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University offers support to the arts and humanities

To encourage research in the arts and humanities at a time when funding for such programs is dwindling, the University has created a new institute and a special award competition for faculty.

The Institute for the Study of Culture, Society, and Human Values has been established to support scholarly and creative projects of high quality in the arts and humanities as well as related areas of humanistic inquiry in the social sciences and education.

Funding for the program comes from a portion of the interest earned on the University’s internal endowment. The commitment of that interest towards the arts and humanities was pledged by President Olscamp and approved by the Board of Trustees last August.

The institute will award up to six tenured faculty members release from teaching to pursue scholarly and creative projects and discuss those projects with others. Awardees will continue to receive their regular salaries and the departments in which they work will receive compensation to offset their temporary absence.

The first of these Artists and Scholars in Residence awards will be for use during the 1996 spring semester. Faculty must apply for these by June 23. The awards will be announced July 17 and must be accepted by July 24 to provide time to obtain replacement faculty.

Awards in subsequent years will be given each fall and spring. In the future, faculty may be allowed leave for up to two semesters at a time.

In addition to offering assistance for research and project development, the Artists and Scholars in Residence program will also provide an important outreach service to the University community. During their leave, participating faculty will be expected to take part in bi-weekly seminars hosted by the Institute, University forums or some other form of outreach.

The artists and scholars in residence will be asked to share their perspectives on the nature and importance of the research or creative process in which they are involved and discuss the impact their project will have on future course offerings, content and pedagogy.

“We would like to create a resident community of scholars who are working together, in dialog together and integrating scholarship and teaching about their work,” said Dr. Karen Gould, associate dean of the Graduate School.

Library facility grows

Construction began this semester and continues on the $2.9 million Northwest Ohio Regional Cooperative Book Depository located at the Owens-Illinois Levis Research Park in Perrysburg. The facility will be used jointly by Bowling Green, the University of Toledo and the Medical College of Ohio for storage of library materials. The depository will house up to 2 million items in a highly dense environment allowing the universities to expand their holdings without increasing space at existing libraries. Construction is expected to be completed by January 1996. Floyd P. Bucher & Son, Inc., of Toledo, is the general contractor for the project.

Donated study of contrastive rhetoric seeks a home

Dr. Shirley Ostler, English, recently received a donation of materials which she anticipates will be a rich resource for local and international scholars of written discourse.

The Robert B. Kaplan collection of contrastive rhetoric contains some 350 dissertations, papers, manuscripts and other pieces from international writers on a wide variety of topics related to how people of various languages and cultures organize their writing.

In the mid-1960s, Kaplan, professor emeritus of linguistics at the University of Southern California, studied the written, academic work of non-native English speaking students in an effort to determine why even those whose spoken English was quite good were not succeeding in their written work.

He hypothesized that the way people write is informed by the values of their own cultures, and that when they begin to write in a second language they tend to simply transfer all the characteristics and qualities they have assimilated from their native culture. These include not only use of words but organization and style as well.

Ostler noted that experienced teachers of English as a second language in composition can identify the native country of the writer after reading only a few paragraphs.

These stylistic differences can work to the detriment of students whose professors are unfamiliar with the ways of other cultures, Ostler said.

A Japanese student answering an essay question, for example, would probably develop arguments around the question and not come to the point until the end of the essay, in keeping with the Japanese tradition. A busy American professor might mistake this roundabout style for lack of comprehension.

Ostler is working on finding the best spot for it and encourages ongoing contributions to the collection. She would also like to hear from interested Bowling Green faculty who have observed difficulty on the part of their students with writing so the dialog and research on this topic may continue.

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University named a 'leading partner' of national program

The University has been recognized for its part in a successful national program for involving young people in government service.

The Washington Center is a nonprofit, educational organization that provides full-time internships and short-term academic seminars for college students in the nation's capital. Since its founding in 1975, more than 20,000 students from 750 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad have participated in the program.

Only 20 universities, including Bowling Green, have been designated as "leading partners" of the program and were singled out at an "Honors Roll Dinner" held recently at the National Museum Building in Washington, D.C.

Bernard Swartz, chief executive officer of the Loral Corp., and a member of the center's board of directors, hosted the evening. The guests included center alumni from all three branches of government.

Representing Bowling Green were Dr. Peter M. Hutchinson, associate vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Bruce Smith, director of the cooperative education program; and Susan Young, assistant director of the cooperative education program and the person who coordinates the day-to-day activities of the center program.

Others honored at the dinner included Albion College, Ball State, Rutgers, Villanova and Western Kentucky universities and the University of the Pacific.

Bowling Green has been a participant since the center's founding and more than 160 Bowling Green students have completed internships in the nation's capital. Currently, Thomas Fox, a senior political science major from Findlay, is completing a center-sponsored internship at the White House.

Faculty are asked to review draft of conflict of interest policy

In order to remain eligible for federal grants, universities must have a Conflict of Interest/Conflict of Commitment Policy in place by July 1.

A draft policy for Bowling Green is available online at the Sponsored Programs and Research Gopher site. The Louis Katzner, dean of the graduate college, is asking all University faculty to review the draft and provide comments to him or to the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (SPAR) by April 28.

The policy must satisfy minimum requirements established by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Public Health Service (PHS). The University policy draft satisfies the NSF guidelines. But the PHS guidelines have not yet been published. As soon as they are released, they will be incorporated in the University policy.

Administrative Staff Council announces results of recent elections

By vote of the Administrative Staff Council, the following members were named to University standing committees: Advisory Committee on General Fee Allocation (1 year) — Bob Waddle, capital planning; Telecommunications Advisory (3 years) — Laura Emch, financial aid and student employment; Library Advisory (3 years) — Diane Regan, arts and sciences; Computing Council — Becky McOmber, registration and records; Equal Opportunity Compliance (3 years) — Joan Morgan, academic enhancement; Insurance Appeals (3 years) — Barb Keeley, health and human services; Parking Appeals — David Hoehner, business office.
Central heating system to shut down for five days

The University's central heating system will be inoperable from Sunday, May 14, through Friday, May 19, for annual repairs. The shut-down will curtail hot water in most buildings and may cause the air conditioning systems to over-cool in some spaces.

For further information call 2-2251.

Computer scanning hours extended for final exams

Computer Services will extend its test scanning hours for final exams to include Saturday morning, May 6, from 8 a.m. to noon. Faculty should bring their National Computer System answer sheets to 301 Hayes Hall.

Summer course provides instruction in use of WWW

A special course on the use of the World Wide Web is being offered during the summer sessions to assist departments and offices interested in becoming involved in the use of the service.

The course will provide the technical and management concepts and skills necessary for developing appropriate materials for the Web and for effectively integrating this activity into the regular workload.

There will be a significant hands-on development component which will provide enrollees the opportunity to develop Web materials for their areas.

The courses will be offered for credit or audit during each of the two six-week summer sessions.

For further information or to register for one of the sessions, call Dianne Crowe at 2-8661.

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Deadline nearing for ERIP participants

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It is strongly recommended that State Teachers Retirement System members who plan to purchase an out-of-state service credit start that certification process as soon as possible, as it can sometimes take a year or more to complete verification of records.

Contact Norma Sticker in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (2-2915) for forms or for additional information on the ERIP program or the Supplemental Retirement Program.

Participation in the ERIP is limited to 5 percent of the University's STRS membership, or approximately 50 to 55 persons per year. If more than 5 percent apply, priority will be given to those with the longest University service.

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DATEBOOK

Monday, April 24
Theatre Auditions, Auditions for the BGSU Summer Musical Theatre production of "Brigadoon" will be held 6-10 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. For more information, contact E. Eugene Dybaldi at 2-8623.
Edward Lamb Peace Lecture, Laurie Garrett, medical journalist and author of "The Coming Plague," 7:30 p.m., 1007 Business Administration Building. Free. Reception at 9 p.m. at grounds for thought, 174 S. Main St., Bowling Green.
Lecture, "The United States and China: Trade, Human Rights, Security and Taiwan," Dr. Su Ge, Senior Fulbright Scholar, Johns Hopkins University, 10 a.m., Taft Room, Union.

Tuesday, April 25
UAO Activity, Bungee Run, Roommate Jeut and Voko Olympics, 13-4 p.m., Union. Ovrl. Cost: $2 for all 3 events or $75 cents for 1 event.
Baseball vs. Cleveland State, 8 p.m., Steller Field.
BGSU Planetarium Show, Tuesday Night Live, "Sun and Seasons," 9 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Bldg. A $1 donation is suggested.
UAO Tuesday Talks, Sexual Assault Survivor Panel, 9 p.m., Taft Room, Union.

Wednesday, April 26
Student-Athlete Academic Honors Luncheon with awards to be presented including Scholar-Athlete of the Year, 11:30 a.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom. Lunch costs $8.50 per person.
Panel discussion, "Why Do School Boards Always Need More Money?" noon-1 p.m., 117 Osceola Hall.

Thursday, April 27
Men's Tennis hosts MAC championships, 10 a.m., Keefe Courts.
Softball vs. Ball State, 2 p.m., softball complex.
ODK spring initiation, 4 p.m., Probst Chapel. Reception to follow in the Alumni Room, Union.
Hollywood Comedies of the 1930s Film Series, "Kinochka," 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.
BGU Planetarium Show, "The Little Star That Could," 8 p.m., BGU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Bldg. A $1 donation is suggested.

Friday, April 28
ODK Breakfast, 7-8 a.m., Alumni Room, University Union.

Men's Tennis hosts MAC championships, 10 a.m., Keefe Courts.
Softball vs. Ball State, 2 p.m., softball complex.
Dominant Moose, 4 p.m., Probst Chapel. Reception to follow in the Alumni Room, Union.
Hollywood Comedies of the 1930s Film Series, "Kinochka," 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Saturday, April 29
Men's tennis hosts MAC championships, 10 a.m., Keefe Courts.
Softball vs. Ball State, noon, softball complex.
Baseball vs. Kent, 1 p.m., Steller Field (2).
Hollywood Comedies of the 1940s Film Series, "I Was a Male War Bride," starring Cary Grant, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.
BGSU Festival Forum, hosted by Dr. Paul Hunt with guest artist flutist Eunice Zukerman and the Shanghai Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Sunday, April 30
Baseball vs. Kent, 1 p.m., Steller Field.
BG Symphony Quartet, 7 p.m., Bryan Concert Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Alumni Association sponsors rafting trip
The Alumni Association is sponsoring a Wild Whitewater Weekend on the New River in West Virginia June 22-25 for alumni, faculty and staff.
For $199 per person, adventure buffs will be treated to a rafting package which includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, two-night hotel accommodations (double occupancy), a six-hour river run, lunch on the river, a post-rafting barbecue and continental breakfasts Saturday and Sunday.
Deadline for reservations is May 15. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be given after May 23 unless all spots can be filled.
For more information or to obtain a registration form call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 2-2701.

University begins summer hours May 8
Summer hours for the main campus and Firelands College will begin Monday, May 8, and continue through August 11.
With the exception of Memorial Day and Independence Day weeks, the regular work hours for most University employees will be from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. with a half-hour lunch Monday through Thursday and 7:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday.
Memorial Day will be observed with a holiday on Monday, May 29. Employees are only entitled to an eight-hour holiday, so make up the additional work off on Memorial Day the workday on Friday, June 2, will be from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with no lunch period.
Independence Day will be observed with a holiday on Tuesday, July 4. Like Memorial Day week, the additional hour from that day will be made up with a 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. workday on Friday, July 7.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday, April 28

4-28-1 Custodial work team leader
   pay grade 4
   University

4-28-2 Statistician
   pay grade 5
   Planning and Budgeting

4-28-3 Word processing specialist 1
   pay grade 5
   Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs

OBITUARY

Ronald Greive
Ronald Greive, 58, of Bowling Green, died April 15 at the Medical College of Ohio.
Greive had worked as a carpenter for the University since 1979. Memorials may be made to Bethlehm Lutheran Church in Pemberville.

FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

Administrative positions:


Division of student affairs/offices of student life: Assistant director of student activities. Deadline May 7 or until filled. Contact Personnel Services (2-4821).


Faculty positions:

College of Business Administration: MIS or Accounting instructor. Contact Dr. Mark Ammon, chair, Department of Accounting and MIS, College of Business Administration or send e-mail to: masman@cbu.bgsu.edu. Deadline: May 15.

Cedar Point tickets discounted for staff
Cedar Point amusement park opens May 13 and once again University employees are being offered discounts on tickets.
Adult tickets for one day are $22, junior tickets are $5.25 (ages 4 and older and under 48 inches tall) and senior citizen tickets are $16.25 (over age 60). Tickets may be purchased for cash at the University Union information desk 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. daily, Monday through Thursday.