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President Sidney Ribeau has appointed a Campus Technology Infrastructure to assess and evaluate technology infrastructure needs at BGSU.

The group will be chaired by Charles W. LeDye, provost and vice president for academic affairs. Members include:
- Christopher J. Dalone, senior vice president for finance;
- John Moore, interim vice president for University advancement;
- Nancy S. Foster, general counsel; and
- Sandra A. MacNevin, executive assistant to the president.

Opportunities for discussion and input will be held on campus during the spring semester to ensure full participation by all constituent groups, standing committees and interested faculty, staff and students. The schedule of meetings will be published in subsequent issues of Monitor.

To assist the Cabinet Working Group, the president has contracted the services of a firm which specializes in higher education consulting in the areas of technology and telecommunications.

"As today's students and faculty become increasingly dependent on networks, computing and ubiquitous information access for their academic experience, the ability of an educational institution to ... fulfill these needs provides it with a competitive advantage.

— President Sidney Ribeau

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Informing the Bowling Green State University Community

The Path Toward Empowerment:
Diverse activities highlight Black History Month

Activities Organization
Comedy Series. Cosi: 52.
February 21—Black Anthology 98: "R.O.E.", 8 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre, University Hall, Ticket: 53.
February 22—Feminization of Passage Reception, 6 p.m., Amani Room, Commons.
February 23—Showcase of Talent-Student Art Exhibits, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Gallery, McFall Center. For more information, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs.
February 26—African spiritual discussion, 7 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Student Union.
February 28—Dinner theater, Black Anthology 98: "R.O.E.", 7 p.m., social hour, 7 p.m. dinner, Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union. Cost: $20. Other: a valid student ID. Reservations/tickets: multicultural affairs, which is sponsoring the event along with the theatre department.

Activities in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, and the path toward empowerment. The group will be meeting (with the Harlem Renaissance Though Poems, which has educated and entertained people throughout the world, will speak at 7 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union. The name of this New Jersey-based theatre troupe stands for "Refine All Life Lives In The Young. They have been the opening act for rap groups such as The Fugees and The Lost Boys.

Monday, Feb. 10

10-11 p.m.
WBGU TV

“Diversity as a Value in Higher Education”

Led by: President Sidney Ribeau, this presidential roundtable discussion also features President McCullough of the Medical College of Ohio; President Daniel Brown of Owens Community College and President Frank Horton of the University of Toledo.

Search for new vice president underway

President Sidney Ribeau has appointed a seven member screening committee to assist him in the search for a new vice president for University advancement. John Moore, who currently serves as interim vice president, has announced his plans to retire later this year.

Ribeau has appointed Ed Whipple, vice president for student affairs, to chair the committee.

Members include: Don Nieman, chair; Basket, chair department; Linda Dobbs; dean, libraries and learning resources; Sandra MacNevin, executive assistant to the president; Richard Newlove, chair, BGSU Foundation Board; Shelley Applebaum, associate athletic director; Barbara Waddell, affirmative action director; and John Woods, chair of the Constituent Groups' Caucus.

Announcement of the position will be made in the Chronicle of Higher Education and other publications during February. The committee will begin to review applications on March 13, although nominations and applications may be submitted until the position is filled. The expected date of appointment is July 1.

The committee will be contacting leaders in the field of higher education and in the business community in order to solicit names for nominations as part of its recruitment strategy. Members of the campus community are encouraged to contact either Whipple or MacNevin to provide information that would assist the University in securing the candidate of choice for this position.

Whipple has indicated that he is seeking a vice president who will bring a strong marketing orientation to the position as he or she leads and manages a comprehensive institutional advancement program. The leader will be responsible for developing and implementing a strategic planning for the University as BGSU embarks on a comprehensive marketing and public relations campaign. In addition, the new vice president will oversee alumni affairs, public relations and the development of private funding sources for several major capital initiatives. The University expects to launch within the next year. The vice president also serves on the BGSU Foundation Board.

The complete position description for the vice president for University advancement and regular updates provided by the Screening Committee may be found on the University's website home page, under "Special Features."
Faculty Senate meeting

Electronic aspirations: A high-tech University draws nearer to reality

In the future at Bowling Green State University:
- all faculty and staff will have desktop computers that allow them to access basic office functions, including email and the World Wide Web;
- in the classroom, video projection systems, as well as routine access to the World Wide Web, will allow for multi-media instruction and immediate access to information;
- a decal in each classroom will direct instructors to call a trouble-shooting hotline if problems arise with equipment or supplies;
- on-going, planned technical support and training will be in place so that the technology works and people know how to use it effectively;
- a coordinated, integrated approach will govern campus technology purchases and maintenance;
- organization-wide, desktop systems will be replaced and upgraded on a three-year cycle, allowing for differing needs;
- automated classroom scheduling will allow for better planning to meet both space and equipment needs;
- the technological infrastructure will have enough capacity so that access to electronic information of all types is quick and easy;
- telephone registration will double from 32 to 64 lines and new voice response capabilities will allow students to find out about grades, financial aid status, housing information, etc.
- over the telephone;
- each residence hall will be electronically linked to the University network and the world beyond;
- as of Jan. 1, 2000, all computers on campus will continue to work, after more than 1,000 programs and more than 1 million lines of code have been altered/rewritten to accommodate the required expansion to four digits.

Under the current technological vision for the University, including a planned expansion of infrastructure capacity, these scenarios are or soon will be part of the BGSU experience for faculty, staff and students.

During the Jan. 20 Faculty Senate meeting, in a status report on technology, Anne-Marie Lancaster, vice provost for technology, and Toby Singer, executive director of computer services, outlined some of the challenges ahead as well as recent accomplishments.

"Technology is changing five minutes ago," said Singer. "Computers in the next two years will be many times more complex than they are today."

Resolutions: Negative recommendations for tenure/promotion

In other action, the senate passed two "pro-faculty" resolutions, whose provisions would apply if a department or college turns down a faculty member's request for tenure or promotion.

These resolutions, requested by Charles Middleton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, require all negative reviews to be forwarded to the provost's office for re-essment with the opportunity for a full merit review. In two recent cases of negative review, one was overruled by the provost's office, and one is close to being resolved, said Senate Chair Robert Holmes, legal studies.

Middleton said the resolutions stem from concerns arising when a department rendered a positive decision about tenure/promotion and the dean or dean's committee denied the request, leaving no recourse for the faculty candidate except filing a grievance, with all the constraints of that process. With a grievance, for example, merits could not be discussed.

The resolutions will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees and, if approved, become effective next fall.

Harassment policy: Holmes said the University harassment policy would likely be finalized this semester. The policy will soon be forwarded to the Equal Opportunity Committee, then move to the Faculty Welfare Committee and the full Faculty Senate.

President's report: President Sidney Ribeau brought good news and bad news to Faculty. On the plus side, "the (enrollment/retention) numbers look good," Ribeau said. Applications have increased almost 8 percent for fall 1998, providing "early signs that things are pointing in the right direction," he said. In addition, residence hall occupancy rates have increased by 2 percent from fall.

However, state funding may decrease in light of the continuing debate over how to fund K-12 education more equitably, without heavy reliance on property tax financing. At least a portion of the planned 1 percent increase in state funding for BGSU next year may be diverted to K-12 education. Various options to increase K-12 funding are under consideration on the state level. Ribeau said in an announcement on Feb. 4, "the deadline for placing a proposed sales tax increase on the ballot."
Addressing maintenance concerns is a campus-wide challenge

"I don't think we have a building anywhere on campus that operates perfectly," said Carl Cogar, assistant vice president for facilities. "They're all a challenge." Fielding questions from members of Classified Staff Council during a Jan. 20 meeting, Cogar addressed a long list of concerns, including the need for more preventive maintenance and concerns over outsourcing of campus maintenance projects.

During the past few weeks, council Chair Faith Olson, education and human development, has been collecting questions from Cogar from classified employees via email. Many related to specific deteriorated or problematic workplace conditions. Employees also questioned what procedures are in place to address problems, including poor air quality, uncomfortable temperatures, weak floor boards and old paint on walls.

Cogar acknowledged that several rooms in Shatell Hall have ongoing flooring problems as a result of the procedures used when the building was renovated. They will be expensive to fix, he said, and until we can get the project prioritized high enough within the capital planning process, "we'll have to continue spot repair." With the Shatell renovation project, "we had virtually no control over it. That was a state job," Cogar said, explaining that the University has more control over local jobs that are not funded through the state-administered capital improvement program.

"Every major construction project is a series of compromises," said Cogar.

"Adopt a senior" and support Senior Challenge

Faculty and staff are encouraged to adopt a senior in support of this year's senior gift campaign. The campaign provides an opportunity to recognize a graduate's contributions and achievements, as well as contribute to a scholarship benefiting an upcoming senior.

The 1998 Beyond BG Senior Challenge is on track for success with a goal designed to raise $20,000 for a scholarship endowment. The entire University community is encouraged to participate by purchasing raffle tickets in a senior's name or donating to a scholarship fund as designated by the 1998 senior class.

Through the raffle, seniors have a chance to win a 1998 Nissan Altima donated by Gordon Hamm, who graduated from Bowling Green in 1987, or a $500 customer-tailored Dunmunder suit. All students have a chance to win one semester's free rent from Newlove Realty or a futon. Raffle tickets purchased by or for seniors cost $3 each, $12 for three, $20 for five, or $50 for 10. Faculty and staff should watch for a letter and order form in campus mail, or call the development office at 2-2424 to order raffle tickets. Those "adopting a senior" will receive a certificate of appreciation from the donor and the honoree's name. General donations to the scholarship fund are also appreciated and will be recognized with a certificate. Donations/purchases may be paid for with a major credit card, cash, check or bursar's payroll deduction.

The end result will be a new endowed scholarship fund to benefit at least one upcoming senior each year. A scholarship of between $500 and $1,000 will be awarded to a current junior this year, based largely on financial need. Each senior class will add to the fund to increase the amount of or number of scholarships awarded in the future. Both the scholarship and the raffle prizes will be presented during the 1998 Beyond BG Senior Celebration April 23 in Anderson Arena. All faculty and staff are invited to this event.

So far the campaign sponsor, the 1998 Senior Advisory Council, has raised $8,000 through the sale of raffle tickets to parents, alumni and at sporting/special events. Once $10,000 is raised, the Alumni Association Board of Trustees will contribute an additional $2,200, to bring the total to the level needed to endow a scholarship.

"A senior gift hasn't been given in many years," said Michelle Kenney, a senior serving on the advisory council. It means a lot to me personally to leave this legacy and help fellow students in need, she said.

State of the University

9 a.m. Refreshments 9:30 a.m. Address by President Sidney Ribeau Thursday Feb. 19 101 Ols c amp Hall
Free computer classes offered in February

As part of the Desktop Technology Project, the following classes are free and open to all University personnel. For more information, including locations, or to register, contact Continuing Education, International & Summer Programs at 2-8181.

- Internet: email (Eudora) and World Wide Web browsers (Netscape)
- 1-4 p.m., Feb. 5 (Mac)
- 9 a.m. noon, Feb. 17 (Mac)
- 9 a.m. noon, Feb. 10 (PC)
- 1-4 p.m., Feb. 26 (PC)
- Desktop: file management, word processing, spreadsheet
- 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 11 (Mac)
- 1-4 p.m., Feb. 23 (Mac)
- 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 6 and Feb. 18 (PC)
- Introduction to Computers (terminology, keyboards, using a mouse, email, Web browsers and printing a document)
- 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 9
- 1-4 p.m., Feb. 25

Daffodil Days to brighten campus

Bouquets of sunny daffodils—a symbol of hope and a sign of spring—will brighten offices across campus on March 16. The bouquets will be sold for $5 to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Linda Glomski, communications studies, informed members of Classified Staff Council Jan. 20.

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Wood County also is "one of the top three counties in the state for selling flowers," Glomski said, noting that the sale of more than 11,250 bouquets raised $4,600 on campus last year. "This year, we're hoping for $5,000," she said.

Of that amount, 60 percent remains in Wood County and 40 percent goes toward research.

To order a daffodil bouquet, send a check for $5 payable to American Cancer Society by March 6 to: Daffodil Days, PO Box 185, BGSU, via campus mail. If you can volunteer to help deliver flowers within Wood County, contact Glomski at 2-8725.

Positive perceptions

An interactive workshop, "Promoting Positive Race Relations," was offered Jan. 21 by affirmative action staff as part of the Issues in Cultural Diversity series. Here, Barbara Waddell and Marshall Rose lead faculty and staff in a group discussion.

In brief

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- Pick up your office's stack in the Monitor office (516 Administration Building) after 9 a.m. Fridays. (Call Judy Miller, 2-2765, if you are not already taking advantage of this option and wish to do so.)

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Job postings

FACULTY (Unless otherwise noted, all faculty positions are for assistant professors.)

- Contact human resources, 2-8121, for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED

- Posting expiration date for employees to apply: noon, Friday, Jan. 30.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Support services supervisor (M-003) — University computer services. Deadline: Feb. 6.