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BGSU ties are many for mother and daughter

Vicki and Nikki Blasius are familiar as students and employees of the University. Last Saturday they also became Bowling Green alumni.

The mother and daughter both received degrees at summer commencement ceremonies. Vicki Blasius (pronounced Blah-see) received a bachelor's degree in liberal studies. Nikki Blasius received a bachelor's with honors in art education and German education.

Vicki, who is a personnel technician in the Office of Human Resources, began working on her degree in earnest just before she joined the University staff in 1986. She had been a student at the University in the 1960s but had completed only her freshman year when she stopped attending, undecided about her course of study.

Almost 20 years later, while working at GTE, Vicki found herself facing the possible elimination of her job as a result of federal telephone deregulation. She decided to return to the University to update her computer skills in case she needed to seek new employment. When she eventually was laid off she attended classes full-time and earned dean's list honors. And after landing a new job in the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment, Vicki continued her educational course on a part-time basis.

Nikki began working at the University before she attended classes. She was only a Bowling Green High School student when she started working for University food operations. Once she was a University student she continued working in food operations and also was a floor manager and supervisor in the field house and worked summers at Forest Creason Golf Course.

While Vicki admitted she is pleased at succeeding in balancing a job, family and school, she said she is more focused on her daughter's accomplishments. "Nikki has always excelled. She has always done well in her classes even while holding down one or two jobs on campus."

Nikki said she is proud of her mother, but she noted that she never thought there was anything particularly special about her attending classes because it was something that she had done consistently throughout her upbringing.



Vicki (left) and Nikki Blasius

Both scholars were recognized for their academic ability and work skills. Vicki was a past recipient of the Student Affairs' Outstanding Classified Staff Person award and Nikki was a candidate for this year's top 10 outstanding seniors.

Although both mother and daughter share the same work ethic and interest in education, they have very different ways of learning. Nikki said she liked to do her studying with the television on in the background while her mom required absolute silence. The two never took a class together, but several times Nikki enrolled in a course based on her mother's recommendation.

Following their shared commencement, the pair gathered with the rest of the family members for a celebratory dinner on Saturday.

In the fall Nikki will begin her career as an art teacher at Grove City High School in Grove City, Ohio. Vicki will continue her work in the Office of Human Resources.

One convocation scheduled for all faculty and staff

Continuing the spirit of collegiality and collaboration begun last fall, the University will begin the new academic year with one opening day ceremony for faculty and administrative and classified staff.

In previous years, faculty and administrative staff gathered for a program and classified staff gathered for a separate program. This year, all administrative staff, classified staff and faculty are invited to attend one opening day convocation on Aug. 26 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom.

The convocation will begin at 8:30 a.m. with free beverages and music provided by the Black Swamp Brass, comprising members of the University faculty.

At 9 a.m., G. Ray Medlin Jr., president of the Board of Trustees, will offer words of welcome, followed by remarks by Vice President for Academic Affairs Charles Middleton and President Sidney Ribeau.

Besides the opening day convocation, faculty and staff groups will gather for individual meetings to relay specific departmental information and to present awards.

A classified staff awards program is scheduled for this week — from noon-1 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 15) in Memorial Hall. Cookies and beverages will be provided and staff are encouraged to bring their own bag lunches in this event planned by Classified Staff Council.

During the program, the winner of the Outstanding Classified Staff Person of the Year award will be announced and remarks will be offered by Pat Kitchen, chair of Classified Staff Council; Les Barber, executive assistant to the president; Bryan Benner, interim assistant vice president for human resources; and David Bryan, University trustee.

The program was scheduled before opening day to

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New academic year meetings

Aug. 15

noon-1 p.m. Classified Staff Awards Ceremony — Memorial Hall

Aug. 22

8 a.m. New faculty welcome and workshop — 101 Olscamp Hall

Aug. 26

8:30 a.m. Opening Day Convocation (all staff, faculty) — Lenhart Grand Ballroom

11 a.m.

College faculty meetings
Arts and Sciences — Lenhart Grand Ballroom
Business Administration — 1007 Business Administration Bldg.
Education and Allied Professions — Jenson Auditorium
Musical Arts — Bryan Recital Hall
Health and Human Services — Town Room, University Union
Technology — 127 A and B, Technology Bldg.

1:30 p.m.

Libraries and Learning Resources faculty/staff — 150 A Library
College of Musical Arts departmental meetings

College advisers meetings
Arts and Sciences — 121 West Hall
Education and Allied Professions — Jenson Auditorium
Technology — 220 Technology Bldg.

2:30-3:15 p.m. Graduate faculty meeting — 115 Olscamp Hall

3:30 p.m. School and department faculty meetings (except musical arts)

Sept. 11

3-5 p.m. Administrative staff reception — 101 Olscamp Hall.

Public safety increases campus patrol force by two

As the school year begins, there will be two more police officers patrolling the campus.

Shelley Horine and Cindy Jones were sworn in June 28, raising the total number of full-time, certified police officers on the campus force to 19 and the number of female officers to 3.

"I don't think you can hire too many law enforcement personnel," said Barbara Waddell, public information officer for public safety.

The department was gradually moving towards increasing the campus police force following a hiring freeze and layoffs caused by budget cuts several years ago. However, two reported rapes on campus last fall semester and several reported rapes in the city of Bowling Green during the past year "pushed the process through faster," Waddell said.

The number of incidents concentrated in one semester "was really strange," she said. "In my eight years of working here I've never had a year like last year."

One of the rapes, in which a female student was reportedly abducted and shoved into a car by two males near the library, is still unsolved. The police department has exhausted all leads regarding the case and is seeking new information from those who may have witnessed the event or know something about the suspects, Waddell said.

The two new officers are scheduled to work during the busiest times — 3-11 p.m. and 11 p.m.-7 a.m. There will always be no fewer than three and up to five officers on duty during those shifts, Waddell noted.

During their first six months on the job the officers will be working closely with more senior officers to gain experience on campus duty.

Both are graduates of Bowling Green High School and attended the same class at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in 1994. In



Cindy Jones (left) and Shelley Horine

addition to state certification, Jones holds a bachelor of science in criminal justice from the University and Horine holds an associate degree in criminal justice from Owens Community College.

"They are highly qualified officers," Waddell said of Horine and Jones. "We are happy that they are joining the Bowling Green police force."

In addition to increasing the safety force, the department is encouraging students to take

responsibility for their own safety. "I know most students have common sense but I don't want them to feel that there is an invisible barrier here that keeps unwanted people out," Waddell said. "As we learned from the Olympics, you never know what people will do. You have to be on your guard and safety conscious all the time, no matter where you are."

Telephone service to be out this weekend

As part of the final phase of the Centrex to Hayes Hall tunnel rehabilitation project, a sub-contractor has been hired to reroute the telephone feed cables in the steam tunnel.

The work has been scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16 and continue through 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18.

At times during the rerouting there will be no telephone service in the Education Building and Eppler Complex, including pay telephones and emergency phones.

In the event of an emergency during the telephone outage, staff and students are asked to go to the Office of Public Safety.

For further information contact Tom Gross, telecommunication services, at 2-9910.

Exercise seminar set

All this week and next, the Department of German, Russian and East Asian Languages is hosting a series of qigong healing seminars in Bowling Green.

Qigong is a popular Chinese exercise that helps develop internal energy and heals the mind and body.

A level-one seminar is being offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Aug. 12-15 and from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Aug. 17. Level-two programs will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Aug. 19-22 and from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 24. The seminars cost \$110 individually and \$200 for both.

For more information contact Christina Guenther at 2-7589 or cguenth@bgsnet.bgsu.edu.

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make it possible for classified staff who are usually very busy during the first week of school to attend, said Kitchen.

College faculty and staff meetings are scheduled for various times on Aug. 26, following the opening day convocation (see schedule on front). A new faculty welcome and workshop, hosted by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, will be held all day Aug. 22 in 101 Olscamp Hall.

The annual administrative staff reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 11 in 101 Olscamp Hall. During the program, sponsored by Administrative Staff Council, the winner of the Ferrari Award, presented to an outstanding administrative staff person, will be announced.

Chair aerobics volunteers wanted for study

Think you can't get fit while you sit? Think again! Faculty and staff volunteers are needed for participation in a free ten-week research project on the "Physiological and Psychological Effects of a Chair Aerobics Program" beginning Sept. 16.

Chair aerobics (vigorous seated exercise) is designed especially for individuals who have been relatively sedentary, overweight or have had musculoskeletal problems doing traditional aerobic exercise.

Criteria for inclusion in the study are: BGSU employee; between the ages of 35 and 55; during the past six months, be sedentary, (have not engaged in vigorous exercise more than twice per week or in vigorous sports more than once per week) and have no medical problems that are contraindicated by exercise.

Exercise sessions will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:15-12:50 p.m. in the Eppler South Gymnasium beginning in mid-September, although fitness assessments will begin prior to the start of the program. For additional information contact Stephen Horowitz at 2-6920 or shorowi@edap.bgsu.edu.

Employment

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

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Account clerk 1 (8-16-1) — business office. Pay grade 4. Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday (Aug. 16).

Administrative assistant 1 (8-16-2) — special education. Pay grade 8. Part-time, grant-funded position. Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday (Aug. 16).

Cashier 1 (8-16-3) — University Union. Pay grade 3. Academic-year, part-time position. Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday (Aug. 16).

Clerk 1 (8-16-4) — parking and traffic. Pay grade 2. Academic-year, part-time position. Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday (Aug. 16).

Cook 1 (8-16-5) — food operations. Pay grade 3. Academic-year, part-time position. Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday (Aug. 16).

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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

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

Sponsored programs officer (V-074) — Sponsored programs and research. Deadline: Aug. 23.

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