Conference to view impact of atomic bomb on American life

The mushroom cloud that ushered in the atomic age burned itself into the American psyche. Without a doubt, the whole world was changed when the first successful atomic bomb was detonated on July 16, 1945, near Los Alamos, N.M. A three-day conference on July 13-15 at Bowling Green State University will examine this event.

"The Atomic Age Opens: American Culture Confronts the Atomic Bomb" will bring together scientists, historians, philosophers and other scholars from a variety of disciplines as well as some of the original players in the nuclear age, including Edward Teller, inventor of the hydrogen bomb. Teller, author of The Constructive Uses of Nuclear Explosives, will speak at a banquet the evening of July 14.

Another major address will be given Saturday (July 15) by social psychologist Robert Jay Lipton, whose studies resulted in the book Death in Life: Survivors of Hiroshima.

Other highlights will include presentations by Jane Caputi, author of Gossips, Gorgons and Cronies; The Fates of the Earth, photographer Richard Misrach, whose published works include Bravo: The Stumbling of the American West; and Jayne Loader, co-creator of the film, "The Atomic Cafe."

Conference sessions, to be held in Otscamp Hall, will explore everything from national insecurity and anxiety to the imprint of the visual images of the bomb's mushroom cloud and nuclear war overtones in popular music and television shows. The conference is being co-chaired by Dr. Christopher Geist, chair of Bowling Green's internationally known Department of Popular Culture, and Dr. Alison Scott, who heads the Popular Culture Library.

"Americans," Scott said, "have a cultural and psychological age of an adolescent. We assume we have nothing to learn unless we are threatened. Yet we invented the bomb. There is a tension between the assumption that as Americans we are immortal and the responsibility we bear for doomsday weapons."

For more information or to register to attend, contact Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs at 2-8181.

Two professors receive highest teaching award

Enthusiasm and extensive knowledge in their areas of study have earned two longevity faculty members the title of Distinguished Teaching Professor.

Dr. Ralph Wolfe, English, and Dr. Edmund Danziager, history, received appointments from the University's Board of Trustees June 30.

The title, which recognizes outstanding performance in the classroom, is one of the most prestigious internal awards a faculty member can receive. Faculty are nominated by their academic departments to a committee composed of their peers. The committee reviews the nominations and makes final recommendations to the vice president for academic affairs.

Because the award was not given in 1994, Wolfe is being named the 1994 Distinguished Teaching Professor and Danziager the 1995 Distinguished Teaching Professor.

Wolfe, who taught for 31 years at the University, has consistently received high marks in student evaluations and is highly respected by his colleagues.

Twenty-two faculty members began retirement July 1

On July 1, 22 faculty members officially retired, although many will still be seen on campus when they return for part-time supplemental teaching positions. Short biographies of the retiring faculty will be published in Monitor this week and next week.

The beginning of this month marked the start of retirement for 22 University faculty. Those who retired are: Dr. Thomas Anderson, geography; Dr. Orlando Behling, Distinguished University Professor of education; Dr. Dorothy Behling, applied human ecology; Dr. Robert Blackwell, special education; Dr. Ernest Champion, ethnic studies; Dr. James Davidson, educational foundations and inquiry; Robert Early, English; Dr. Bonnie Greenberg, communication disorders; Dr. Herbert Greenberg, communication disorders; Ronald Errol Lam, library; Dr. Richard Lineback, philosophy; Dr. Lenita Loney, romance languages; Dr. David Meronk, mathematics and statistics; Dr. Kenneth Noel, physics and astronomy; Dr. James Ostas, economics; Dr. Trevor Phillips, educational foundations and inquiry; Dr. Fred Pagie, educational foundations and inquiry; Dr. Kenneth Rothrock, sociology; Dr. Genevieve Stange, educational foundations and inquiry; Dr. David Weinberg, history; Dr. Ralph Wolfe, Distinguished Teaching Professor of English and linguistics; professor of film studies; and Dr. Peter Wood, educational foundations and inquiry.

Thomas Anderson leaves the geography department after 31 years. One of his research interests is the geopolitics of Latin America, particularly the Caribbean, about which he wrote a book in 1984 titled Geopolitics of the Caribbean: Ministries in a Wider World. He has also studied and written on East Asian demography and civil and political liberties worldwide.

In 1979 he received a grant from the National Science Foundation to present the results of his research on geographic limitations in the movement of superpowers between the Indian and Pacific oceans at the XIV Pacific Science Congress in the Soviet Union.

Dorothy Behling leaves the applied human ecology department, where she worked since 1981. She specializes in the merchandising and design of apparel and has research interests in the adoption and diffusion of fashion, and the development of a viable theory of fashion change.

In 1988 Behling was a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, Honolulu. Her work has taken her around the world, from Russia to New Zealand, meeting with fashion retailers and manufacturers. She served on Faculty Senate from 1990-95 and was senate chair last year. She was division head of apparel merchandising and design and was fashion merchandising program director from 1983-86.

Orlando Behling also retired in July. After coming to the University from Ohio State University in 1981, he taught all aspects of organizational behavior and development, with a special emphasis on performance improvement, leadership and research methods. He was appointed Distinguished University Professor of management in 1986. He was named the first Ashel G. Bryan/Mid American Bank Professor of Business Administration in 1990.

Behling is a member of many professional organizations, including Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary. He is a frequent contributor to professional journals and often speaks at faculty seminars, scholarly meetings, and management development sessions for firms, governmental agencies and professional associations.

Robert Blackwell, an original member of the special education department, came to Bowling Green in 1967. For 24 years, he was coordinator of the multiple handicapped division of the department and from 1975-77 was department chair. He was named University Teacher of the Year in 1987.

Blackwell served on Faculty Senate for eight years. He was an initial member of the state Special Olympics board of directors and the first director of both the Special Olympics state basketball tournament and the track and field events. Blackwell was the first president of the board of directors of the Northwest Ohio Developmental Center and was the first chair of the board of directors of Wood Lane Industries.
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

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"In six years as department undergraduate advisor I listened to numerous students speak glowingly of Dr. Wolfe and his teaching," said Dr. Nieman. "Whether he be film studies or British literature, Dr. Wolfe puts his love of language, ideas and students into a creative synergy. Appropriately, the result is that his students feel challenged, uplifted and moved to an understanding and respect for literature." Dr. Peter Wood, associate professor emeritus of English and American literature, said, "Dr. Wolfe is widely recognized as an extraordinarily effective teacher who is willing and able to share his gifts with his students." Wolfe's commitment to his students and the University shows outside the classrooms too, said Dr. Richard Geabhardt, English chair, "in the way he coordinates the 'Literature and Film' class and mentors his graduate student teachers ... and in the creativity and energy through which he has made the Gish Film Theater a unique cultural and educational asset for the University."

Wolfe is the first Gish Professor of Film Studies and was named Alumni of the Year by the College of Education and Allied Professions in 1984. Wolfe was presented with an Accomplished Graduate of the Graduate College in 1994. He was a finalist for the Distinguished Teaching Professor award in 1991 and 1992 and was a finalist for the Master Teacher award in 1993.

Wolfe retires Saturday, July 1, but will be remembered forever by students, part-time teaching position in the English department under the supplemental retirement program.

Danziger's skill in making history come alive and the high expectations he holds for his students have made him a very popular teacher on campus. During spring semester almost 200 students tried for the 45 available seats in his upper-level American Indian history course, according to Dr. Donald G. Nieman, history chair.

"This popularity has not come at the expense of quality and rigor," Nieman noted. "Whether instructing undergraduate or graduate students, Dr. Danziger's teaching is grounded in thorough knowledge of his subject. He brings to the classroom knowledge, insight, enthusiasm for scholarship and an inquiring mind developed in 30 years of productive research that have earned him recognition as one of the nation's leading scholars in American Indian history." Danziger also demands a great deal from his students, including a great deal of writing, research and critical thinking, Nieman said.

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in Bowling Green. He is the author of four textbooks.

Ernest Champion has been chair and department head of English since 1985. He also served as assistant and acting chair of the English studies department and was administrative assistant to the chair of the English studies department from 1974-87. In 1990, Champion received the dean's Special Recognition Award for his work in mentoring the outstanding students in the College of Arts and Sciences. He was awarded the University Excellence in Teaching Award in 1986-88.

A frequent speaker on cultural diversity and curriculum, as well as African literature, Champion has written about author James Baldwin and was coordinator of Baldwin's appointment as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Ethnic Studies in 1979. He recently completed a book on Baldwin to be published in September. He also coordinated the visit of Nigerian author Chinua Achebe to Bowling Green in 1976 and Maya Angelou's visit in 1984.

James Davison came to Bowling Green in 1970 and is the assistant dean of the College of Education. He has taught both teachers and undergraduates in English education, educational psychology, child development and testing. He administered the Head Start Supplemental Training Program. He has helped Head Start employees acquire both two- and four-year degrees.

On the state level, he developed workshops, programs and courses for gifted and talented high school students. His interests include methods of helping high-risk students succeed in college, thinking skills of gifted students and the development of gifted students and map skills of older elementary students. Davison is a member of the American Association of University Professors and has served on the Faculty Senate Personnel and Compensation Committee.

Robert Early, who came to Bowling Green in 1971, has specialized in Southern and contemporary American fiction. His 1974 text, Tinencia, a collection of poetry, fiction and critical writings, was used in the creative writing programs at Bowling Green and several other universities. He received the University President's Special Achievement Award for his work as a writer in 1974 and was awarded a $10,000 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts in 1979. He also received a $15,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo. Early is the author of two novels, The Jealous Ear and Powers and Dominations, as well as many short stories. He also composed chamber works, organ and piano music, and an opera titled "The Seduction."

Bonita Greengard came to Bowling Green in 1970 to teach in the School of Speech Communication's programs in communication disorders. At that time there was no formal undergraduate coursework in the area of language acquisition, assessment and remediation. By 1974, Greengard had designed a course on this topic.

In 1975 she developed a program designed to give communications students the opportunity to observe and interact with normal preschoolers, called Project TOP-Toddler Observation and Participation, which she directed until 1985. In 1981, at the request of faculty in special education, she directed an undergraduate course called "Language Principles and Practice in Communication Disorders Education Major," which has been a requirement since 1982. From 1979-87 she was advisor to all communications graduate students and until 1977 was involved in the clinical supervision of graduate students. Greengard has published a number of studies, delivered papers on communication disorders and language acquisition.