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Student Affairs vice president addresses classified staff council

Renovating the University's residence halls will be a major priority for the new vice president for student affairs, Dr. Edward Whipple.

He outlined his goals at the Sept. 20 meeting of Classified Staff Council where he had been invited as a guest.

During the nearly two months he has been on staff he has toured all of the halls at the University and found them to be "substandard, in my opinion," he said.

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Walls in need of painting, lack of furniture, safety problems and the necessity of ensuring disability access in all residence halls are some of the problems Whipple said need to be addressed.

"If we can't provide a living environment we can be proud of, we shouldn't have a residence hall open," Whipple said.

Classified staff members were supportive of Whipple's suggestions and many shared with him some of their frustrations in completing repairs with reduced staff.

"In 1975 there were 21 plumbers at the University; now there are eight," said Ken Stemen, physical plant.

Kathy Eninger, Classified Staff Council chair, said the staff at the University paint shop is so overloaded with caulking and repainting projects that they are constantly behind schedule.

"We have no preventive maintenance program — we have crisis management," said Steve Lashaway, an electrician at the physical plant.

Whipple said he has shared his concerns with the president, who also expressed concern for the condition of the residence halls. The vice president's next step is to put together a plan for improving the condition of the halls, he said.

Whipple also noted that his first year at the University will be one of evaluating programs within the Office of Student Affairs.

He has formed a task force to look at how the office deals with student emergencies and is planning to update the student code of conduct.

In this process, Eninger said Classified Staff Council is trying to obtain a room with a telephone line to serve as a council office.

The office will serve as a base for those classified staff members who, like Eninger, don't have their own offices because their jobs require them to travel to the buildings around campus. "Our cars are our offices," she said. Eninger works for the paint shop.

Such a room could help council to work on projects that require extra space, such as storing the BSSU commemorative coverlets which the group will soon be selling.

A mock-up of one of the coverlets was supposed to be available for display during the open house, but the design was not completed in time. Council is hoping to begin taking orders by Homecoming.

The price for the hand-made cotton coverlets is $50 plus sales tax.

Bob Kreienkamp, WBGU-TV, reported on the results of the recent insurance re-enrollment process. Sixty-one percent of all eligible employees selected the newly available Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), a percentage much higher than what was expected, Kreienkamp said.

Flu shots will be available for faculty, staff

For the second consecutive year, faculty and staff will be able to receive flu vaccines from Student Health Services.

Starting Oct. 19 the vaccine will be administered to faculty and staff on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. with no appointment needed.

The cost for the vaccine will be $7 which must be paid with cash or check only. The supply of the vaccine is more than adequate to meet demands this year, according to Dr. Josh Kaplan, student health services.

Student Health Services is located on the first floor of the Health Center.

A flu vaccine is recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service for persons at increased risk of complications from influenza. High risk includes all persons 65 years of age or older, adults and children with chronic heart or lung disease, including asthma, persons under treatment for diabetes, as well as others under medical care for a number of less common conditions. The vaccine is also recommended for those living with high-risk persons and for anyone who wishes to reduce the chances of becoming infected with influenza.

Computers reduce workload for scholars of medieval epics

What did medieval German writers want to say about the concept of human love? How did twelfth-century doctors treat their patients' illnesses?

To find out the answers to these and other questions in the past, a scholar would have had to sift through thousands of pages of documents. But now, in an "interface" of technology and art, scholars need only log on to a computer database being developed at Bowling Green under the direction of Dr. Klaus Schmidt, German, Russian, and East Asian Languages.

Schmidt is working with faculty at the University of Kiel in Germany to produce what he calls a sort of "Roget's Thesaurus" of epic works from 1175 to 1300 A.D., the most important period of the medieval era for literature.

He described his undertaking as "the most ambitious project in all of medieval research worldwide."

In a tedious process that brings to mind the toils of the scribes and illustrators of the middle ages, Schmidt and numerous graduate students have labored for more than 20 years to compile indices, both computer-based and in book form, that will enable researchers to search the database not only by word but by concept. For example, one might ask for references to "hope and despair" and the computer will find all related instances even though those two words might not actually be used. Or one may search for common motifs by combining words, such as "castle and siege."

The ability to search in this broad way makes it "the most powerful research instrument in existence for scholars of this type of literature," Schmidt said.

He said he hopes to have automatic retrieval accessible via Internet by next summer, and have all the most important pieces of relevant literature in the database by the year 2000.

After all epics are in the system, other genres could be added, including poetry, scientific and historical texts, Schmidt said.

Religious works will probably not be included, he said, as theologians are already working on those, and for the

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FACULTY/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Laura Leventhal, Barbee Teasley and Daryl Stone, all of computer science, presented "Designing for Diverse Users: Will Just a Better Interface Do?" at CHI'94, Boston, April.


John Moore, personnel services, presented "Strategic Plan for the Recruitment and Retention of Minorities" for the College Placement Council, Washington, D.C., Aug. 7 and "Personal Assessment: Your Key to Career Development" for the National Association of Urban Bankers, Toledo, Sept. 16.


Sri Kolla and David Gedeon, both technology systems, presented "Microprocessor-based Protection Scheme for Induction Motors," at the Electrical Manufacturing and Oil Winding Association, Chicago, Sept. 27.

David Gedeon and Topher Gedeon, both technology systems, presented "Applying Machine Vision in Manufacturing," at the Quality and Metrology Symposium, Bowling Green, Aug. 10-11.


Alvar Carlson, geography, presented "America's Changing Immigration and Ethnicity," at the Symposium on American Settlement and Ethnicity, Innsbruck, Austria, in May.


FACULTY/STAFF PUBLICATIONS


Fred Pigg and Ronald Marso, both educational foundations and inquiry, co-authored a chapter titled "Teachers' Testing Knowledge, Skills, and Practices" that appeared in Teacher Training in Measurement and Assessment Skills. They also co-authored "Outstanding Teachers' Sense of Teacher Efficacy at Four Stages of Career Development" in The Teacher Educator, Spring 1994.

Audrey Rentz, higher education and student affairs, co-authored with Stephen Hunt "Greek-letter Social Group Members" in College and University Management Information Systems, Spring 1994.

Virginia Marks, music, has been elected president of the Ohio Music Teachers Association.

Duane Whitmire, computer services, has been asked to join the Speakers' Bureau of the Help Desk Institute, an international organization to provide training, educational materials and a networking forum for those who coordinate and work with computer help desks.

David Curtis Skaggs, history, was recently elected president of the Torch Club of Toledo for 1994-95.

Steven C. Russell, special education, has been elected president of Woodlane Industries Non-profit Advisory Board for 1994-95. He was also elected the 1994-95 president of the Ohio Teacher Education Division of the Ohio Federation Council for Exceptional Children.

Donald Gehring, higher education and student affairs, served on the faculty of the Mid-Manager's Institute, June 25-30 at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Ron Stoner, physics and astronomy, wrote a computer simulation program that was selected as winner of the Fifth Annual Software contest sponsored by the journal Computers in Physics.

FACULTY/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Harold Rosenberg, psychology, $30,000 from the Alcoa Beverage Medical Research Foundation, to support research evaluating college students' ability to recognize intoxica­ tion in others.

Reginald Noble, biological sciences, $40,000 and $20,000 from the U.S. Environment­al Protection Agency, for collaborative scientific research on atmospheric deposition of forest contaminants with the former Soviet Union and Poland.

Klaus Schmidtt, German, Russian and East Asian languages, $7,500 from Max Kade Foundation, Inc., for Max Kade Writer-In-Residence/Professorship.

Larry Smith, Firelands, $1,812 from the Ohio Arts Council, to publish, promote and distribute Volume IV of the annual anthology The Heartlands Today, and to continue the "College House Readings" of poetry and fiction at College House in Sandusky.

Judy Adams, medical technology, and Glenn M. Fitzpatrick, biological sciences, $2,500 from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command, to fund research in the development of cryopreservation of red blood cells.

FACULTY/STAFF GRANTS


Mark Asman, accounting and manage­ment information systems, presented an Internet workshop at the Ohio Region American Accounting Association, Columbus, May 5 and at the National American Account­ ing Association meeting, New York, Aug. 10.

Barbara Hoffman, student health service, presented "Campus Rape: Does Your School Make the Grade?" at the Eighth Annual Ohio Coalition on Sexual Assault, Columbus, Sept. 8-9.

DATABASE

From the front most part they are written in Latin.

The epic literature alone will come to more than five million text lines.

The project has required the assistance of two graduate students from Germany, Harald Feier, from the University of Salzburg, and Suzanne Gehrike, from the University of Kiel.

A recent visit to the computer lab in the GREAL department found Gehrike at the computer with a dictionary on her lap, going through a text — screen by screen. The computer presents all possible meanings of particular words and it is the editor's job to decide which is correct in that context. To do this work requires a thorough training in the middle high German dialect, Schmidt said.

Though this sounds like an overwhelming amount of work, it is high-speed compared to when Schmidt first began the project in 1972. At that time, the University had a main-frame computer in the science building and he had to work with punch cards, going through box after box by hand.

The program is written in COBOL. “We had to make it very simple, going on the assumption that everyone knows nothing about the computer. All they have to do is get in to the mainframe computer, which then shows them a menu.”

Instructions are available in English and German.

The work is funded by a major grant from the German Research Foundation, which is similar to the National Endowment for the Arts here.

Though Schmidt was a pioneer when he started in 1972, today this type of work is being carried out in many other arenas, from the military to medical research, to library sciences. To bring together people who are working on the same principal in many fields, Schmidt has organized "The Society for Conceptual and Content Analysis by Computer."

"The main thing is that reality is that this is so important to saving us from losing control over this 'Babel-onian' tower of knowledge we have built up. This system will give us a meaningful overview, a tool to organize the literature, to bring together people who are working on the same principal in many fields. Schmidt has organized "The Society for Conceptual and Content Analysis by Computer."
Symposium to focus on student affairs

A two-day invitational symposium, to be held Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Otscamp Hall, will feature presentations and discussions among 11 of the most highly respected professionals and educators in the student affairs field.

The event is sponsored by the Senior Scholars of the American College Personnel Association and the Department of Higher Education and Student Affairs at Bowling Green, in cooperation with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Although participation in the on-campus symposium is by invitation only, a portion of the discussion will be aired via a live interactive teleconference being made available to higher education administrators, student affairs professionals, faculty and graduate students. More than 80 colleges and universities across the country have already registered for the downlink.

According to Dr. Donald Gehring, higher education administration and organizer of the symposium, the theme of the two-day program is "The Student Learning Imperative: Implications for Student Affairs."

"The student learning imperative is a new model in the profession that proposes a renewed commitment to activities that will improve student learning, as well as personal development," he said.

Dr. George Kuh, professor of higher education at Indiana University and principal author of a paper entitled "The Student Learning Imperative," will give the keynote address. It will be followed by a panel discussion among six other nationally recognized educators and student affairs professionals.

"Our participants represent the 'gold list' of experts in the field," Gehring said. "This symposium will be a major event in the history of student affairs in higher education. It will help set the agenda for the year 2000."

Panelists are: Dr. Robert D. Brown, professor emeritus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Dr. Carol A. Cartwright, president of Kent State University; Dr. K. Patricia Cross, professor of higher education at the University of California Berkeley; Dr. Elizabeth M. Nuss, executive director of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators; Dr. Melvin Terrell, vice president for student affairs at Northeastern Illinois University; and Dr. M. Lee Upricht, assistant vice president of Pennsylvania State University.

Moderating the panel discussion will be Dr. Charles C. Schroeder, vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Patrick Terenzini, professor at Pennsylvania State University and co-author of the recent book, How College Affec­ts Students, will provide a summary and synthesis of the discussion.

The teleconference, to be broadcast from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, will include Kuh's address as well as the panel discussion and summary. Persons watching the program via the teleconference may call in with questions by using a toll-free phone number.

FALCON FOOTBALL

The components of a great football game include more than the action on the field. At Bowling Green's first home game of the season Sept. 18, Tom Rohrer, director of the marching band (left), and cheerleader Marie Miller, helped with the sideline spectacular celebrating their 59-21 victory over Navy. Are Falcons Cal Bowers (63), Michael Parker (28), Jason Peters (77) and Ryan Henry (18).

Applicants welcome for foreign language exchange

It is time once again to solicit applications for the University's exchange program with the Xi'an Foreign Languages University (XFLU) in China.

This is an opportunity for individuals and family members to experience the uniqueness of China by spending an academic year teaching in the historic capital city of Xian.

Bowling Green's exchange program with the Xi'an Foreign Languages University is more than ten years old, and more than 20 representatives of the University — faculty, graduate students and staff members — have participated in it.

A formal application for the exchange requires only a brief letter and vita. They should be sent, no later than Nov. 1, to Dr. Lester E. Barber, president's office, coordinator of the program.

General expressions of interest and questions also are welcome. For more information, contact Barber at 2-2214.

Ordinarily, two positions are available at the XFLU each year: one for Bowling Green representatives with credentials in teaching English and/or American history, culture; and a second for BGSU individuals with expertise in the fields of business and finance.

For the first position, the exchange ordinarily requires a commitment for a full academic year, although in special circumstances a one-semester arrangement may be made for tenured and probationary faculty candidates only.

For the second position, in business or finance, either one-semester or full academic year arrangements are possible. In fact, for this position the XFLU will even consider short-term commitments of less than one semester.

Since the XFLU has recently developed new concentrations for its language majors in the areas of international finance and international cooperation, trade and economics, individuals with expertise in related fields of business are welcome candidates.

Potential faculty candidates who are eligible for Faculty Improvement Leave may wish to coordinate their applications. The Faculty Improvement Leave deadline for 1995-96 is October 3.

Professor returns from pest control training in Africa

It is time to return to Africa after a trip to Africa where he trained pest control workers.

The Third International Course on Vertebrate Pest Management met last month in Ndola, Zambia and Harare, Zimbabwe. Vessey, along with specialists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Research Center in Denver, Colo., and others trained the workers in vertebrate pest control technology.

Most of the pest control workers were from different countries in southern Africa and are employed by their nation's government to implement pest control techniques or assist when asked to help farmers with their pest control problems. Although knowledgeable in insect management, they previously had little or no training managing pests, such as rodents and birds.

The two main goals of the workshops, Vessey said, were to teach vertebrate pest control techniques and facilitate communication among the workers.

This was the first time the workshops were held in Africa. Previous courses had been held in the United States.
Last call issued for insurance enrollment

The Benefits Office has not received Blue Cross and Blue Shield application/ enrollment forms from 37 eligible employees. Any health claims or charges submitted for those individuals can not be processed until Blue Cross receives an enrollment form. Eligible employees who have not submitted enrollment forms to the benefits office will be enrolled in the benefit plan they elected for 1993-94.

Firelands College hosts “Byrds” in concert

Firelands College will be hosting a performance by a band that includes some of the original members of the 1960s-era folk rock group, “The Byrds” at 8 p.m. Oct. 1 at Sandusky State Theatre. Former Byrds Gene Parsons, drums, and Skip Battin, bass, join newcomers Terry Rogers and Scott Neinhaus on guitars and vocals for “The Byrds Celebration.”

OBITUARIES

Dr. Singer Buchanan, Sr.

Dr. Singer A. Buchanan, Sr. died Sept. 13 at University Hospital in Cincinnati. He was an associate professor of speech at the University from 1972-77. He is survived by his wife, Janet Reed Buchanan of Cincinnati.

Thorton Johnson

Thorton C. Johnson, 75, of Bowling Green, died Sept. 13 at Wood County Hospital. He retired in 1987 as a stationary engineer at the University. He is survived by his wife, Susan Salvacion.

Willow VanVorhis

Willow VanVorhis, 71, of Bowling Green, died Sept. 18. She had been employed as a food service worker at the University for 25 years.

FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

The following faculty positions are available.

Sociology: (Re-opened) Assistant Professor, tenure-track. Contact: Sociology Dept. (2-2294). Deadline: Nov. 15.

Romance Languages: Assistant Professor of Spanish, tenure-track. Contact: Romance Languages Dept. (2-2667). Deadline: Nov. 30.


Psychology: Assistant Professor, tenure-track. Contact: Psychology Dept. —Neuroscience Search Committee (2-2301). Deadline: Dec. 1 or until position is filled.

Communication Disorders: Two positions, Assistant or Associate Professor, tenure-track. Contact: Linda Petrosino, chair, Dept. of Communication Disorders (2-2515). Deadline: Jan. 15.

GREAL: Assistant Professor in German. Contact: Klaus M. Schmidt, chair, Dept. of GREAL (2-2268). Deadline: Dec. 15.

The following administrative staff positions are available:


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

DATEBOOK

Monday, Sept. 26

Economic Colloquium Series. Dr. Timothy S. Fuerst will present “Monetary and Financial Interactions in the Business Cycle,” 3:30 p.m., 400 Business Administration Building. International Film Directors’ Week Event, Daniel Petrie will be the guest director, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free. Call 2-2667 for more information.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Administrative Staff Council Executive Committee Meeting, noon-1 p.m., Taft Room, Union.

International Film Directors’ Week Event, director Randa Haines will discuss her 1991 film “The Doctor,” 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free. Call 2-2667 for more information.

Planetarium Show, “The Endless Horizon,” 8 p.m., BGSU Planetarium. $1 donation suggested.

Student Composers’ Forum, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Wednesday, Sept. 28


Soccer vs. Western Michigan, 4 p.m., Mickey Cochrane Field.

Feminist Forum, a student panel discussion entitled “Quilled Imagined Communities: A Colorful Patchwork of Women’s Words,” 4-5 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Union.

International Film Directors’ Week Event, Iban Szabo will discuss his work, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free. Call 372-2667 for more information.

Friday, Sept. 30

UAO Film, “Schindler’s List,” 6 and 10:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. $1.50 with valid BGSU I.D.

Volleyball vs. Akron, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Planetarium Show, “The Endless Horizon,” 8 p.m., BGSU Planetarium. $1 donation suggested.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Women’s Tennis hosts BGSU Invitational, 11 a.m., Keefe Courts.

Planetarium Show, “The Endless Horizon,” 2 p.m., BGSU Planetarium. $1 donation suggested.

UAO Film, “Schindler’s List,” 6 and 10:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. $1.50 with valid BGSU I.D.

Volleyball vs. Kent, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Sunday, Oct. 2

Women’s Tennis hosts BGSU Invitational, 10 a.m., Keefe Courts.

Planetarium Show, “The Endless Horizon,” 7:30 p.m., BGSU Planetarium. $1 donation suggested.

Monday, Oct. 3

International Film Series, “Stand Straight” (China) 1993, 8 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Continuing Events

Exhibit, “Ohio Metals: A Legacy,” an exhibit of works by 63 top metals artists, through Sept. 26, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays and 2-5 p.m. Sundays. Free.

Exhibit, “The Eighth Mini Print International Exhibition,” through Sept. 28, School of Art Gallery, Fine Arts Center.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

New vacancies Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday, Sept. 30

9-30-1 Food service worker pay grade 1 University Union academic year, part time

9-30-2 Housekeeping manager 2 pay grade 7 physical plant custodial

FOR SALE

The Applied Human Ecology Department has for sale a Moiood EMU-1101畢竟 which has been out of service for several months. The $300 price includes two extra bottles of toner. For information or to purchase, call Elaine Brens at 2-7813.