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New faculty member named chair of sociology department

Although the newest chair and faculty member in the Department of Sociology comes to Bowling Green from a recent position in Nevada, he should have no problems adjusting to this area’s winters.

Gary Lee, who joined the University staff on July 1, has spent most of his life in Minnesota. He holds a bachelor’s degree from St. Cloud State College and master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Lee replaces Meredith Pugh who returned to full-time teaching after serving as chair for 11 years. A specialist in the area of family and aging research, Lee recently held the post as director of the Sanders Center for Aging research at the University of Nevada, Reno. He was also an adjunct professor in the departments of sociology and human development and family studies.

Previously, Lee taught in the sociology departments of the University of Florida, Washington State University and St. Cloud State College.

The reputation of faculty in the Bowling Green sociology department and the strong doctoral program, particularly in the area of demography research, is what led Lee to come to Bowling Green.

Demography, the statistical study of human populations, is very important in conducting research into the behavior of certain populations. Lee said. “The fact that an enormous amount of the population is in a certain age group [known as the Baby Boomers] has radically changed the nature of the United States economy,” he added.

For example, he has recently conducted research into what triggering events cause dependents of children and aging parents to live in the same home. He has found that in some cases, young people return home because they are unable to secure a large paycheck due to a glut of labor in the workplace. As the Baby Boomers begin to retire, their effect will be felt on services available to the aging.

Lee is looking forward to further building on the department’s reputation in demography as well as criminology, deviance and family/social psychology.

He hopes to accomplish these goals with the hiring of an additional faculty to replace some recent retirements.

Currently there are 17 faculty members teaching sociology courses full-time. Six recently retired faculty are teaching courses part-time under the supplemen­
tal retirement program.

In the midst of planning for the future of the sociology department, Lee and his wife, Naomi, have been moving into a house in the area. In addition, Naomi Lee began work July 11 as coordinator of program services for the College of Technology.

Artists at work

Lou Krueger, director of the School of Art, presents the photographs of Toledo area teens during a week-long seminar held on campus last week. The youngsters, who are participants in the Young Artists At Work program sponsored by the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, learned photography skills during the day and participated in campus activities and sampled dorm life during the evening. To help bring the young artists to campus, the University Foundation provided a $2,700 grant.

The Young Artists At Work program, based in Toledo, offers paid artistic experience to students, aged 14-19, from central city schools. From July 8-Aug. 16 students are taught how to create art projects which are then sold at a gallery to generate revenue for the program.
Monday, Aug. 5

Monday Musicians and Frosty Freebies, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., behind the University Union. Sponsored by Student Activities Summer Programs.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Lecture, "Observations from the Pacific Rim on Education in North America and the United Kingdom" by Sadato Yamazaki of Joetsu University of Education, Japan, 6:30-7:15 p.m., 220 Technology Building.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Film, The Breakfast Club, 8 p.m., 111 Otscamp Hall, Free.

Saturday, Aug. 10

Commencement, 9:30 a.m., in front of University Hall. Leon Bibb, the newest member of the University's Board of Trustees and a Cleveland news caster, will be the graduation speaker. In case of rain the ceremony will move to Anderson Arena.

Distinguished alumnus honored

An educator from Charlotte, N.C., will be the 37th recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Richard Hagemeyer, a 1939 graduate of Bowling Green, will receive the highest honor bestowed by the University's Alumni Association during commencement exercises Aug. 10.

The founding president of Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, Hagemeyer was named president emeritus upon his retirement in 1986. That year he also was recognized as one of the 18 most effective college and university presidents in the United States in a study funded by the Exxon Education Foundation.

During his tenure at CPCC, the college was identified in 1985 as being one of the five best community colleges in the nation for teaching excellence.

Hagemeyer has served as president of a number of professional organizations, including the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the League for Innovation in the Community College.

Distinguished University professor researches female sleeping patterns

Petro Badia wants his research subjects to "sleep under the job." Badia, Distinguished University Professor of Psychology, has been conducting sleep-related research for the past 25 years and in that time he has received almost $2 million in grants.

Most recently he received a $372,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to study the relationship between menstrual and sleep patterns in women. His studies will conclude next year.

As part of Badia's research, each Thursday night three volunteers report to the Psychophysiologic Sleep Laboratory at the Psychology Building to sleep. On Friday morning they are awakened and kept up through Sunday morning.

During that time they perform a variety of computer tasks that measure their reaction times, memory and mathematical abilities and how they are affected by being kept awake through what should be routine sleep cycles.

"Historically, most of the work done is sleep and biological rhythms research deals with men," Badia said. "As a result, there is a serious lack of information on how the menstrual cycle and the sleep cycle affect alertness and performance in women."

Badia said Bowling Green is one of only a few universities where sleep research involving women is being conducted and added that the U.S. Department of Defense is interested in this kind of research because military personnel are required to travel across time zones and remain alert.

Badia, who joined the Bowling Green faculty in 1964, is also researching the possible benefits of melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone that induces sleep, as a medicine to help night workers during the day. Melatonin, also sold as a food supplement, is produced by the body only at night.

"There are certain times when a person is alert, like during the late morning and early evening, and times when a person isn't, like middle of night and 1-4 a.m.," he said. His research focuses on providing ways to get people to sleep when they otherwise couldn't and to be alert when they otherwise wouldn't. "Most single-vehicle accidents occur in the early morning hours when people otherwise would be sleeping," he said.

Badia has applied for funds to study the effects of melatonin on elderly, natural melatonin levels decrease with age. He believes taking the substance as a medicine may help older people sleep better.

New Music & Art Festival to feature Pulitzer-prize winning composers

The 17th Annual New Music & Art Festival has been scheduled for Oct. 3-5.

Events will take place on the University campus as well as at the Toledo Museum of Art. Directed by Mark Nuccio, a professor of performance studies, the festival is hosted by the College of Musical Arts and School of Art.

In honor of his 75th birthday, Pulitzer-prize winning composer and conductor Karel Husa will serve as special guest. Sharon Isbin, considered one of the leading pianists of her generation, will also be in residence and present the inaugural concert of the 1996-97 Festival Series season.

An eight-day festival, Husa will be involved in panel discussions and host a composition seminar. Performances of his music will be featured in several concerts, including "Concerto for Percussion and Wind Ensemble" by the Fall Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Bruce Moes, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 in Kocbaker Hall of the Moore Musical Arts Center.

Husa will also work closely with Emily Freeman Brown conducting the Bowling Green Philharmonia in a performance of Husa's 'Reflections: Symphony No. 2.' The concert has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in Kocbaker Hall of the Moore Musical Arts Center.

Husa, who taught at Cornell University until his retirement in 1985 is internationally known for his compositions and conducting.

Ishib will present a concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 in Kobacker Hall. She will be joined by College of Musical Arts faculty and guests in a performance of contemporary solo and chamber works. She will also conduct a guitar seminar at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 in the Moore Musical Arts Center. Ishib's Bowling Green appearance is sponsored in part by GIT.

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Second BGSU officer works at Olympics

Bowling Green is now represented twice at the Olympic games in Atlanta.

Detective Chuck Lewis, who is also a member of the 180th Police Squadron of the National Guard, was called to duty July 25. He will serve at the Olympic park through Aug. 7. Lewis joins John Shumaker, a University police officer who volunteered to serve on the security force at the Olympics.

Although Shumaker left at Centennial Park, the site of the July 28 bombing, he left before the explosion.

Please contact the Office of Human Resources (2-8421) for information regarding the following listings:

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Costal worker (8-9-1) — Physical plant, Pay grade 2. Posting expiration date for employees to apply: 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 9.

Food service worker (8-9-2) — University Union, Pay grade 1. Academic-year, full-time position. Posting expiration date for employees to apply: 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 9.

Police officer 1 (8-9-3) — Firelands College, Pay grade 8. Academic-year, part-time position. Posting expiration date for employees to apply: 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 9.

Student services counselor (8-9-4) — Student Financial Aid, Pay grade 7. Part-time position. Posting expiration date for employees to apply: 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 9.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Assistant athletic director for internal affairs (V-066) — intercollegiate athletics. Deadline: Aug. 7.

Assistant director (V-072) — Career services. Deadline: Sept. 9.

Director of recreational sports (M-057) — Division of Student Affairs. Deadline: Sept. 1.

Systems programmer (V-070) — University computer services. Deadline: Aug. 16.