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Today is Presidents' Day and BGSU is celebrating—along with an expected 4,500 special guests.

The guest list is expected to include nearly 1,700 high school juniors and seniors, said Cecilia Born, admissions, and the events organizer. Most of the students are high school seniors who have applied to Bowling Green for the fall, so the day offers an opportunity for the campus community "to help make Bowling Green the number one choice" for these students, she said. Significantly, about 65 percent of students attending the 1997 Presidents' Day event enrolled at the University in the fall.

The day also provides plenty of opportunities for interaction with student visitors: guests can visit academic departments, sit in on a class, find out more about financial aid and student activities or just have their questions answered, said Born. "The entire University is open!"

Planned activities offer something of interest for just about every guest. They include touring computer facilities, learning about careers in music for the 21st century or the essential first step in teacher preparation, visiting the marine lab, watching a video on study abroad programs and receiving a free plant from environmental science majors.

In 101 Olscamp Hall, the Admissions Office will host welcome presentations and Charles Middleton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will be on hand to greet the prospective students and their parents. Making the day run smoothly will require the efforts of about 150 campus volunteers, said Born. Some will check in guests at the Perry Field House, where each of the University's areas are also expected to meet and greet the gathering crowds. Others will give directions, greet visitors and make them feel welcome. About 15 volunteer staff will board shuttle buses, offering a narrated tour as guests view the campus.

But the day's activities involve people from every corner of the University, Born emphasized. Every academic department will host an open house, every residence hall will be open for students to preview and displays in the Lentgh Grand Ballroom of the Student Union will provide information on about 40 different office programs. Employees from facilities will check in guests, provide information and answer questions.

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Cecilia Born

services have been working overtime to space up campus facilities and grounds; parking and traffic staff are also putting in extra hours to help direct visitors and their vehicles.

This year's visitor count is higher than the annual average when about 3,500 (including 1,300 students) pre-registered to attend, said Born. Born attributes the increase in interest primarily to stepped-up advertising efforts this year—the third year for the event. "We've seen a tremendous increase in phone reservations based on the advertising," she said. The fact that freshman applications are up this year is also contributing to the increase in Presidents' Day participation, she noted. In addition, many more students are visiting to check out residence hall options since the Office of Residence Life mailed out housing information in early February. The advertising budget is about $20,000 more than last year, said Fred Conner, public relations. For the first time, billboards, radio spots and print advertisements appeared in the Cleveland area. An advertisement also appeared in Northern Ohio Live magazine, with a section listing information about Ohio colleges and universities.

In January, BGSU was prominently featured—with both advertisements and a major article—in College Touring's Your Future, a newspaper supplement to the Perrysburg Messenger and the Rossford Record. Copies of the supplement were also sent to high school guidance counselors in the Toledo area.

In addition, more print, radio and television advertising, including a larger number of shorter commercials, reached northwest Ohio.

"We doubled our advertising efforts," said Conner. "We've done a much better job marketing ourselves right here in northwest Ohio."

In addition, he said a direct-mail piece about the event that the admissions office sent to 20,000 high school students was mailed almost two weeks earlier than last year.

Today, the planning, the preparation and the promotion starts over. The campus community can see the results on the faces of interested students-to-be. But the real reason to celebrate may come in the fall, when many of those faces appear in offices, classrooms, residence and dining halls.

Series explores performance, politics, culture

Exploring the theme, "Performance and Cultural Politics," the spring Provost's Lecture Series will feature both presentations and performances. The series, presented by The Institute for the Study of Culture and Society, is free and open to the public. Receptions will follow all but the final program.

The institute's director, Vicki Patraka, said the series is "bringing in distinguished scholars who appeal to a wide range of fields and interests." The series includes:

- Unthinking Whiteness: Towards a Revolutionary Multiculturalism," with Peter McLaren, 3 p.m., Wednesday (Feb. 18), Lenten Grand Ballroom, Student Union

This internationally acclaimed social theorist encourages students to not simply adhere to the norms of society, but to reshape society in the interest of social justice for all. A professor of educational and informational studies at the University of California at Los Angeles, McLaren is known for his perspectives on topics such as critical pedagogy and multicultural education. His books include Multicultural Pedagogies of Dissent for the New Millennium, published in 1997.

Additional support for McLaren's appearance is being provided by United Christian Fellowship.

- Performance and Politics: Ronald Reagan and Death in America," with Peggy Phelan, 2:30 p.m., March 20, Community Suite, Student Union.

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- "Ethno-Cyborgs and Artificial Savages," a lecture/demonstration, 7 p.m., April 7 in the Lenten Grand Ballroom, Student Union and • "Mexterminator: An Interactive Drama Performance," 7:30 p.m., April 9, Olscamp Hall.

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Gomez-Pena is considered one of the most effective interpreters of culture in the United States. In addition to winning the National Book Award for The New World Border, he was the first Chicano/Mexican artist to receive a MacArthur Fellowship.

Sifuentes has collaborated with Gomez-Pena in performances, lectures and installation projects throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America. Their BGSU presentations are designed to elicit audience participation by creating a safe place for dialogue and community building.

Their appearance is being supported by the Ethnic Cultural Arts Program and the theatre department.

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The planning pays off: Presidents' Day event draws record crowd

"State of the University Address"
Thursday, February 19
9:30 a.m. • 101 Olscamp Hall
(Refreshments served at 9 a.m.)

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students:

I invite each of you to attend the "State of the University Address" which I will deliver to the campus-wide community on Thursday, Feb. 19. The address begins at 9:30 a.m. in 101 Olscamp Hall. Refreshments will be served at 9 a.m.

The event is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the progress we have made as we move forward with our goal of becoming Ohio's premier learning community. It is also an opportunity for me to share with you my own vision of a university learning community, how I see this vision taking shape among us, and how we need to work together to realize the learning community ideal at BGSU. Please join me for this important discussion.

I am requesting that supervisors make every effort to facilitate attendance for all staff. Where this would pose a real hardship, however, or for faculty and students who will be in classes at this time, I have arranged for the address to be broadcast on closed-circuit television on campus (channel 8) during the following times: 7 p.m., Feb. 19, noon and 3:30 p.m. Feb. 20, and 9 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. on both Feb. 22 and Feb. 24. I hope you will join this gathering of the campus-wide community. If you need further information, please call my office at 2-0467.

I look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Sincerely,

Sidney A. Ribeau, President
Grants totaling $21,000 were awarded for the first time through the University’s Partnerships for Community Action program. Selected from among 29 proposals, eight projects received funding ranging from $200 to $4,000.

The submissions represented 18 different University departments and were endorsed by 63 community groups.

Grants foster innovative University/community projects

Organizations, businesses, government agencies and officials created the Partnerships for Community Action program. Partnerships for Community Action support ideas and resources that enhance equal educational and economic opportunities as well as social and cultural awareness.

Grants awarded to groups include:

- Developing a Poetic Perception
- Community Creativity and Aging
- Music education
- Social work

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Stefan Reuter
Leading and Justifying Change: Business, University communities to share perspectives

In any organization, change is both difficult and inevitable. How can organiza-
tions justify the need for change to the people affected by it? Do the stated visions and values translate into an
improved organization or better products/services or more satisfied customers?

During a conference on April 2-3, prominent business
leaders and the Univer-
sity community will join
together in an interdiscipli-
nary dialogue to explore
some of the issues and im-
ports of change.

"Empirically-Driven Change: Putting Rigor in Organization Development and Change," features best
practices and practical tech-
niques to objectively mea-
ure, manage, evaluate and justify change.

Participants will learn from some of the business world's leading change
agents. The presenters in-
clude some of the "real pioneers" in the field who have helped to shape organi-
zational change in major corporations, said Steve
Cady, management, and one of
the conference organizers as
well as a presenter.

Some presenters are executive students and alumni from the College of
Business Administration's Organization Development program who work for
Chrysler, NCR and other successful organizations.

Northwest Ohio 1997 Entrepeneurs of the Year:
Randall Root and James
Haupton of Root Learning, Inc., will discuss the trends of change during a keynote
address April 2.

Through showcases and
skill-building sessions,
participants will also learn:

- *the role of core values in employee motivation at Safeco*
- *Chrysler's Balance Score Card approach used to link
  short-term actions with long-term strategies*
- *Motorola's results-oriented Global Organization
  Leaders Development (GOLD) program*
- *dialogue as a rapid learning tool*
- *measuring return on human resource investments*

Now in its 22nd year, the conference attracts about 100 professionals
each year; 350-400 are expected
to attend this year, including participants from abroad.

The conference is pro-
moted globally, through the
Internet and email, said
James Haupton of Root Learning, Inc.
Admittedly, already, she's
received inquiries from as
far away as Poland, Singapore
and Great Britain.

The conference, like the
University's OD degree pro-
gram, emphasizes balancing
organizational results with human
potential and development.

The need to do this within a
context of change cuts
across fields, Cady empha-
sizes. This is reflected in the
diverse make-up of students in the degree program, who have come from healthcare,
public administration, education, psychology and communication, for ex-
ample.

In the higher education
arena, change not only af-
fects the subject matter being
taught, but the desired output
of the education process.

"Real-world problems involve change," said Cady. "Our challenge is to produce
students who can manage change.

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the conference and share
their views on change.

The conference's focus on the interdisciplinary nature of change, the conference
pro-
vides a significant commu-
nication opportunity for
students, said Cady. It also offers a vehicle to promote BGSU as a high-quality
institute worldwide.

Previous participants have walked away with a
positive impression of the
conference and the camp-
us, noted Cady; which, in turn,
helps enhance the reputation
and the image of the Univer-
sity among a distinguished
group of visitors.

Faculty, staff and stu-
dents can participate in the conference for $495 (a workshop on April 1, "Building
a Results-oriented Consulting
Practice," costs an additional
$295.) Anyone interested in
attending should request a
BGSU registration form from
Hyslop, 2-8032.

Conference organizers are also seeking ideas and facilitators
for a "Hot Topics Luncheon" on April 2.

What's on students' minds?

Is BGSU moving in the
direction of becoming Ohio's
 premier learning environment?
That is a question often asked among faculty
and administrators, but the Arts
and Sciences Council had the opportunity last
week to hear student views on that and other issues.

"I don't need to go back to the past," said a faculty
member, history, called the council
"one of the best-kept secrets
on campus." The council is
made up of faculty elected
to the three Arts and
Sciences divisions, plus two
students representing under-
graduates and graduates.

The council meets
monthly to discuss issues of
common interest, according
to Nieman, and acts in an
advisory capacity to De-
an C. Cranny.

To encourage dialogue
among students and faculty,
the council hosted its first
"Student Summit" Feb. 3.
A panel of representatives of
various student groups were
invited.

Council members plan
to have two more summits
by the end of the fall semes-
ter, according to Nieman.
"I found the meeting to be very useful. I was very impressed
with how thoughtful the students
were."

Cranny agreed. He said
the summit produced a
"lot of good ideas and
now the question is, How do we
continue this?" Arts
and Sciences is a big college—
how do I make sure that I'm talking to a representative
voice of students?" Cranny
urged students to consider
that question, with an eye
forward the possible creation of a student advisory council
to the dean.

As students describe
how the learning environment
could be improved, the students men-
tioned advising, course
registration and scheduling.
They also cited the need for
more interdisciplinary
opportunities and information.

"I believe there is a need
for more programs for
campus mobility," one stu-
dent said.

More information about
BGSU's PPE Program will appear
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Diversity celebrated in all its forms at Firelands

Firelands College is sponsoring a “Five Days of Diversity” celebration this week to honor diversity in its many forms: cultural, ethnic, sexual, gender and religious. All events are free and open to the public and, unless otherwise noted, take place in the Central Lounge.

Monday, February 16

- 11:30 a.m., Interactive presentation, “Cultural Diversity: Ready or Not Here It Comes!” with Lorna Gonzalves-Pinto, research associate for diversity, Office of the Provost.
- 1 p.m., Debate, “Should All Students be Required to Take Courses that Focus on Multicultural Issues?” facilitated by Gonzalves-Pinto.
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., international food sale.
- 5 p.m., Musical performance with BGSU Kusuma Sari Gamelan Ensemble (a form of Indonesian music).

Tuesday, February 17

- noon, Performance with West African Drum and Dance Circle.
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., displays of cultures from around the world.

Wednesday, February 18

- noon, Panel discussion, “The Future of Diversity in the Classroom and Beyond,” featuring community members and Firelands College faculty, staff and students, moderated by Timothy J. Jurbkowski, sociology.

Thursday, February 19


Friday, February 20

- noon, Discussion/performance with Firelands student and native American flutist Monte Page. In addition, international food and merchandise will be sold Monday and Tuesday. For more information, contact Beth Nielsen-Smith, student activities, or Lesley Ruskowski, college relations, at 800-322-4787.

job postings

FACULTY

(Unless otherwise noted, all faculty positions are for assistant professors, although candidates at other ranks who possess exceptional and unique background and skills will be considered.)

Art (computer art). Tenure-track position. Call 2-2786.
Deadline: March 5.
Instructor - management. Temporary, academic year position. Call 2-2946.
Deadline: Feb. 23.
Deadline: Feb. 27.

Contact human resources, 2-8421, for information regarding the following:

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Posting expiration date for employees to apply: noon, Friday, Feb. 20.

Secretary 2 (2-20-1) - residence life. Pay grade 7.

Administrative

Associate director of residence life for housing and operations (V-003) - residence life. Deadline: March 2 or until filled.
Assistant director of residence life for educational initiatives (V-006) - residence life. Deadline: March 2 or until filled.

Area coordinator (V-008) - residence life. Deadline: March 2 or until filled.
Residence hall director (V-009) - residence life. Deadline: March 2 or until filled.
Director (V-004) - graduate studies in business. Deadline: March 2.
Director, President’s Leadership Academy (V-014) - provost’s office. Deadline: Feb. 27.
Director of development (V-034) - WBGU-TV. Deadline: March 6.

Monday, February 16

Presidents’ Day, all-day, campus-wide activities for high school students and their Maria St. Saint Therese, University Hall. Tickets: $3. (Repeated Feb. 21.)

Tuesday, February 17

National Random Acts of Kindness (R.A.K) Day, free coffee, cookies and more, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Education Building. Worship service, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship praise and worship, noon-1 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union.

Unity Spring ’98, Christian gathering and worship, 7-9:30 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union.

“Music from Bowling Green at the Manor House,” tenor Christopher Scholl and mezzo-soprano Ellen Sraba, 7:30 p.m., Wildwood MetroPark Manor House, 5100 West Central Ave., Toledo. Free.

Student Jazz Combos, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Wednesday, February 18


Computer seminar, Intro to PowerPoint (Mac), 10:30-12:30 p.m., 128 Hayes Hall. Sponsor: University Computer Services. Registration: 2-2911. Free.

Multicultural Affairs Lecture Series, “Past, Present and Future of Ethnic Relations: A Tribute to Black History Month,” student panel discussion, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Campus Room, Student Union.

Provost’s Lecture Series, “Unthinking Whiteness: Towards a Revolutionary Multiculturalism,” with Peter McLaren, University of California at Los Angeles, 3 p.m. address, followed by reception, Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union, Presented by The Institute for the Study of Culture and Society and supported by United Christian Fellowship. Free.

Women’s basketball hosts Marshall, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Faculty Artist Series, Faculty Composers’ Forum, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Thursday, February 19

State of the University, 9 a.m. refreshments, 9:30 a.m. address. By President Sidney Ribeau, 101 Olscamp Hall.
Performance Appraisal Process Training seminar, 1-5 p.m., 1 College Park Office Building. Reservations: Marcia Buckenmeyer, human resources, 2-2598 or mbucken@bgsu.edu.

NAACP Art Exhibit and Dancers, 6-9 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union.
International Film Series, “Sankora,” will be shown as part of Black History Month activities, 7 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Friday, February 20

Computer seminar, Intro to GNU/Linux on Alpha. 10 a.m., 126 Hayes Hall. Sponsor: University Computer Services. Registration: 2-2911. Free.

Brown-bag lunch book discussion of the works of African American authors, 11:30 a.m., College Lounge, Student Union.


Comedian, Brad Lowery, 7 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union. Sponsor: University Activities Organization. Tickets: $2 or $5 for the comedy pass.

Film, “Eve’s Bayou,” 8 p.m. and 11:15 p.m., Olscamp Hall. Tickets: $2. Sponsor: University Activities Organization. (Repeated Feb. 21.)

Rope: Black Anthology 1990, a journey into and around the myriad meanings of rope and its relationship to African American history, 8 p.m., Eva Maria St. Saint Therese, University Hall. Tickets: $3. (Repeated Feb. 21.)

Lecture, author Stanley Kutler on the abuse of presidential power and the new Watergate tapes, 3 p.m., 115 Olscamp Hall. Sponsor: history department.

Saturday, February 21

Young People’s Concert, Intro to Opera, 11 a.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Admission charged. Call 2-8181.

Men’s track hosts Falcon Invitational, 11 a.m., Fieldhouse.

Women’s track hosts Falcon Invitational, 11 a.m., Fieldhouse.

Beyond BG Raffle Ticket Sale to benefit the Senior Gift Scholarship to be awarded during the Beyond BG Senior Celebration April 23. Student prizes include a 1980 Nissan Altima, six months’ free rent, a custom-tailored suit, and more, 6-7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Men’s basketball hosts Ohio, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Sunday, February 22

Faculty Artist Series, Nancy Lutes, bassoon, 3 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Monday, February 23

Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m., Assembly Room, McFalls Center.
Panel discussion, “Art and Censorship,” with Holly Morrison, Cleveland Institute of Arts; Tracy Jollay, Columbus artist; Doug Chisman, philosophy professor from North Carolina; Joey Sumpina, director of Sandusky artisans, and moderator David Sapp, Firelands, noon, East Lounge, Firelands College.


International Film Series, The Marriage of Maria Braun, a 1980 German film with English subtitles, portrays a metaphor for the growing pains of postwar Germany; 8:15 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

Continuing Events

January 30-March 8 & March 17-April 24

Planetarium Show, “Alphabet Universe, the best of space from A to Z,” 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and March 21, 112 Physical Sciences Building. $1 donation suggested.

February 24-27

Multimedia Exhibition showcasing student art related to black history, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., McFalls Center Gallery.

Ongoing

Public skating, 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sundays. Cost: $2 with student ID/51 skate rental; not offered during varsity hockey team home games. Information/confiriration: 2-2364.

Open Forum

Campus Technology Infrastructure Project

9-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24

101 Olscamp Hall

“It is essential that all members of the campus community have the opportunity to participate in the evaluation and planning of the technology infrastructure needs of this institution,” said President Sidney Ribeau.

He is requesting all supervisors to make every effort to facilitate staff attendance at this open forum meeting.

Anyone who cannot attend the forum can still provide input into this campus-wide discussion. Contact Sandra MacNerrin, President’s Office, at 2-0676 or smacnerrin@bgsu.edu, to find out how.