the accommodations when we went to view the campus."

She said her group retained their favorable impression of the University after the conference ended. "The people were outstanding — from the maintenance staff right through the people that worked in the dorm. We couldn't have found any university that extended itself any more than Bowling Green did."

The Girls State participants stayed in Kreischer Quadrangle, where many of the event's programs were also held. About 200 parents of the participants were housed in Offenhauer June 18 for the Girls State graduation ceremonies.

Bond said the Legion Auxiliary plans to hold future Girls State conferences at the University and hopes to eventually build participation to 1,450 girls, about the same number of boys that take part in Boys State.

The other conference new to the University was Pulpcon, an annual gathering of collectors of "pulp magazines," inexpensive collections of fiction that were written for the masses from the 1880s to the 1950s.

Approximately 225 people from the United States and Canada attended the conference held in Lenhart Grand Ballroom Aug. 4-7.

About 100 of the attendees stayed overnight in the Union's hotel facilities and in rooms in Offenhauer.

Opening Day meetings, convocations are scheduled

The University will hold its annual Opening Day festivities Monday, Aug. 22.

Refreshments will be served from 8:30 — 9 a.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

The general meeting for faculty and administrative staff is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. with Dr. Eloise E. Clark, vice-president for academic affairs, presiding. President Otscamp and Dr. Dorothy U. Behling, chair of the faculty senate, will give remarks.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., the following college faculty meetings will be held: arts and sciences in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom, business administration in room 1007 Business Administration Building, education and allied professions in Jenson Auditorium, musical arts in Bryan Recital Hall, health and human services in the Town Room of the University Union, and technology in 127 A and B of the Technology Building.

A ceremony dedicating Paul J. Otscamp Hall will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the conference room of the new building.

Libraries and learning resources will hold a faculty and staff meeting at 2 p.m. in room 150A of Jerome Library. Also at 2 p.m., the College of Musical Arts will host departmental meetings. College advisors are scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. in the following rooms: arts and sciences in room 1101 Fine Arts Center, education and allied professions in Jenson Auditorium, and technology in 220 Technology Building.

Graduate faculty will meet at 3 p.m. in Jenson Auditorium.

School and department faculty meetings, except for the College of Musical Arts, will convene at 4 p.m. Faculty should check with their college offices for locations.

The Classified Staff Convocation will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, in Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

The Administrative Staff Reception will be held from 3-5 p.m., Aug. 29, in the conference Room at Otscamp Hall.
All personnel invited to Olscamp dedication

All University personnel are invited to the dedication of Paul J. Olscamp Hall, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Monday (Aug. 22) in the Olscamp Assembly Room.

Ohio Governor George Voinovich and Dr. James Appleberry, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, will be the keynote speakers at the dedication of the $13.5 million classroom building and teleconferencing center.

On the day with the governor and Appleberry will be President Olscamp, who spearheaded the building project and has been a vocal advocate for expanding international programs and distance learning at Bowling Green.

Joining them will be Dr. Douglas Neckers, executive director of the Center for Photochemical Sciences, and C. Ellen Connally and John Mahaney Jr., both members of the Board of Trustees. To demonstrate the building's teleconferencing capabilities, Dr. Darby Williams, dean of Firelands College, will make remarks from his office in Huron, Ohio.

At the close of the one-hour ceremony, a plaque will be unveiled. A reception and tours of the building will follow.

Appleberry became president of the AASCU in 1991 after serving as president of Northern Michigan University for eight years. AASCU is a Washington, D.C.-based higher education association representing 370 public institutions and 30 state systems nationwide.

Board of Trustees to meet Aug. 21, 22

The Board of Trustees has scheduled two meetings next week.

The first will be at 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21, in the McFall Center Assembly Room. The brief agenda will include several items the trustees want to handle before their next scheduled meeting in October.

The second meeting will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 22, also in McFall Center Assembly Room. The only item on the agenda will concern the presidential search process.

The meetings were scheduled because most of the trustees will be on campus for the dedication of Paul Olscamp Hall on Monday.

FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

The following administrative staff positions are available:


Biological sciences: Laboratory aide (part-time, grant-funded for one year). Contact personnel services (2-2227). Deadline: Aug. 19.


College of Health and Human Services: Geriatric education coordinator (part-time, grant-funded for one year). Contact personnel services (2-8428). Deadline: Aug. 19.


Office of Personal and Professional Development/Firelands: Business and industry liaison (part-time). Contact office of the Dean, Firelands College-BGSU, 901 Rye Beach Road, Huron, Ohio 44839. Applications accepted until position is filled.

SNEAK PREVIEWS

Did you know that Bowling Green State University is the home of the largest and most comprehensive collection of recordings and popular culture material in the United States?

Every year more than 10,000 people visit the sound recording archives on the third floor of Jerome Library to listen, look and research more than 400,000 recordings and associated print documentations. One floor up, in the Popular Culture Library, there is a treasure load of fascinating information among the 70,000 books and 100,000 serials.

If you have not yet discovered these and many other resources, a formal introduction has already been arranged.

Plan to attend Bowling Green State University's first ever all campus Open House on September 24. Employees and their families are especially invited.

OBITUARY

Dr. Daniel C. Douglas

Dr. Daniel C. Douglas, 49, associate professor of education, died Aug. 8 after a long illness.

Douglas joined the Bowling Green faculty in 1991 and taught graduate level courses in the Department of Educational Administration and Supervision.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

New vacancies

Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday, Aug. 19.

8-19-1 Administrative Secretary 1 Pay grade 8 Graduate college

8-19-2 Secretary 1 Pay grade 6 School of NER Part-time

Electric car featured on ESPN Aug. 18

The Electric Falcon, the College of Technology's electric-powered race car, will take to the track for the second time Aug. 18 in Indianapolis.

The car will compete in a 15-lap race on the short oval track of Indianapolis Raceway Park. An exact start time for the race has not been set.

The race, which is being held as part of the festivities surrounding that day's USAC National Midget Championships, will be broadcast live on the ESPN television network as part of the network's "AutoRacing" program, which begins at 8 p.m.

Electric-powered cars from 10 other universities, including Ohio, Ohio State, Case Western Reserve and Wright State universities, are expected to compete.

The Electric Falcon is an open-wheel, Indy-style racing car which weighs 2,650 pounds and is powered by an oil-cooled electric motor and more than 1,200 pounds of lead-acid batteries.

The car made its racing debut July 9 at Burke Lakefront Airport as part of the Budweiser Grand Prix of Cleveland.

CONFERENCES

From the front

Pulpcorn has held annual conferences for 24 years, mostly in Dayton, but moved the gathering to the University this year because of the exhibit of pulp magazine art in the Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery of the Fine Arts Center and because of the University's well-known popular culture program, according to Rusty Hevelin, Pulpcorn organizer.

"Being able to have the Pulpcorn people see the exhibit is very attractive," Hevelin said. He also noted that "Bowling Green has a good reputation because of the pop culture program."

The two other programs new to the University's facilities this summer were Word of Faith Christian Center Aug. 1-5 and the Quality and Metrology Symposia, a conference on weights and measures for manufacturing professionals, Aug. 9-11.

Treeger said the University was able to attract the four new conferences without having to do much solicitation. "We have had decent success in letting the campus speak for itself," he said.

Summer events also include conferences planned by the athletic department, the College of Musical Arts and continuing education.

Treeger said the University can accommodate a full-scale conference at a cost that is less expensive than those charged by major hotels.

The University also offers assistance in conference planning, brochure design, housing arrangements and meals, he said.

Treeger noted that many employees of the University, including food service, housekeeping and the grounds crew, are all involved in the planning and servicing of summer conferences.

All of those working together is what makes a successful conference and encourages the participants to return.

"It's a total effort and I think one of the reasons we're successful is the warm welcome (conferences) get," Treeger said.