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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 key 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 Lifton, 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 Cranes: The Fates of the Earth, photographer Richard Misrach, whose published works include Bosnia: The Bombing of the American West; and Jayme Loader, co-creator of the film, "The Atomic Cafe."

Conference sessions, to be held in Otscamp Hall, will explore everything from national security anxiety to the imprint of the visual images of the bomb's mushroom cloud and nuclear war nightmares 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 the world is normal when nothing has hurt us. 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 longtime faculty members the title of Distinguished Teaching Professor.

Dr. Ralph Wolfe, English, and Dr. Edmund Danziger, 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 Danziger 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.

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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 chemistry; 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. Bonita Greenberg, communication disorders; Dr. Herbert Greenberg, communication disorders; Ronald Errol Lam, library; Dr. Richard Lineback, philosophy; Dr. Lenita Loccy, romance languages; Dr. David Meronk, mathematics and statistics; Dr. Kenneth Mosher, physics and astronomy; Dr. James Oast, economics; Dr. Trevor Phillips, educational foundations and inquiry; Dr. Fred PGage, educational foundations and inquiry; Dr. Kenneth Rothrock, sociology; Dr. Genevieve Stang, educational foundations and inquiry; Dr. David Weinberg, history; Dr. Ralph Wolfe, Distinguished Teaching Professor of English and Global Studies; 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: Ministers 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 organizations.

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

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