Meet the teachers
Parents of new students attending Bowling Green this fall are being given the opportunity to meet and ask questions of University faculty during pre-registration. "Family and Faculty Partnership" offered group discussions co-facilitated by faculty as well as staff and students. Don Neelam (standing, left), chair of the history department and Nigel Robertson, a student, facilitated one session last week. Pre-registration activities began July 1 and will continue until the end of the month. A schedule of the daily events is available for viewing on the University calendar located on the World Wide Web at http://www.cs.bgus.edu/events/

Trustees give go-ahead for student union feasibility study

A needs analysis and feasibility study on the renovation of the University Union or the construction of a new facility will be conducted following action by the Board of Trustees June 27.

The trustees approved the expenditure of $50,000-$75,000 of general fee monies for the study, following a recommendation by a task force comprised of representatives of 11 student organizations and eight faculty and staff members.

In its report, "The BGSU Union: Creating a Dynamic Space for Community Learning," the task force spelled out a need for additional space and services for the University community.

"The services offered at the University Union are woefully inadequate for creating a contemporary gathering place and learning environment for the campus community," the report stated. "Food courts offering a variety of national, regional and local food services, full-service banks, post offices, gourmet coffee shops, contract or University-owned bookstores, meeting rooms, lounges, and student organization offices are clearly the norm at the student unions visited by the Task Force."

To compile the report, the task force toured six student unions at universities in Ohio and Michigan and consulted with architect Paul Knebl, of WTW Architects, a specialist in college union planning and design.

"In our visits to the various unions throughout Ohio and Michigan as well as our conversations with MAC union directors, it was discovered that every MAC school ... has significantly renovated their student unions in the past decade or is planning to renovate or construct a new facility in the near future," the task force reported.

It is expected that the feasibility study will result in an analysis, based on the University's needs, of the alternatives of proceeding with a renovation and expansion of the present facility or building a new union.

Also, the board voted to name the campus field house after alumna Charles E. ("Chuck") Perry of Rockwall, Tex.

Perry, who is now dean emeritus of the School of Management at the University of Dallas, was on campus for a special ceremony held in his honor July 11.

The $8.7 million field house, which opened in 1993, is a multipurpose facility used for classes, intramurals and intercollegiate sports. Perry earned two bachelor's degrees in 1959 and a master's degree in 1965 from Bowling Green. He began his career in higher education at the University in 1961 as an admissions counselor and became director of admissions in 1963. He later served as director of development and assistant to the president.

His contributions to Bowling Green include founding both the 1,800-member Falcon Club, which has raised millions of dollars to support athletics, and the Charles E. Perry Society, which has raised funding for athletic grants-in-aid. He also was honorary chair of the University's 75th anniversary capital campaign.

During his career Perry, now dean emeritus of the School of Management at the University of Dallas, has served on the boards of scores of businesses, civic and educational organizations.

At the age of 32, he was named founding president of Florida International University, making him the youngest university president in the nation at the time. From 1970-81 he was a business partner of professional golfer Jack Nicklaus. As president and chief executive officer of the Golden Bear/Nicklaus organization, he led the enterprise through a period of substantial growth.

Prior to being appointed dean of the Graduate School of Management at Dallas in 1993, he served as chairman, CEO and president of several multimillion dollar international enterprises.

In other action the board approved the following:

- a pool of $10,757 to be awarded as raises equaling 3 percent to all of the continuing University vice presidents, with the exception of Charles Middleton, who began his term as vice president for academic affairs on July 1.
- a new three-year contract with the University police officers. The International Union of Police Associations and the University negotiated a new agreement that provides a 3 percent increase for each of the three years and compensation for working at special events at the regular hourly pay instead of a reduced rate.
- a change in the handbooks for classified and administrative staff, allowing the use of personal leave in minimal units of one hour and in conjunction with vacation time.
- the election of Ray Medlin as chair for 1996-97 and Delbert Latta as vice chair. The next meeting will be held Sept. 13.

New master's in public health okayed

Bowling Green is one step closer to being part of a three-university consortium offering a new master's degree program in public health.

The University's Board of Trustees approved the program at the June 27 meeting. The boards of trustees for the Medical College of Ohio and the University of Toledo, the other two institutions involved in the program, have also given their approval.

Numerically, the nearest institutions offering a master's program in public health are Ohio State University, the University of Michigan and Case Western Reserve University.

"The need is tremendous," said Clyde Willis, dean of the College of Health and Human Services. Sixty-five percent of the undergraduate students in the environmental health program at Bowling Green who were surveyed indicated they would return to the University for a master of public health if it was available. In addition, 30 of the 48 graduate students studying health education at the UT last year and 36 percent of the graduate students at the MCO studying for a master of science in occupational health said they would have preferred to enroll in a master of public health program if it were offered.

The program is slated to begin in the fall of 1997, if approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.

To ensure that the joint degree runs smoothly, the three institutions have already agreed to re-organize their academic calendars so they coincide. UT and MCO will change from academic quarters to a semester system beginning in the fall of 1997.
New trustee and University alumnus Leon Bibb offers commencement speech

University trustee and alumnus Leon Bibb will be the speaker for the summer commencement ceremonies. The program is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 in front of University Hall. In the case of rain, commencement will be held in Anderson Arena. Bibb will be the ninth alumnus to give the commencement address. Bibb graduated from Bowling Green in 1966 with a bachelor of science degree in journalism. He was appointed a University trustee in May by Gov. George V. Voinovich, for a term that expires in 2005. Currently an anchorman for WEWS-TV in Cleveland, Bibb has held reporter and anchor duties at WTOL-TV in Toledo (1971-72), WCMH-TV in Columbus (1972-79) and WKYC-TV in Cleveland (1979-95). During his University experience, Bibb wrote for the BG News, did broadcast news for the campus radio and television stations, was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, sang in the University chorus and was active in the United Christian Fellowship. He also developed a close relationship with the faculty and deans on campus, which he considers a significant aspect of his University experience. "I could drop in and talk with them at any time," Bibb said. "Much of what I learned at Bowling Green I learned outside of the classroom in the company of faculty.

After working for a year after graduation for The Plain Dealer, Bibb worked in radio in Honolulu and covered the Vietnam War from 1967-68. When he returned, he continued at Bowling Green for graduate studies in journalism. He also developed a news program for WBGU-TV, where one of his assignments placed him at Kent State University one day after the infamous Ohio National Guard shootings.

He and his wife Marguerite, also a 1966 graduate of the University, reside in Cleveland.

Committee to fine-tune mission statement draft

A special committee has been organized to fine-tune the proposed Mission/Vision/Values Statement for the University.

The draft statement was distributed to the campus community by President Sidney Ribeau in April. At that time he asked students, faculty and staff to send their thoughts and suggestions regarding the statement to his office. Several group responses and approximately 30 individual comments have been received. The committee members have been asked to review these and discuss them at their first meeting, to take place this month. Anyone who has additional suggestions regarding the draft statement is asked to send them by Tuesday (July 16) to the president's office, c/o Deb Magrum or by e-mail to mission@bgsu.edu.

A copy of the proposed Mission/Vision/Values Statement was published in the April 22 issue of Monitor and can be reviewed at the World Wide Web at http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/president/mission/mission.html.

Members of the committee fine-tuning the statement are Sherlon Brown, EDFIT; Dawn Glaiz, art and American culture studies; Alberto Gonzales, IFCO; Tara Goer, undergraduate student government; Arjun Gupta, mathematics and statistics; David Kent, economics; Joan Morgan, administrative staff council; Simon Morgan-Russell, English; Eileen Sullivan, graduate student trustee; Pat Kichen, Classified Staff Council; and a representative of Faculty Senate.

WBGU-TV provides television workshop

Ever had an itch to be on television? Here's your chance.

WBGU-TV will be holding the second annual New Talent Training Workshop from 6-8 p.m. Monday (July 22) in the studio.

Anyone who is 18 years or older and has an interest in learning how to do off-air fundraising is welcome to attend this free workshop.

Participants will learn the basics of on-camera presentation including how to use a teleprompter, how to successfully ad lib and what to wear on camera. There are a limited number of spots available.

Those interested should call Diane Cherry at 2-7171 to make reservations.

Child care center holds open house

The WSOIS/BGSU Family Development Child Care Program will hold an open house from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday (July 16). All members of the University community and their children are invited to drop in and take a tour of the new facility, located at 812 N. College St., behind the College Park Office Building.

Center staff and representatives of the parent's group will be on hand to answer questions and provide enrollment information.

There will also be activities specifically for visiting children, including storytelling and singing led by Sara Bushong, of Libraries and Learning Resources.

A Longaberger basket filled with goodies will be raffled off to one of the attendees.

For further information about the open house or the center, contact Karen Freeman at 333-7407.