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Art and language faculty have nurtured program in Florence, Italy

Florence, the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance, has also been the creative weltering for art students from Bowling Green and around the world. For 20 years, Studio Art Centers International has nurtured and taught budding artists by providing them the opportunity to live and study in this historic city.

Some of the results of this program will be displayed in the Dorothy Ulger Bryan Gallery Aug. 30-Sept. 22, in an exhibition featuring works by 30 former SACI students from six countries. The works are two-dimensional and include drawing, painting and photography.

Director Emeritus Jules Maddoff, who founded SACI in 1975, will give a talk at 6 p.m. Sept. 1, followed by a reception in the gallery from 7 - 9 p.m. "It's exciting to see work from the alumni of the program assembled in one place. We're very happy to be hosting this show," said Jacqui Naran, gallery director.

Many of the alumni have gone on to become very successful artists, and all had high praise for the role their SACI experience played in their creative development. Anya Block, illustrator, said, "SACI has had a great effect on my life, both personally and professionally. Living and studying in Florence was an opportunity I will always look fondly upon."

Giselle Byrnes, painter, commented, "I went to SACI to learn to paint, but I left with far more than I expected. SACI is where I was taught how to learn." Students receive instruction in studio art, art history, language and culture. They may visit the studios of working artists, architects and designers, as well as the factories where some of the designs are actually produced. All students take advantage of the major museums in Florence and travel frequently to nearby sites in Tuscany.

Bowling Green has been involved with SACI since 1986 when Dr. Giachino Baldacci, romance languages, and Dr. Mary Mabry and Dr. Thomas Hilty, both of art, conceived a program as a joint venture between the language and art.

In 1992, the University became the U.S. accrediting institution for the program, through which students from other universities can transfer academic credit to their home institutions. More than 100 undergraduate and graduate students from Bowling Green have gone to Florence through SACI.

Since 1987, Hilty has administered the program and has become a member of SACI's board of directors in 1993.

"I'm always amazed at how many of the students are from all over the United States," he said. He also noted that while many of the participants are fine arts majors, there are others who attend for the experience of living and learning overseas. "The program is excellent for studying the culture, language and the history of Florence."

Part of Hilty's job is to raise money to assist students with the program cost. Most participants receive some scholarship funds. Two major sources are the Medici Circle, a group of friends and patrons of the School of Art, and the international studies program of continuing education.

Ron Jacomini, art, has twice accompanied the group to Florence. "It's a fantastic experience," he said. "We've never had a student come back who hasn't had a great experience there."

He spoke highly of the required Italian Renaissance art history course, which is conducted entirely on site. Students visit galleries, museums and architectural sites in Florence and surrounding cities, including Pisa, Lucca, Siena and Rome.

The result of art instruction conducted in Florence, Italy, gets a closer look from Tom Hilty (left) and Sandi and Ron Jacomini. The three faculty members in the School of Art are active in Studio Art Centers International, the organization which offers the Florence experience for art students.

The program is now expanding to include music and Bowling Green is involved in its development. Marco Albonetti, a native of Faenza who will be teaching music at Bowling Green, spent time in Italy surveying possible locations for this aspect.

Though SACI is an all-year program, most Bowling Green students attend the summer session, from May 12 through June 20, accompanied by a Bowling Green faculty member. They live in apartments within walking or bus distance of the SACI facilities.

Sandi Jacomini, art, was the summer SACI coordinator this year for the second time and accompanied 13 students.

"We really pride ourselves on taking care of our students from start to finish," she said. "We make all the travel arrangements, from the chartered bus that picks us up at the airport to the taxis that meet the bus and take students off to their respective apartments. Once we're there, I serve as a liaison between the students and SACI."

Jacomini said her job is made easy by the high caliber of student the program attracts. "Bowling Green has superb students. They're serious people. It's a pleasure taking our students (to Florence)."—Bonnie Blankenship

Overwhelming community response is helping to ease housing crunch

Response from the Bowling Green and campus communities is helping to ease a housing shortage resulting from an increase in the number of students attending the University this semester and the closing of one residence hall complex for renovations.

Twenty-eight area families are opening their homes to international students, following a request in the local newspaper, said Jeff Grilliot, director of international programs. Approximately 180 international students have already found homes while locations are still being sought for 16 more and any unexpected late arrivals.

In past years it was enough for Grilliot's office to provide apartment listings and transportation to view rentals for international students, he said, since most of the students are graduates desiring off-campus situations. But this year's off-campus housing shortage has limited their selections.

"The situation has improved because people in town have been very receptive —even in the outlying areas," said Barb Limes, director of the off-campus housing center. "I think by Labor Day everyone should have a place to live."

If off-campus housing cannot be found, the University is offering temporary rooms in Batchelder Hall, one of the oldest in Kreischer complex that was scheduled to be closed for renovations this fall.

Dr. Ed Whipple, vice president for student affairs, said when he learned that international students were not finding off-campus housing his staff immediately assembled to address options. "I was very pleased with their response." Even though these students had not requested on-campus housing, "we very much had an ethical responsibility to help them find a place to live," Whipple said.

The influx of students has also impacted the on-campus housing situation, but the alteration of the residence hall renovation plans has eased that crunch, Whipple said.

Ashley Hall, also located in Kreischer, will house 250 undergraduate students in the fall. Some students are also being housed in fraternity and sorority houses that are not already filled with members. Whipple said students will be permitted to change their room assignments if they are not acceptable to them, although they are being asked to wait until Sept. 13 to do so. If other rooms open up elsewhere in the University system this semester, students living in Ashley will be given first priority.
Retired faculty and staff association to hold convocation luncheon Sept. 18

The newly formed Bowling Green State University Retirees Association will celebrate its inception with a convocation luncheon at noon Sept. 18 in Otscamp Hall.

President Ribeau and Herbert L. Dyer, executive director of the State Teachers Retirement System, will speak.

Dr. Samuel M. Cooper, acting director of the association, said the convocation is the first of many social, cultural, educational and service events planned for the future.

The association already has more than 240 members from the approximately 400 eligible retired faculty and administrative staff, and the membership campaign continues.

Environmental health program reaccredited; only 22 programs so recognized in nation

The University's environmental health program was recently reaccredited by a national organization, placing it in the elite company of only 22 other programs in the country which have met the same standards of excellence.

The National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council recently notified the University that the program was reaccredited for a period of six years, the maximum level of recognition.

"Major strengths included the academic administrative skills of the program director (Dr. Gary Silverman) and the academic skills of the program's new faculty member, Dr. Charles Keil," wrote members of a site team who spent two days at the University reviewing the program in February.

In addition to the site evaluation, Silverman said environmental health staff had presented a self study of the program to the council and attended the council's annual meeting in June to answer questions.

The reaccreditation is "recognition that our program is one of the leaders in the country in environmental health," Silverman said. "I'm really happy about it."

The areas examined included types of courses, numbers of courses, the preparation of students, the quality of faculty, quality of instruction, success of graduates and physical equipment and supplies.

Cooper Tire employees pledge donations to assist new faculty in College of Business

Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. employees who are University graduates are giving something back to their alma mater.

The workers are contributing to the Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. Alumni Teaching Fellowship, a partnership between the company and the College of Business Administration to strengthen the teaching abilities of newer professors.

The fellowship will provide supplemental income of $5-$6,000 annually to a business faculty member who will work with younger professors.

"The fellowship provides a means to further improve the educational experience for future business students," said William C. Hattendorf, a 1960 graduate and vice president and treasurer at Cooper. "There is a strong connection between the quality of a university's alumni and the quality of teaching those alumni received during their education."

The Teaching Fellowship Endowment Fund is expected to reach its $120,000 goal during the first quarter of the 1995-96 fiscal year. It includes contributions from Cooper employees who have either given a one-time gift or made a multi-year commitment. Also, the company has agreed to add $2 to the fund for each $1 donated by employees, a strong example of Cooper's commitment to enhancing the quality of teaching in higher education.

The Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. Alumni Teaching Fellowship is among the first of several projects in the College of Business Administration designed to help improve on a continuous basis the high level of teaching and mentoring available to undergraduate and graduate students.

COMMENTARY

Open Letter to the University Community from the Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee

As you know, President Ribeau established this committee in late July and we are writing at this time to bring the University community up to date on our progress so far and to invite applications and nominations from interested individuals.

President Ribeau joined us at our first meeting on Aug. 4 to give the committee its charge, to discuss his views of the position and to provide a draft advertisement. Subsequently, the committee approved the text of an advertisement which will be appearing in The Chronicle of Higher Education, Black Issues in Higher Education and Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. A description of the position follows. In addition, Marshall Robinson, director of affirmative action and disability resources, will be posting the position on at least two national affirmative action list servers. Finally, we want you to know that we have sent personal letters to academic vice presidents and provosts at all NASULGC universities and many AACSU universities requesting identification or nomination of outstanding candidates. We would also be pleased to receive nominations from members of our University community.

An additional reason for writing at this time is to notify the community that the VPA Search and Screening Committee will host an open forum from 7:45-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, in 219 Otscamp Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive input from faculty, students and other interested individuals about the program and about the search/screening process. In particular, we will be glad to receive comments regarding desirable characteristics of the next VPAA and about critical academic issues or challenges facing the University in the years immediately ahead.

Vice President for Academic Affairs
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The VPAA is responsible for providing academic leadership for the University. The vice president also works closely and collaboratively with the other senior officers of BG SU in a collaborative approach to the general administration of the institution. The VPAA is responsible for being an educational leader in the greater community as well as on the campus itself.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates for the position must hold an earned doctorate or other terminal degree from an accredited institution, and they must have an outstanding record of achievement in teaching and scholarship sufficient to warrant appointment to a tenure, full professorship in an academic department of the University. Candidates must also demonstrate successful, responsible experience in academic administration. The successful candidate will demonstrate substantial evidence of leadership in higher education, an open and collegial administrative style, good working relationships with all groups on campus and in the community and appreciation for people from diverse backgrounds.

The ideal candidate will work collaboratively and productively with others in fostering the kinds of change which will be needed as American higher education adapts to new circumstances in the years ahead. The ideal candidate will be an individual of serious intellectual purpose, with a deep understanding of contemporary intellectual issues as well as an awareness of social realities and current social changes.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: BG SU seeks to fill this position by the end of academic year 1995-96—as early as possible after Jan. 1. Send (a) a letter of interest which addresses the above stated qualifications, (b) a current resume and (c) the names, titles, addresses and telephone numbers of five references who can assess your qualifications for this position. Resumes and completed applications will begin on Oct. 2, 1995, and continue until the position is filled.

BGSU is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

Nominations and applications should be addressed to:

VPA Search Committee
c/o Dr. Sidney Ribeau, President
President's Office, McFall Center
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH 43403

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chair, Faculty Senate
Lester Barber (non-voting)
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executive secretary to committee executive assistant to president
FACULTY/STAFF GRANTS

Robert Berns, business, received $21,300 from the Ohio Department of Education.

Division of Vocational and Career Education, for an all-Ohio summer conference for teachers in vocational and career education held in Columbus.

Scott Craft and Catherine Stein, psychology, received a $4,197 grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health for a project titled "Perceptions of Professional Burn-Out and Perceived Effectiveness: A Study of Rural and Urban Case Managers."

Yuji J. Ding, physics and astronomy, received $60,000 from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research for the purchase of instrumentation to enhance research in the areas of accurate measurement and control of optical phase, novel optical techniques to characterize the semiconductor quantum-confined and thin-film structures and optical properties of novel materials.

Carmen Florerareni, biological sciences, received $143,832 from the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the continuation of a study to determine the best strategies for chemotherapeutic attack on parasitic helmints.

Chan Hahn, management, received $15,000 from the National Association of Purchasing Management for continuing support of research activities in the purchasing field.

Joseph E. Jacoby, sociology, received $50,539 from the Ohio Department of Mental Health for a continuing study of the adjustment problems faced by mentally ill people who have been imprisoned and released.

Elizabeth M. Jakob, biology, was awarded $2,500 from the National Science Foundation to study "Costs and Benefits of Group Living in Spiders," an examination of decision-making processes of spiders as a basis for study of the evolutionary origins of social behavior.

Roudabeh Jamsabi, medical technology, received $3,000 from the Ohio State University Research Foundation for a carcinogenesis esophagus study.

Thomas Jewell and Catherine Stein, psychology, received $4,385 from the Ohio Department of Mental Health to study "Parental Influence on Sibling Caregiving for the Severely Mentally Ill."

Barbara Keeley, health and human services, received $12,500 from the Ohio Department of Health for continued funding of the Northwest Ohio Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Network, created in 1986, to facilitate and maintain health promotion and disease prevention initiatives for a 20-county area in northwest Ohio.

Rex L. Lowe, biological sciences, received $10,000 from Procter and Gamble for a sample analysis of perphytic algae exposed to different levels of pollutants.

Roger Minner, Northwest Ohio Educational Television Foundation, received $50,000 from the U.S. Department of Education to provide both theory and practice in cataloging using the curriculum-enhancement cataloging standards.

Paul A. Moore, biological sciences, received $26,000 from the National Science Foundation to fund the second year of a study identifying the processes involved in chemical orientation to food sources.

Michael Mundschau, chemistry, received $14,000 from the Engineering Foundation for the study of magnetic materials with photo-electron microscopy.

Jaak Panksepp, psychology, received grants totaling $20,000 from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to develop new and sensitive behavioral models in animals that can be employed for future toxicological work related to various projects.

Scott Regan, theatre, received $1,500 from the Ohio Humanities Council for a performance of selected prose and poetry written by Donn Piatt, a nationally renowned editor, social critic, diplomat and soldier of the 19th century. The program will take place in the drawing room of Mc a Creek, the Pratt Castle located in Logan County.

Bruce Smith, cooperative education, received an affiliation agreement with the Bowling Green Swim Club for $2,825 for the placement of a student intern for summer 1995.

Robert Vincent, geology, and Edgar Singleton, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy, received $40,025 from the Hughes Santa Barbara Research Center for the study of a quantity of data to determine if methane, the primary gas escaping from solid waste landfills, can be imagined and if so, the minimum concentrations required for imaging.

Clyde Willis, health and human services, received $4,000 from the Ohio Board of Regents for a committee assisting the Board of Regents with analysis of allied health education issues.

FACULTY/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

M. Neil Bre and, economics, spoke to faculty of the University of Hartford on "Inserting Ethical Analysis into Our Pedagogy" on April 20.


Dennis Edgell, geography, Firelands, presented "A Geographically Correct National Football League: Some Suggestions from Central Geography" at the 104th meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science at Otterbein College, Columbus.

Lorna Gonzalves-Pinto, ethnic studies, was an invited speaker at the annual Cultural Encounters conference sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities held in New Orleans March 3-5, 1995. Her paper was titled "Expanding Multicultural Ways of Thinking: Removing the Blinders."

Jeffrey M. Grilliot, assistant dean and director, Center for International Programs, was a co-presenter with representatives of several foreign universities at the 47th Annual National Association of Foreign Student Advisers Conference in New Orleans May 31. The primary focus of the presentation was how to further explore avenues of communication and cooperation between academic advisers abroad and U.S. admissions officers.

Dennis Halle, journalism, discussed "Promoting Freedom of Information in Your Own Backyard" at the Media Law seminar of the Ohio State Bar Association convention in Toledo May 18.

David Kent, economics, presented a paper at the Sixth International Conference of the Eastern Academy of Management June 11-15 in Singapore. The title of Kent's presentation was "Differences in Perceptions of Host-Country Labor Variables Among Managers from Hong Kong, Japan, Ireland and Canada."

Kyoo H. Kim, economics, presented a paper titled "Disenchantment and Future of Major-International Economies" at the Conference on Recent Developments in International Economics, June 14-16 in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Sri R. Kolla, technology, chaired a session on "Managing Electrical Equipment and Systems" at the Instrument Society of America International Conference and Training Programs in Toronto April 24-27, where he also presented a paper titled "Digital Protection of Power Transformers Using Artificial Neural Networks."

Necoles Leontis, chemistry, recently gave two invited talks. On May 5 he spoke on "Characterizing Nucleic Acid Complexes Using Gel Electrophoresis, NMR, Calorimetry, and UV Melting" at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and on May 8 he spoke at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine on "Structure and Dynamics of Nucleic Acid Junctions."

Fiona MacKinnon-Janney, higher education and student affairs, Suzanne Crawford, dean, continuing education, and Adele Yung, a graduate assistant in higher education, presented a paper titled "Deceptions and Illusions: Faculty Recognition of Student Affairs" at the annual meeting of the American College Personnel Association in Boston in March.

Kevin Quinn, economics, presented a paper titled "A Rhetorical Conception of Practical Rationality" at the 1995 annual meeting of the Eastern Economics Association in New York City, March 17-19.

Marcos Rivera, assistant director of multicultural affairs and R. J. Chavez, doctoral fellow in higher education, presented "The Importance of Recruitment and Retention of Minority Students in American Higher Education" at a conference at Cleveland State University called "Diversity -- Fact or Fiction? Designing Models for Student Recruitment and Retention," held on May 19.
Presidential e-mail sent to India Network

On Aug. 14, readers of an electronic newsgroup on the India Network saw an e-mail message from President Bill Clinton greeting all those celebrating Indian Independence Day. The network, a national electronic mail and list service, is maintained at the University by Dr. K.V. Rao, sociology.

"Please accept my best wishes for a joyous celebration and for peace, prosperity, and the continued blessings of liberty in the future," read a portion of the President's message.

To verify the authenticity of the announcement, David Lytell of the White House sent a follow-up message to Rao. "Yes, this message from the President celebrating Indian Independence Day is genuine. These greetings are common. However, distributing them via the Internet is new."

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday, Sept. 1.

9-1-1
Clerical specialist
Pay grade 5
Financial Aid and Student Employment
12-month, part-time

9-1-2
Clerical specialist
Pay grade 5
University Union
Academic year, part-time

9-1-3
Food service worker
Pay grade 1
University Union
Academic year, part-time

9-1-4
Food service worker
Pay grade 1
University Union
Academic year, part-time

9-1-5
Secretary 1
Pay grade 6
Chemistry

9-1-6
Secretary 2
Pay grade 7
Student Housing and Residence Programs

9-1-7
Vehicle operator 2
Pay grade 6
BGSU shuttle service
Academic year, part-time

For sale

The Philosophy Documentation Center has for sale a Sharp SF-9500 copier with a fully automatic document feeder, 20-bin sorter and a blue color kit. Copier purchased in 1987 and has been under a full maintenance contract since then. Asking $750. Price includes three black and two blue toner cartridges. For more information contact Cindy Richards at 2-0299.

FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

The following administrative staff positions are available:


Firelands College: Coordinator/Career Services. Contact Office of the Dean, Firelands College, 901 Rye Beach Rd., Huron, Ohio 44839. Applications accepted until position is filled.


Staff are recognized for help with games

University staff were recently recognized for their assistance in making the 1995 Ohio/Ontario international friendship games a success.

The games with Bowling Green's sister city, St. Thomas, Ontario, were held in mid-July.

At a recognition reception last week at Wood County Hospital, Dr. Richard W. Bowes, director of recreational sports services, accepted a Spirit of the Games Award on behalf of the University. The award recognizes an organization or individual who exemplifies the philosophy of the games by demonstrating community spirit and goodwill.

When extreme heat made some planned outdoor events potentially hazardous to the health of the more than 700 participants, the University offered the use of the field house for the events. Both Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs and the Office of Public Relations also received plaques for their support of the games as Gold Sponsors. Suzanne Crawford, dean of continuing education and Dr. Philip Mason, vice president for University Relations, were on hand to accept the plaques.

Bursar's office requests fee waivers for courses

The office of the Bursar reminds staff who will be taking classes or have dependents taking classes during fall semester to complete and submit fee waivers as soon as possible. Fee waiver forms can be obtained from department supervisors or Personnel Services.

Faculty are reminded to submit leave forms

Faculty members are reminded that applications for Faculty Improvement Leaves in 1996-97 are due in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs by 5 p.m. Oct. 2. The format for application is in the Governance Document, B II B, page 13. Questions may be directed to Norma Sjöcker at 2-2915.

OBITUARY

Florence K. Currier

Florence K. Currier, 86, died Aug. 18 at the Otsego-Porcupine Valley Retirement Village in Pemberville.

She served as dean of students from 1949-63, one of the most rapid growth periods in the history of the University.

To serve an increase in the number of women students on campus, Currier redesigned and revamped many of the University’s residence hall programs.

When she retired in 1963, the University honored her by creating the Florence Currier Award, a scholarship which is given annually to the outstanding junior sorority member on the campus. She was named honorary Alumna in 1975.

Gerard P. Colgan


He was employed at the University from 1974 until his retirement in 1993 as professor emeritus of technology systems.

Colgan was program leader of industrial education and technology at Firelands from 1974-76 and Firelands chair from 1977-79. He came to the main campus in 1969 when he served as program leader of electronics and then chair of the Department of Technology Systems from 1984-86.