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American culture studies earns kudos for its graduate level programs

The success of the American culture studies program has recently been affirmed by the American Studies Association.

In the *Guide to American Studies Resources, 1994*, Bowling Green's program is ranked sixth in the nation among 24 universities reporting master's and Ph.D student enrollment.

But the numbers alone don't tell the whole story, said Dr. William E. Grant, ACS director. The high caliber of the students in the program and the academic standing of the universities from which they come are other indications of the program's integrity. The geographical range of those coming to the ACS program is quite wide, from the University of Salzburg to Harvard University.

Besides bringing international graduate students to Bowling Green, the program maintains undergraduate exchange programs with the University of Keele in England and the University of Gruz in Austria.

The backgrounds of the program's four core faculty members are also diverse. All have joint appointments. Grant and Dr. Philip Terrie are also with the English department. Dr. Steven Ludd comes from the political science department, and Dr. Donald McQuarie is in sociology.

Another 25 to 30 faculty teach cross-listed courses with ACS and their departments. They also may direct independent studies, theses and dissertations.

"As a cultural and environmental historian, in terms of my own scholarship I appreciate the flexibility the program gives me. And in my teaching in the English department and ACS, I'm able to take an interdisciplinary approach to everything," Terrie commented.

The goal of the program is to "help students understand and appreciate the interrelationships of all aspects of American culture," according to an ACS publication. After completion of the required basic American Culture courses, students take classes from a variety of traditional disciplines according to their areas of interest. ACS requirements "are general rather than specific," said Grant. Students must choose a major and a minor area of concentration. Terrie said the program has the flexibility to give students a number of different experiences, both academic and non-academic. For instance, part of the course of study involves an internship in a setting related to an area of American culture studies, such as at the Smithsonian Institution, the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in Hollywood and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

In addition to the graduate degrees, ACS also offers interdisciplinary undergraduate majors and minors as well as



William Grant epitomizes American culture with his western attire and office decor.

general education and cultural diversity courses. Among 119 departments and programs reporting graduate and/or undergraduate degrees, the Bowling Green program is ranked 12th nationally in the *Guide to American Studies Resources, 1994*, published by the American Studies Association.

Culture studies is a growing field, judging by the proliferation of programs across the country and the number of students enrolled. Bowling Green's program has recently expanded by approximately 15 to about 120 total graduate students, Grant said. "We're meeting the demand created by the bright grad student . . . We attract highly qualified grad students who are dissatisfied by traditional departmental limits," he said.

They are drawn to Bowling Green because it offers a great deal of choice in what courses they will take and enables them to study topics within the culture from multiple standpoints in an integrated program, Grant said.

"I think it represents a re-synthesis of the explosion of new disciplines that came about in the 80s," said Wayne

Sneath, a doctoral student who came to Bowling Green this year from Miami University. "This interdisciplinary approach will become more important as time goes on. It's looking at culture as a very dynamic thing."

Sneath and Kelly Mayhew, a second-year doctoral student who came here from San Diego State University, are the two student representatives on a nine-member advisory board for the program.

Both Sneath and Mayhew said they chose Bowling Green for the opportunity to tailor their own programs according to their interests. Mayhew, whose background is in English literature, is concentrating on literature and philosophy, from a feminist perspective. "I couldn't just isolate literature from every other aspect of society, such as history, sociology, philosophy and women's studies," she said. "Culture studies offers a larger way of looking at things."

Sneath, who comes from a background in rhetoric and composition, noted that the interdisciplinary nature of the program's student body can be difficult sometimes as people are speaking from "widely different realms of experience.

But ultimately it is beneficial as it gives a much wider exposure."

Sneath and Mayhew are working along with others in the program to organize a graduate student conference next April at Bowling Green. "This will be a forum to highlight our program and share our work with others in the field. We will be bringing in papers from all over the country," Mayhew said.

Both students said Bowling Green's American culture studies program was recommended by faculty at their undergraduate colleges. "We're definitely known by thesis-granting institutions," said Terrie.

What's the next step for ACS? "We're anticipating developing a School of Culture Studies," that would team ACS with the women's studies and ethnic studies programs, Grant said. "If this happens, we'd be one of very few in the country to combine these three." Grant said he is hopeful the change will occur this year, remarking that this integrated approach to education is a logical development. "The future lies here." — Bonnie Blankship



Scott Blackwood (left), food operations, Deb Hernandez and Maria Jaso, both of the physical plant, learn CPR at a recent seminar sponsored by the personnel office.

Personnel plans seminars for faculty, staff and supervisors

Personnel Services is offering a little something for everyone who wants to devote some time to personal and professional growth.

From now until the end of the academic year, the office is sponsoring free training seminars for staff on a wide range of topics including CPR, financial planning and sexual harassment.

This week, John Moore, assistant vice president for personnel, will lead a brown bag luncheon on the topic "Handling Stress at Home and at Work With an Attitude Adjustment," from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday. A financial planning seminar is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Both programs will be held in the College Park Office Building.

In addition to programs offered for all staff, a series of 10 supervisory training sessions will be available for supervisors only, beginning Nov. 17 and running

through Sept. 21 of next year.

Each supervisory session will cover a different topic and will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon once a month. Some of the topics to be covered include diversity training, organizational behavior, time management and performance management.

Supervisors who wish to participate must sign up for the entire series of training courses. Space is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register for any of the courses, contact Yolanda Patton at 2-8421.

Nomination deadline nears for awards

Nominations for Distinguished University Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor or Distinguished Research/Artist Professor must be submitted by Dec. 16.

Faculty may nominate colleagues for distinguished professorships through the vice-president for academic affairs. Nominations must also carry the endorsement of the nominee's department or school.

Nomination materials should include a letter of endorsement detailing the accomplishments that form the basis for the nomination, a current curriculum vita and the names of 8-10 external scholars of national and international reputation who may be contacted to comment on the nominee's accomplishments in his or her field.

Parking lots to close for about five months

Beginning Nov. 14, Parking Lot Y by the Psychology building, Overman Hall and the Physical Sciences building will be closed until approximately March 17 for replacement of the chilling and cooling tower of the Physical Sciences building.

Computer Services offers classes for faculty, staff and grad students

Computer Services is offering the following seminars to faculty, staff and graduate students during the month of November. Call 2-2911 to register.

***Microsoft Word for Windows I (IBM)**—10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 10, 128 Hayes Hall. This seminar introduces Microsoft Word for Windows and includes information on creating files, storing files, and editing documents. This is part one of a two-part seminar on Microsoft Word and prior knowledge of Windows concepts is recommended.

***PageMaker for Windows (IBM)**: 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 11, 128 Hayes Hall. This seminar covers basic desktop publishing using PageMaker for Windows. Prior experience with the Windows operating system is recommended.

***Microsoft Excel II (Mac)**: 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 14, 126 Hayes Hall. This seminar covers advanced features of Excel, including spreadsheet formats, charts, and macros. Prior experience with Excel is recommended.

***Internet I for Macintosh Users**: 1-3 p.m., Nov. 14, 26 Hayes Hall. This seminar covers the Internet applications Telnet, Eudora (mail), and NewsWatcher (news). Prior experience with the Macintosh is recommended.

***SuperPaint (Mac)**: 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 15, 126 Hayes Hall. This seminar covers how to draw pictures using SuperPaint. Prior experience with the Macintosh is recommended.

***PageMaker I (Mac)**: 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 16, 126 Hayes Hall. This seminar covers basic desktop publishing using PageMaker for the Macintosh. This is part one of a two-part seminar on PageMaker and prior knowledge of Macintosh concepts is recommended.

***VMS Operating System (OPIE)**: 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 21, 126 Hayes Hall. This seminar provides an introduction to the VMS Operating System commands. Attendees should have an OPIE account

for this seminar.

***Internet II for Windows Users**: 1-3 p.m., Nov. 21, 128 Hayes Hall. This seminar covers Internet applications over Ethernet using Gopher and Mosaic. Prior experience with the Windows operating system is recommended.

***UNIX Operating System (BGSUVAX)**: 3-5 p.m., Nov. 21, 126 Hayes Hall. This seminar provides an introduction to the UNIX Operating system Commands. Attendees should have a BGSUVAX account for this seminar.

***WordPerfect for Windows (IBM)**: 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 22, 128 Hayes Hall. This seminar introduces WordPerfect for Windows. It includes creating files, storing files, and editing documents. Prior experience with the Windows operating system is recommended.

***PageMaker II (Mac)**: 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 23, 126 Hayes Hall. This seminar covers visual arrangement of the page using PageMaker for the Macintosh. Prior experience with PageMaker or attendance at PageMaker I is recommended.

***Microsoft Excel for Windows (IBM)**: 2-4 p.m., Nov. 23, 128 Hayes Hall. This seminar is a basic introduction to worksheets using Microsoft Excel. Prior experience with the Windows operating system is recommended.

***Internet II for Macintosh Users**: 1-3 p.m., Nov. 28, 126 Hayes Hall. This seminar covers the Internet applications Gopher and Mosaic. Prior experience with the Macintosh is recommended.

***Microsoft Word for Windows II (IBM)**: 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 29, 128 Hayes Hall. This seminar covers additional features of Microsoft Word and a few advance features of the word-processing package. Prior experience with Word or attendance at Microsoft Word for Windows I is recommended.

Staff to receive pledge cards for first campus-wide campaign

Faculty and staff will be receiving pledge cards in campus mail this week for the first-ever University-wide Employee Campaign.

Each of three constituent groups, Faculty Senate, Administrative Staff Council and Classified Staff Council, are requesting contributions for their scholarship funds.

The Administrative Staff Council awards a \$1,000 scholarship each year to a Bowling Green student. Classified Staff Council offers several annual scholarships.

Faculty Senate just established their scholarship fund this semester, with seed money provided from the Foundation Board of Trustees. In addition, the Foundation Board has agreed to match each \$2 gift to the Faculty Senate Scholarship with \$1.

The board also helped classified and administrative staff scholarships get off the ground when they were founded in 1986 and 1987, respectively.

Employees have several options regarding how they may give to the

scholarship funds, said Sue Sopa, who is coordinating the fund drive through the development office. They may have a certain amount deducted from their paychecks for a period of time that they specify or they can give in a lump sum, either by check or through payroll deduction, she said.

The coordinated effort is designed to heighten awareness of the scholarship programs and to provide for larger and more awards.

Thomas Garey, last year's recipient of the Administrative Staff Scholarship, said he was very thankful for the assistance and highly complimented by the honor of being recognized by the staff at the University.

He was a non-traditional student who had dropped out of the working world to return to school to get a degree in social studies education. At the same time, Garey's wife was struggling to start her own business and the couple had just had a baby. He graduated in August.

"It was an excellent part of my education at Bowling Green," he said.

Faculty Senate releases its final gender equity report

One thing is for certain — the issue of gender equity in pay and promotion for faculty at the University will have been thoroughly studied before the semester ends.

An ad hoc committee of Faculty Senate released its final report on gender equity Nov. 1. At the same meeting, a separate committee comprised of faculty members reported on the status of its own review of the issue.

Dr. William Balzer, a member of the second committee, told senators that his group should have their final report completed by December.

Balzer's group has been meeting on a weekly basis since its formation early this semester to follow the charge by President Olscamp to study salaries and confirm, disconfirm or modify the report of the ad hoc committee of Faculty Senate.

"We are working autonomously and following the principles of our profession," Balzer said. He stressed that the group has no preconceived notions on the outcome of the study and that it will make its report available to the entire campus community.

In addition to reviewing the Faculty Senate report, Balzer's committee is conducting its own data analysis using the

same data source used by the ad hoc committee. They are also conducting a literature review "to find out what's happening in the field of gender equity."

Balzer said that so far the group has identified "a number of mistakes" with the faculty senate report, including an incorrect reporting of salaries based on fiscal year and academic year and incorrect data on some faculty regarding the number of years they have been employed at the University.

But he applauded the efforts of the ad hoc committee and concluded that "whatever the outcome, I think our awareness of gender equity will be heightened on campus."

Although the president initiated the formation of the second committee, he had no involvement in the selection of its members, Olscamp said at the Faculty Senate meeting.

Olscamp also vowed that if there are inequities in salary regarding gender, they will be addressed.

The members of the committee were selected from nominations from deans and department chairs within the University, as stated in a letter to *Monitor* written by Dr. Peter Hutchinson, associate vice president for academic affairs in Septem-

Ethnic Studies Conference focuses on religious leaders

A noted Duke University professor of religion and culture will be the keynote speaker at the Eleventh Annual Ethnic Studies Conference Nov. 9-10.

Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, who is widely known for contributions in the sociology of religion as well as his lectures and publications in the sociology of race and ethnic relations, will deliver the keynote talk on Nov. 9.

The theme of this year's conference is "The Intersection of Ethnicity, Race and Religion in the United States" and sessions will examine religion in the lives of minorities and women from cultural and political perspectives.

"The church has traditionally been an important place for the ethnic minority community to come together and connect culturally and politically. Many political leaders of minority communities are also church leaders," points out Dr. Milagros Peña, ethnic studies, who with Dr. Lillian Ashcraft-Eason, history, is co-chair of the conference.

All conference sessions, including Lincoln's address, are free and open to the public.

Lincoln will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 9) in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union. His lecture will be followed by a panel discussion by northwest Ohio religious leaders.

University alumnus to present lecture on Ohio Indians

A daylong seminar Nov. 12 will focus on the heritage of the Native Americans who occupied Ohio when the first European settlers came.

The program, titled "Ohio Indians—A Multicultural Approach," will focus on a half-dozen tribes, including the Delaware, Wyandot, Miami and Shawnee, and will offer a glimpse of how these early inhabitants worked, hunted, raised families and fought to survive and

preserve their lands.

Professional storyteller John Pekarcik of Medina, a 1965 graduate of the University, will lead the seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 1104A Offenbauer West.

Pekarcik has studied Ohio Indian villages for the past 15 years. As part of his study, he has collected authentic artifacts dating back 10,000 years. He uses the artifacts to bring the Native

Group members were selected for their statistical expertise and experience in dealing with gender-related issues, Hutchinson wrote.

Veronica Gold, a member of Faculty Senate, presented the final report of the ad hoc committee on gender equity during last week's meeting. The senate members accepted the report and tabled discussion on until next month.

The ad hoc committee was organized in September of last year. The members of the committee conducted three studies, the first which was reported to the Faculty Senate in January.

A second study was conducted using such statistical analyses as multiple regression, an ordered probit model and an Oaxaca decomposition. For a third study, a questionnaire was sent to all full-time faculty on campus and a series of focus group sessions were held.

"Results of Studies I and II indicate there are significant salary and promotion inequities for female faculty at Bowling Green State University," the ad hoc committee report concluded. "Furthermore, it is clear that promotion of female faculty into the associate and full professor ranks has changed little in the past 23 years."

Panelists will include Rev. Cassandra Cooke Butler of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Toledo; Rabbi Michael Cahana of the Jewish Community Center in Sylvania; Imam A.M. Khattab of the Islamic Center of Toledo; Kuldpe Singh, president of the International Sikh Youth Federation in Toledo; Minister Charles Muhammad of the Nation of Islam; and Rev. Karen Thompson, director of the United Christian Fellowship in Bowling Green.

Lincoln's seminal study, *The Black Muslims in America*, has been acclaimed as "one of the best technical case studies in the whole literature of social science." His other widely noted works include *The Black Church Since Frazier: Race, Religion and the Continuing American Dilemma*; *The Negro Pilgrimage in America*; and *The Black Church in the African-American Experience*.

Published extensively in encyclopedic works, including the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and *World Book Encyclopedia*, he also has lectured at major universities in Western Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and throughout the United States. His research has been funded by grants from a number of foundations, including the Eli Lilly Endowment and the Ford Foundation.

Lincoln is founding president emeritus of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Science and a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences; the American Sociological Association; the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Fellowship of Southern Writers, among other organizations.

The conference will continue Thursday (Nov. 10) with a symposium on ethnicity, race, religion and gender from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Community Suite of the University Union.

Speakers will include Muge Gocek of the University of Michigan, representing traditional Islam; Barbara Lee of the Nation of Islam in Toledo; Iyalosa Adekola Adedaopo, a Yoruba traditional priestess from the Shango Temple in Chicago; Ida Rae Cahana, Temple Shomer Ennim in Sylvania; and Deborah Scerbicke of the Newman Center Boards of Catholic Lay Teaching and Ministries in Chicago.

The final panel session, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Community Suite, will feature students from four different academic disciplines who will reflect on the conference theme. Participating will be Marwan Tantash and Ethel Young, English, Djisovi Eason and Ester Carr, American culture studies, Sharan Singh, business administration and Solomon Davidoff, popular culture.

World War II vets to speak at breakfast

A panel of World War II veterans will present "World War II: A Retrospective Look" at the final fall "Breakfast in BG" at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 18 at the Miletic Alumni Center.

Members of the discussion group will include Don Drain, who took part in the invasion of the Normandy beaches; Elton Ringer, who was a prisoner of war in Germany; Leona Zimmer, who served with the Women's Air Service Pilots; and Bowling Green Mayor Wesley Hoffman, who served in China and Burma. All of the panel members are Bowling Green alumni.

Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling 2-2424 no later than Nov. 10.

Deadline extended for Xi'an program

The deadline has been extended to Nov. 18 for applications for the University's exchange program with the Xi'an Foreign Languages University (XFLU) in China.

Two and possibly three positions are open for teachers of writing and/or American thought, history and culture. One position is open for a teacher in the area of business.

The exchange ordinarily requires a commitment for a full academic year, although in special circumstances a one-semester arrangement may be made.

To apply, send a brief letter and vita to Dr. Lester E. Barber, president's office, coordinator of the program. For more information, contact Barber at 2-2214.

Gender issues to be explored

A live videoconference titled "Contemporary Gender Relationships on Campus," will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 9) in 113 Olscamp Hall.

The program will focus on a wide range of gender-related issues on campus from interracial dating to faculty/student relationships.

A panel of experts will give insight into how students, faculty and administrators can minimize the adverse effects of gender insensitivity while helping build a climate that fosters gender equity.

Conference panelists include Alvin F. Poussaint, clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School; Andrea Parrot, assistant professor in the Department of Human Services Studies at Cornell University; Ron Campbell, assistant vice president for housing and food services at the University of Minnesota; and Amy L. Reynolds, assistant professor of counseling and psychology at Fordham University.

Immediately following the video conference will be a discussion period for Bowling Green faculty, staff and students in attendance. The moderator will be Marshall Rose, affirmative action.

Panelists will include David Weis, applied human ecology; Lorna Gonsalves-Pinto, ethnic and women's studies and Stacy Pettit and Matt Boaz, racism reduction center.

The program is being sponsored by the Human Relations Commission and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

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DATEBOOK

Monday Nov. 7

International Film Series, "Beijing Watermelon," (Japan, 1990) 8 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Subtitles. Free.

Tuesday Nov. 8

People for Racial Justice Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Taft Room, Union.

Women's Basketball vs. Athletes-in-Action, 5:45 p.m., Anderson Arena.

African Film Series, "La Vie est Belle (Life is Rosy)," (1987) directed by Ngangura Mweze and Bernard Lamy, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Annie Sprinkle Performance, presented by Women's Studies, sponsored by UAO, 8 p.m., Lenhart Ballroom, Union. Free.

Men's Basketball vs. Athletes-in-Action, 8 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Musical performance, Electric Guitar Ensemble, directed by Chis Buzzelli, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

BGSU Planetarium Show, "Serpents of the Sun," 8 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Bldg. A \$1 donation is suggested.

African Film Series, "Wend Kuuni (God's Gift)," 1987, directed by Gaston Kabore, 8:45 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Wednesday Nov. 9

Faculty Forum, General Education Review Proposal: Toward a More Coherent Curriculum, Dr. Beth A. Casey, director of general education, and Dr. Robert Midden, chair, general education committee, noon-1:30 p.m., Town Room, Union.

Women's Studies Forum, "Open Talk: On Race, Gender, Class, Sexual Orientation, and Where Feminism is Taking Us in the '90s," Dr. Bonnie Tu Smith, English, and Kate Dailey, English at Firelands, 4-5 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Union.

50th Anniversary Film, "Cover Girl," 1944, directed by Charles Vidor, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Ethnic Studies Conference Lecture, Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, 7:30 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom.

Faculty Artist Series, Dr. Jeffery Lyman, bassoon, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Theatre Production, "Shadowlands," 8 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre. For ticket information, call 2-2719.

Thursday Nov. 10

Guest Artists, Cheryl Marshall, soprano, and Caroline Almonte, pianist, 11:30 a.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Theatre Production, "Shadowlands," 8 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre. For ticket information, call 2-2719.

Lenhart Classic Film Series, "An Affair to Remember," 9 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Friday Nov. 11

Falcon Club Luncheon, noon, Elk's Club.

Dept. of Economics Colloquium Series, Lisa Rosenberry, 3:30 p.m., 4000 Business Administration Building. For more information, call 2-6868.

Volleyball vs. Central Michigan, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Theatre Production, "Shadowlands," 8 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre. For ticket information, call 2-2719.

BGSU Planetarium Show, "Serpents of the Sun," 8 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Bldg. A \$1 donation is suggested.

Opera Theatre Performance, "Albert Herring," by Benjamin Britten, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. For ticket information, call 2-8171.

UAO Film, "Serial Mom," 8 and 10 p.m. and midnight, 111 Olscamp Hall. \$1.50 with BGSU ID.

Saturday Nov. 12

Football vs. Central Michigan, 1 p.m., Doyt Perry Stadium.

Men's Swimming vs. Eastern Michigan, 1 p.m., Cooper Pool, Student Rec Center.

Women's Swimming vs. Eastern Michigan, 4 p.m., Cooper Pool, Student Rec Center.

Volleyball vs. Eastern Michigan, 4 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Hockey vs. Michigan, 7 p.m., ice arena.

Opera Theatre Performance, "Albert Herring," by Benjamin Britten, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. For ticket information, call 2-8171.

UAO Film, "Serial Mom," 8 and 10 p.m. and midnight, 111 Olscamp Hall. \$1.50 with BGSU ID.

Evening of Dinner and Theatre, "Shadowlands," for ticket information, contact Joyce Kepke, Continuing Education, 2-8181.

Sunday Nov. 13

Performance, Fall Wind Ensemble, 4 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Performance, Concert Band Flute Choir, 5 p.m., Prout Chapel. Free.

BGSU Planetarium Show, "Serpents of the Sun," 7:30 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Bldg.

Theatre Production, "Shadowlands," 2 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre. For ticket information, call 2-2719.

Monday Nov. 14

Faculty Forum, (see information for Nov. 9 forum), 3-4:30 p.m., 219 Olscamp Hall.

Women's Studies Film, "A Reason to Believe," sponsored by The Coalition Against Sexual Offenses, 6-9 p.m., 111 Olscamp Hall. Discussion following film.

International Film Series, "The Youth of Peter the Great, Part II: The Great Beginning," (1981) directed by D. Zolotukhin, 8 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Subtitles. Free.

At Firelands

Performance, "The Diary of Adam and Eve," and "Down In the Valley," 8 p.m., McBride Auditorium, Nov. 10, 11 and 12. For ticket information call 433-9969.



Comic opera

Paula Roediger (left), Brian Pfaltzgraff and Christine Adamick perform a scene from Benjamin Britten's "Albert Herring." The Bowling Green Opera Theater will present the comic opera at 8 p.m. on Friday (Nov. 11) and Saturday (Nov. 12) in Kobacker Hall of the Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are priced at \$6, \$8 and \$10 and can be purchased at the Moore Musical Arts Center box office between noon and 6 p.m. weekdays. Tickets may also be reserved by calling 2-8171.

Nominations accepted for Olscamp award

Nominations for the 1995 Olscamp Research Award are due in the Office of the Associate Vice President for Research by Dec. 16.

The award is given annually to a University faculty member for outstanding scholarly or creative accomplishments during the previous three-year period.

Accomplishments include refereed presentations of scholarly papers or publications, musical compositions or arrangements, concerts or recitals, dramatic or visual works presented at national and international meetings or exhibitions, patentable or licensable discoveries and creations of major significance.

Nominations are solicited annually from members of the University community, alumni and persons external to the University.

The nominees will be screened by an advisory committee consisting of the Associate Vice President for Research, who chairs the committee, and four outstanding scholars appointed from the faculty. Their recommendations will be submitted to the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs and University Relations who select the recipient of the award.

FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

Administrative staff positions:
University Relations: Assistant to the Vice President for University Relations, Special Programs and Stewardship. Contact Personnel Services (2-2227). Deadline: Nov. 21.

Faculty positions:
Library Information Services: Bibliographer (two positions), tenure-track. Contact Bibliographer Screening Committee, Jerome Library Dean's Office (2-2856). Deadline: Feb. 15.

CLASSIFIED STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Posting expiration date for employees to apply; Noon, Monday, Nov. 14

11-14-1	Account Clerk 1 pay grade 4 Academic Budgets part-time position	11-14-2	Administrative Secretary 1 pay grade 8 Capital Planning
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OBITUARIES

Earnest Barber

Earnest Wayne Barber, 80, a former University employee, died Oct. 30. Barber joined the University in 1966 as a groundskeeper. He retired in 1984 as an equipment operator.

Memorials may be made to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Blanch Benschoter

Blanch V. Benschoter, 90, a former University employee, died Oct. 29 at Community Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

Memorials may be made to the Wayne Public Library.

FOR SALE

Registration and Records has for sale an AT & T fax machine with 10 programmable speed dials. \$400. Price includes eight rolls of fax paper. Call Peg at 2-7962.

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Olscamp to speak at graduation

In the midst of his final year as president of Bowling Green, Dr. Paul J. Olscamp will offer the keynote speech to students graduating from the University in December.

Commencement ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 17 in Anderson Arena. Approximately 1,160 students are candidates to receive undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Olscamp, who will retire on June 30, regularly presides over graduation but has served as the main speaker only once before, at the 1986 spring commencement.

During his 13-year tenure, Olscamp committed himself to the task of building "An Environment for Excellence" at the University. His success is evident in the long list of improvements which have taken place since 1982. That list includes the creation of additional graduate level study opportunities, the creation of the University's first endowed professorships, the development of the Center for Photochemical Sciences, the expansion of the library's holdings to more than four million items and the growth of the University's endowment fund to nearly \$45 million.

Each graduate attending commencement will be allotted four guest seating tickets which can be picked up at the University Bookstore beginning Dec. 5. The bookstore will be open on graduation day.

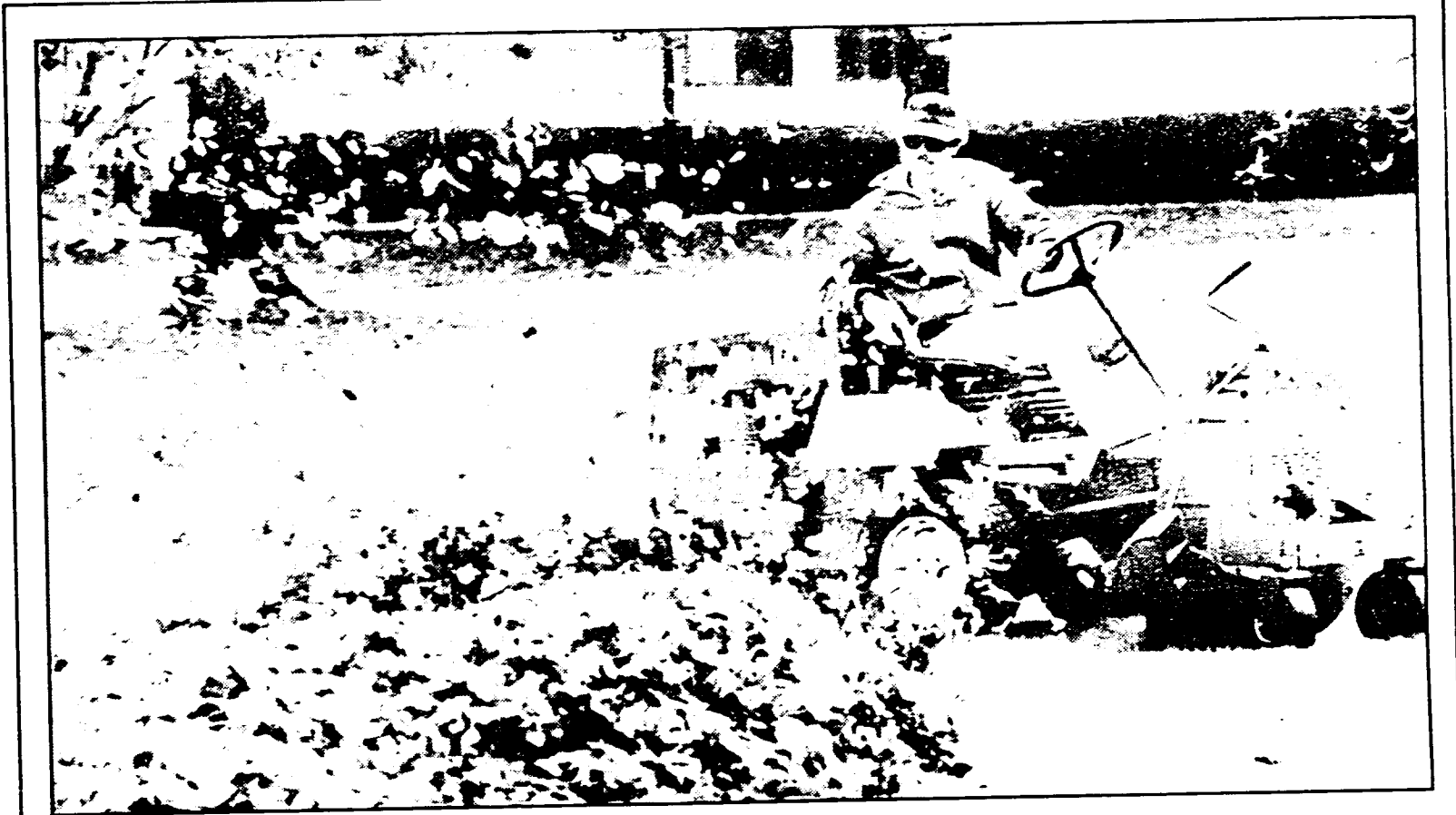
Additional guests may view the commencement ceremonies on closed-circuit television at 101 Olscamp Hall and in several classrooms in the Business Administration Annex. The program will also be broadcast on Wood Cable TV channel 24.

Scholarship fund to honor Tucker

The Department of Interpersonal Communication has established a new scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Raymond K. Tucker who has announced his intent to retire on July 1.

Barbara Lang, development officer in the College of Arts and Sciences, said the goal is to endow the scholarship by raising a minimum of \$12,500. The award will be given annually from the interest generated by the fund to an undergraduate interpersonal communication major.

Tucker has taught and advised at the University for 26 years. He was the first recipient of the Alumni Association's Master Teacher Award and his course on assertiveness has been among the most popular on campus.



That's why they call it 'fall'

Frank Schemenauer, who is usually seen trimming the trees on campus, clears up piles of their leaves.

History chair finds his new duties 'invigorating,' is impressed by research conducted by faculty

Dr. Donald G. Nieman, was familiar with the work of the faculty in his department long before he came to the University in August.

"The history department at Bowling Green has a strong reputation nationally," he said. "The department is very productive."

Through his involvement in academia and research over the last 20 years, Nieman said he had become increasingly aware that the name "Bowling Green" was connected with a great deal of historical research. It was this reputation that encouraged him to join the University faculty.

"I knew the work of the faculty here and when you know that many people by their work, you know this is a good history department," Nieman said.

He quickly listed names of faculty members whose work he had followed before he was named chair of their department and then described their projects with enthusiasm and admiration.

Nieman has a strong basis to compare the work of the Bowling Green faculty to others in the field. He has taught in the history departments of Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, Kansas State University, Hunter College and New York University. For the last five years he has been at Clemson Univer-

sity, where he was a professor and graduate coordinator.

With all that teaching experience behind him, the professor said he decided to accept the chair because he was ready "to try my hand in an administrative position."

Nieman sees his new job as one of promoting the faculty, a task that he finds "easy to do when people are doing extraordinary work."

He said he was impressed to find that in addition to working hard, the faculty work well together. "The department has a high level of collegiality. It functions well as a unit and is not run from the top down," he said. This is an atmosphere which Nieman hopes to continue to nurture during his chairmanship. "I think over the long run a department works better when it is run by consensus," he said.

Nieman said he is finding the challenges of his new position "invigorating." In addition to his administrative duties, he is teaching a senior seminar on the civil rights movement for history majors. Next semester he will be teaching the first half of History 205, the American history survey course.

Nieman specializes in the field of modern civil rights law and the social aspects of law.

He has penned many articles in scholarly journals and encyclopedias, and has written two books, *Promises to Keep: African-Americans and the Constitutional Order* and *To Set the Law in Motion: The Freedman's Bureau and the Legal Fights of Blacks*.

He has been working on a third book on the relationships between black political empowerment and justice in the post-Civil War south. To conduct the research for his book, Nieman studied records of legal cases of Washington County, Texas, going back to after the time of the Civil War to see what role race played in the administration of justice. "Formal changes in the law don't tell the whole story," he said.

Nieman has also edited a series of volumes titled, *African American Life in the Post-Emancipation South, 1861-1900: A Twelve Volume Collection of*



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