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Two programs combine to serve diverse student body

One-on-one and community-wide, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Student Support Services (OMA/SSS) is working to make Bowling Green a positive place for students—particularly students of color—to live, learn and succeed.

The goal of the newly restructured office is to empower students by providing them with the academic, social and cultural support that will enable them to complete their college careers, said Celeste Bland, director.

The office also contributes to University-wide recruitment efforts and helps academic and administrative departments devise and implement policies, programs and activities that will attract multicultural students.

On an even broader level, the office is working to "build an environment on campus where multiculturalism is understood and embraced," said Bland.

Last May, the OMA and SSS programs were joined and placed under a single umbrella office within student affairs, and an employee from financial aid was transferred into the new office.

The combined office plans to work closely with a grant writing team in the provost's office to enhance and expand services.

Bland has overseen the blending of the two programs. She had been associate director of SSS since 1994 and has worked with student recruitment and retention for 15 years.

"Merging the two comprehensive support programs will eliminate duplication of services and allow the programs to complement one another in achieving their ultimate goals: retention," Bland said.

The office advocates equal opportunities for students, she emphasized. "Both programs provide a holistic approach in their efforts." Multicultural Affairs provides academic support for students as well as provide an environment conducive to learning," Bland said.

"My goal is to create a 'one-stop shop' for the students we serve," said Bland.

"I do not want students of color to ever feel that they have been accepted to BGSU for cosmetic reasons. I want students to know that we value them. My goal is to make students feel connected to the University." — Celeste Bland

OMA/SSS Office

Students Are The Most Important People At The College
Students Are Not Dependent On Us... We Are Dependent On Them
Students Are Not An Interruption In Our Work... They Are The Purpose Of It
Students Do LS A Favor When They Call Upon Us... We Are Not Doing Them A Favor When We Serve Them
Students Are Part Of Our Business... They Are Not Outsiders
Students Are Not Just Grades Or Transcripts... They Are Flesh And Blood Human Beings With Feelings And Emotions Like Our Own
Students Are Not Someone To Argue Or Watch With... They Are A Person Who Comes To Us With Needs And Wants
It is our job to help students. They are deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give them. They are the lifeblood of the college. Without them, we would have to close our doors.

- author unknown

BG SU The Office Of Multicultural Affairs & Student Support Services

Honoring diversity: empowering personhood

Multicultural students: By the numbers

- The student body: Of 17,000 students last school year, about 3 percent (some 850) were members of minority groups. Some 450 were African-Americans, with the remainder composed of Hispanics, Native Americans and persons of Asian-Pacific descent. (OMA/SSS)
- First-to-second-year retention rates: In 1993-94, 71.4 percent of freshmen students of color returned, compared with 73.8 percent of whites. The previous year, 67.9 percent of students of color returned, compared with 76.4 percent of whites. (Office of Institutional Research)
- Differing experiences: A 1997 survey of freshmen living in residence halls (the BGSU Undergraduate Experience Questionnaire), found that less than half (47 percent) of students of color, compared with 67 percent of whites, felt "very or extremely sure" they had made the right choice in coming to Bowling Green.
Learn to be a effective student advocate

"Being an Effective Advocate in a Learning Community" is the theme of a day-long professional development symposium being sponsored by higher education and student affairs Sept 26.

The symposium at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, is in honor of Audrey Rentz, who recently retired after 22 years of service with the University. The goals of the symposium are:

• to better inform participants about issues surrounding advocacy in higher education and student affairs, and

• to provide participants with strategies and action plans to enhance their own effectiveness as advocates.

The keynote address at 9:30 a.m. features Katie Moore from Michigan State University.

Opening Day Meetings

Monday, August 25
Facility meetings (all 11 a.m.)

- Arts and sciences, Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Student Union
- Business administration, 1007 Business Administration
- Education and human development, Jenson Auditorium, Education Bldg.
- Health and human services, Town Room, Student Union
- Technology, 127 Aube Technology Bldg.

Adviser Meetings

- Arts and sciences: 1-2:30 p.m., 121 West Hall
- Health and human services, 1:30 p.m., 246 Health Center
- Education and human development, 1:30 p.m. Jenson Auditorium, Education Bldg.

Faculty and staff, Libraries and Learning Resources

- 1:30 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library
- Graduate faculty
- 2:30 p.m., 117 Olscamp Hall
- Department meetings

- 3:30 p.m.
James McBride, 84, died Aug. 16 in Huron, was instrumental in establishing Firelands College and served as its first dean. Memorial contributions can be made to the McBride Arboretum, Firelands College, One University Dr., Huron, Ohio 44839. The following tribute was written by Tim Smith, director of public relations at WBGU-TV, who used to work at Firelands.

"A gentle man died Aug. 16. He was one of the nicest people I have ever known or probably ever will know. Bright, articulate, energetic, a genuine leader, a born educator, and a true gentleman. Jim McBride was the driving force that led to the establishment of Firelands College.

Over the years there have been a few articles about Firelands in At BG and in Monitor, usually on an anniversary of the college or of Jim McBride. Some have told of the incredible success story that led to building the campus — how everyone worked so hard to see the idea of a BGSU branch become a reality; it was a real grassroots fundraising effort. But behind every initiative such as this, there is someone leading the way, working tirelessly to see the dream become a reality. That person was Jim McBride.

Knowing the history of the birth of Firelands, it is easy to imagine that the campus might not exist without him. Jim taught those who worked with and for him many things. Students knew him as a friend, counselor, father figure. And although some didn’t deal well with his perfectionism, I can’t help but think that everyone who had the honor of being in his presence acquired some of his many positive attributes.

He taught me many things. When I was considering coming back to work for the University and taking a substantial pay cut, Jim helped me make the decision. He told me that when he took the job to head a campus that didn’t even exist, he took a 50 percent pay cut from his superintendent position. Despite leaning toward taking my current job, Jim’s reasoning in his own situation made the difference. But, in his usual way, it was not even a gentle push he gave me. It was, rather, fatherly advice, wise guidance for someone whose mind was temporarily clouded.

This paper could be filled with wonderful stories of Jim McBride by those who have known and worked with him since he became part of the BGSU family. I feel honored to be able to tell one that I think is indicative of his genuinely gentle nature.

On Thanksgiving day, while most of us are eating to the point of discomfort, Jim and his lovely wife Margaret, an equally wonderful human being, always did something radically different. Nature lovers, they took a hike in a favorite wood and returned home to a meal of bread and soup. While they were eating, they gave thanks for all that they had and reflected on those in the world who had far less than bread and soup. Rare folks, these two.

Jim’s qualities of perfectionist, teacher, leader, sage and gentle man can serve as a model for our interactions with colleagues and friends. Jim’s name will live on at Firelands in the auditorium and in the campus carrying the McBride appellation. He’d be happy if those who knew him respected him and knew him would remember him with a gift to the arboretum on the campus that could well be called McBride College."
After the strike, books are arriving for fall classes

It wasn’t an act of God, but it brought much of the nation to a virtual standstill. And how can a school year begin without textbooks? So when John Buckenmyer, director of the University Bookstore,

“We’re processing and shelving hundreds of cartons of books each day. We’re dealing with each publisher on an individual, almost order-by-order basis.” — John Buckenmyer

learned that the 15-day UPS strike ended Aug. 18, he responded with one word: “Yes” He knew help was on the way.

“It’s very typical to say, ‘Let’s ship it UPS,’” he said, adding that the strike affected the entire shipping industry, causing other delivery services to limit the amount of cargo they would pick up from a given site.

At the bookstore, the strike “affected all deliver­ies,” he said, creating frustra­tions and delayed shipments, but not significantly affecting book deliveries as a whole.

“Everything seemed to slow down; we’re a little behind.”

Normally, UPS delivers 50 to 100 cartons of books daily to the loading dock of the bookstore this time of year. In two weeks and two days, the store received a paltry 27, Buckenmyer said. But the store and its suppliers kept books coming through alternative arrangements, such as second-day delivery and motor freight. Also, “the Post Office had many more cartons for us than ever before,” he added.

The result? “I think we’ll be able to provide the majority of books for classes this fall,” Buckenmyer said, although “it’s hard to say if books for a particular course or class or order will be available.”

“A lot we already have,” he added, explaining that the big orders and used books purchased through wholesalers tend to arrive through motor freight, not UPS.

Used books typically can be delivered more quickly than books ordered through a publisher so “we will continue to [obtain used books] to try to expedite orders,” he said.

“We’re processing and shelving hundreds of cartons of books each day,” he added. “We’re dealing with each publisher on an individual, almost order-by-order basis, and publishers are trying to get books to us as quickly as they can.”

The brown UPS trucks, of course, have already begun returning to the bookstore loading dock, just as students begin returning to campus.

But it will take some time to get back to the normal delivery process and schedule, Buckenmyer warned.

“All are trying to get books to us as quickly as they can.”

Get the point?

Bob Walker, University Bookstore, checks in the latest shipment of books. With the UPS strike over, more books are on their way.

job postings

FACULTY

Assistant/associate/full professor - accounting/MS.
Call 2-2761. Deadline: Dec. 15.


Assistant professor - psychology. Four full-time, tenure-track positions in clinical (behavioral medicine), cognitive (computa­tional/neural networks), developmental (adult development and aging), and developmental (child/adoles­cent social development). Call 2-2301. Deadline: Nov. 28.


Please contact human resources, 2-8421, for information regarding the following listings:

CLASSIFIED

Posting expiration date for employees to apply: noon, Friday, Aug. 29.

Student Services Counselor (8-29-1) - bursar’s office. Pay grade 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant Registrar (M-052) - registration and records. Deadline: Sept. 12.

Coordinator of music admissions (V-005) - arts. Deadline: Sept. 30.

Development officer (V-046) - arts and sciences. Deadline: Sept. 8.


PAST EVENTS

Admittance of women’s soccer team, just in time for BGSU’s first-ever varsity women’s soccer competition. The inaugural scrimmage game took place Aug. 22 against Siena Heights at Cochrane Field. The action continues against Findlay (Aug. 25, 6 p.m.) and the first regular-season home game, against Louisville (Aug. 31, 2 p.m.).

Monday, August 25

Opening day convocation, 9 a.m. refreshments; 9:30 a.m. President’s address, Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Student Union. Free.

Women’s soccer hosts Findlay (scrimmage), 6 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Tuesday, August 26

All-campus picnic, lunch and entertainment for students, staff and faculty, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., front lawn of University Hall. Free.

Welcoming reception for multicultural and international students. Sponsor: Libraries and learning resource centers. Multicultural Affairs Committee, 3-4:30 p.m., Jerome Library southwest deck (or library conference center in case of rain).

Performance, Cultural Diversity Players, Free Your Mind: Welcome to the Real World, 7 p.m., lawn east of Olscamp Hall or 101 Olscamp Hall in case of rain.

Wednesday, August 27

Classes start.

Ice cream social. Sponsor: University Activities Organization, noon-2 p.m., Student Union mall. Free.

Dissertation defense, “Voicing Contrast and F2 Transition Characteristics Associated with Children’s Unintelligible Speech,” by Leslie Plonkies, communication disorders, 2 p.m., 204 South Hall.

Dissertation defense, “Intra- and Intermolecular Energy Transfer Involving Baicetyl Hemiacetaleps,” by Beiana Place, photochemical sciences, 3:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall.

Public skating, 8-10 p.m., Ice Arena.

Thursday, August 28

Comedian/juggler Bill Fry, 8 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union. Free.

Friday, August 29

Movie, Private Parties, Sponsor: University Activities Organization, 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., 111 Olscamp Hall. Free.

Saturday, August 30

Movie, Private Parties, Sponsor: University Activities Organization, 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., 111 Olscamp Hall. Free.

Monday, September 1

Labor Day holiday. No classes.

Continuing Events

August 24-30

Welcome week. For a complete list of welcome week activities, visit the BGSU Web site at http://events.bgsu.edu/bin/list?search=welcome+week.

‘August 27 – September 18

Art exhibit, Northwest Ohio Collects It, contemporary art showcasing treasures of the fine art collectors of northwest Ohio. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., closed holidays, Dorothy Uiber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center.

Art exhibit, A Certain Style, “Sound Suits” and “Fetish Works” by Chicago artist Nick Cave and photographs by Dennis Hoppert documenting "biker" style. Hours: see above item, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center.

Administrative Staff Council

Fall 1997 Reception

Wednesday, September 10

3-5 p.m., Mallett Alumni Center

• Refreshments

• Presentation of 1997 Michael R. Ferrari Award

• Recognition of past chair and secretary

• Recognition of ASC scholarship recipients