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ON FEBRUARY 23, 1998

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

On Feb. 19, President Sidney Ribeau spoke to the entire campus community about becoming a University that "Changes Lives"...where faculty and students work closely together, where learning is collaborative rather than competitive, where there is discussion of values and a strong sense of community.

Realizing the "Learning Community Ideal"...by enhancing the quality of the undergraduate student environment, particularly for first-year students who are the most vulnerable in relation to student attrition. The president discussed improvements in recruitment, retention and academic advising as well as new initiatives for the fall of 1998 (e.g., the health and human services residential college at Harshman/Dunbar and the new Leadership Academy).

Distinguishing Ourselves as "Premier"...in part by developing programs that enhance the quality of the learning environment for students. He noted that the rapid development and implementation of many student-centered programs during the past two years brings BGSU up to par with our closest competitors and ahead of others.

In addition, Ribeau said several areas require our concerted efforts: staff training, encouraging and rewarding scholarly activity among faculty and engaging in community outreach.

The president also distributed a report on progress priorities which may be viewed on the Web at <www.bgsu.edu/welcome/feature.html> or obtained through the president's office. (Call 2-0467 to request a copy)

A more detailed summary of the State of the University address will appear in the March 2 Monitor.

BGSU to host Chinese delegation

Delegates from 19 universities in The People's Republic of China will be visiting BGSU from Feb. 21-24. The delegates include 19 university presidents and vice presidents. One is President Tianyi Sun of the Xian Foreign Language University, an institution which has an active exchange program with BGSU.

The delegates will arrive in Chicago and then travel to Northern Illinois University. After leaving Bowling Green, they will visit New York City then travel to Washington, D.C. and visit American University. The delegates will also visit Brigham Young University in Utah, California State University at Northridge and a university in Hawaii prior to returning home.

For more information, contact the Office of the President, 2-0467.

If you build it, you will use it ...

If you build it, you will use it, and you will want more, said consultant Philip Beidelman, who is assisting the University with a major technology infrastructure upgrade project.

In its initial phase, the project will involve creating 40,000 wire and/or fiber-optic connections to 10,000 sites. This will result in a substantial increase in carrying capacity for information in all forms, including voice, digital and video. The first task will be to identify the architecture of the system: How much fiber? Where does it go? What kind of fiber?

In this initial stage, "it is non-denominational," said Beidelman. "It doesn't care about applications." Then the University must decide how to apply it.

Under the leadership of Ann-Marie Lancaster, vice provost for technology, the Technical Review Team will explore trade-offs in terms of "financial versus capability implications," Lancaster said.

She called the capital budget "a working figure, not a ceiling." She emphasized that the project process is designed to identify issues in terms of institutional strategy.

She also explained that the first piece of the project addresses distribution only; not desktops, information servers, e-mail or the Internet.

Working with the consultant, BGSU's Cabinet Working Group and the review team will develop a design recommendation by late May. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval on June 15. Afterwards, each department/unit will be interviewed in detail to identify needs and preferences, before a contract is secured to actually build the system.

Maintaining the network will require ongoing costs to refurbish, refresh and keep the technology current, Beidelman emphasized. For example, continued funding would be needed for increased staff, training and software support.

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Left: High school students check the map during the Feb. 16 Presidents' Day event designed to provide a preview of all BGSU has to offer.

Above: Anita Serda, a student services counselor with the admissions office, braves the cold and rain to direct visitors onto buses that left from the Ferry Field House. She was one of about 150 volunteer staff who directed, guided, informed and welcomed more than 5,000 visitors to campus.

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Mon. March 1

Women Made Movies:
March 3—"The Lost Garden: The Life and Cinema of Alice Guy-Blaché," plus discussion with Jamis Pallister, romance languages, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

March 4—"When Asian American Becomes Japanese: The Shifting Context of Identity Politics," 2:30-4:30 p.m., 105 Osclall Hall.

March 16—"Gazon Maudit" ("French Twist"), 8:15 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

March 17—"Eyes of the Rainbow," 7:30-9 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

March 18—"Harlan County U.S.A." plus discussion with Joyce Barry and Anne Lascamana, women's studies and American culture studies, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

March 20—"Monday's Girls," "Les Femmes aux yeux ouverts," and "These Hands," plus discussion with Janis Pallister, romance languages, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

March 21—Women Directors of the Silent Film Era," featuring four short films, "Her Defense," "Dissenter," "Mabel's Married Life" and "Martrimony's Speed Limit," plus discussion with BGSU alum Ben Ulrich, visiting assistant professor in anthropology and American studies, Temple University, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

March 25—"Clipped Wings: WASP's of WWII," video and book signing with BGSU alumna Molly Merryman, Kent State University, 7:30 p.m., 117 Olsbamp Hall.

March 30—"Antonia's Line," plus discussion with Vicki Rutterdiles, telecommunications, 8-11 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

March 31—"The Cinematic Jazz of Julie Dash" and "Daughters of the Dust," plus discussion with Jeannie Ludlow, popular culture and women's studies, and BGSU student Ebony Green, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater.


Women's History Month

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With co-producer/director/writer Renee Tajima-Peña
Monday, March 2
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Canadian studies, ethnic studies, romance languages and philosophy departments, Gish Film Theater, Asian Communities United.

Staff Market Survey will be distributed by human resources March 1, with responses due by the end of March. The last survey for classified staff positions was conducted in the spring of 1993. In that survey, positions evaluated covered 330 employees and 487 full-time classified staff. The survey covered organizations within a 35-mile radius of Bowling Green's main and Firelands campuses, as well as state universities across Ohio, to compare different levels of pay rates.


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Beyond retention: Critical thinking skills enhance learning

In brief

Classified staff award nominations sought

Do you know a classified staff member who is outstanding in their service to the University community? If so, be sure to nominate this special employee for the 1998 Outstanding Service Award, sponsored by the Classified Staff Council.

Each year, the winner receives $1,000, an engraved plaque and a reserved parking space. Any permanent classified employee who has worked at BGSU for at least one year is eligible.

This year’s winner will be recognized during the Classified Staff Convocation in May. For more information or nomination packets, contact award committee chair Judy Fous, bursar, at 2-2815 or 2-0590 (voice) or Susan Shamin, comptroller services, 2-9987. Nomination forms and two letters of reference must be received by April 3. Send to: Outstanding Service Award Committee, BGSU, P.O. Box 91.

Award honors researchers, mentors

The Alumni Association and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research are seeking nominations for honor outstanding research conducted by BGSU undergraduate students. The Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award is granted annually as a way of recognizing and promoting excellence in research and mentoring. ‘Research’ is defined broadly to include various forms of scholarship and creative activity. Examples include publication in professional journals, presentations at professional meetings, exhibitions, performances or awards at juried/professional events. The award comes with a student honorarium of $1,500, and a $500 award to support the mentor’s scholarly activities.

Department chairs are invited to solicit nominations from faculty for this award. Only one nomination from each department may be submitted and student nominees must be enrolled at the time of the submission.

Each nominee must submit the following to the SPAR office, 106 University Hall, by 5 p.m. March 20:

• six copies of an abstract for traditional research (e.g., publication) or a narrative for creative scholarship (e.g., art exhibit) of up to 500 words (double spaced);

• a letter of nomination and support co-signed by the department chair and the research adviser;

• a one-page resume.

In addition, nominees may include examples of accomplishments (e.g., publications, presentations, awards, exhibits).

The research project should represent superior work in the nominee’s principal or interdisciplinary concentration. Projects will be judged on substantive and methodological quality, originality of thought and clarity. Interviews with applicants may be conducted by the Award Adjudication Committee prior to selection.

For more information or guidelines, contact the SPAR office, 2-2481.

Power outage planned

During spring break March 9-11, electrical service will be temporarily interrupted to 34 buildings on campus in order to connect them to the new 12,470-volt distribution circuits.

Cogar, facilities services, suggests planning activities to accommodate the electrical work. Questions, concerns or suggestions should be directed to Cogar, 2-6821 or Chuck Coddington, 2-9985. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, March 9, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.:
  - Administration Building,
  - Child Development Center,
  - Cottages 1-4,
  - Family and Consumer Sciences,
  - Founders Quadrangle,
  - Hanna Hall, Johnston Hall,
  - McDonald Quadrangle,
  - Mehling, Mt. Provo, Chapel,
  - Shawnee Hall, South Hall,
  - University Hall, Student Union, West Hall and W Dorms 1-6.

- Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.:

- Wednesday, March 11, 5:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.:
  - Administration Building,
  - Child Development Center,
  - Cottages 1-4,
  - Family and Consumer Sciences,
  - Founders Quadrangle,
  - Hanna Hall, Johnston Hall,
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The University’s Upward Bound program has defi­

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Computer classes set

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.

- Internet: email (Eudora) and Web browsers (Netscape)
- 1-4 p.m., March 5 (Mac)
- 5:30-8:30 p.m., March 10 (PC)
- 9 a.m.-noon, March 17 (Mac) and March 26 (PC)
- 1-4 p.m., March 30 (Mac)
- Desktop file management, word processing, spreadsheet

Job postings

FACULTY
(Until 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.)


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

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Posting expiration date for employees to apply: noon, Friday, Feb. 27.

- Director, Springboard program (V-017) - provost's office. Deadline: March 13.

Team highlights service

In November, consultant Tom Connellan shared success stories from some of the world's most customer-friendly organizations and encouraged the BGSU community to put "customers first.

As a follow up to his presentation, a customer service committee has formed by Ed Whipple, vice president for student affairs, at the request of President Sidney Ribeau. The campus-wide committee will explore customer service practices at the University and foster new ones.

- Duane Whitmer, computer services, team leader; Patti Ancley, chemistry; administrative staff; Cindy Koons, bursar, classified staff; Lee Mersef, biological sciences, faculty; Lynn Holland, graduate student; Susan McMahon, a former Disney intern, undergraduate students, and Suzanne Kashuba, Monitor, ex officio.

The committee's first meeting is set for Feb. 27.

Monday, February 23

- Board of Trustees meeting, 2:30 p.m., Assembly Room, McFaul Center.

Tuesday, February 24

- Enrollment 1999 Network, an all-campus information session about recruitment initiatives underway by administrative and classified staff and the Alumni Association, 8:30 a.m., Alumni Room, Student Union. Deadline: Feb. 23.

Wednesday, February 25

- Training program, "Preventing Sexual Harassment," 1-3 p.m., Tah Tien Room, Student Union. Sponsor: Office of Affirmative Action and Disability Resources.
- Computer class, "Introduction to Computers," 1-4 p.m. Free. Information/location: continuing education, 2-8181.
- Training program, "Affirmative Action and the Vision of Diversity," 3-4:30 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Student Union. Sponsor: affirmative action and disability resources.
- Night at the Cavs, watch BGSU alum Antonio Daniels as the Vancouver Grizzlies take on the Cleveland Cavs, 6 p.m. Pre-game event, 7-30 p.m. game, Gund Arena, Cleveland. Information: alumni affairs, 2-2701.
- Black Student Union Theater, 6-10 p.m., Town Room, Student Union.
- Women's basketball hosts Miami, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Thursday, February 26

- Computer class, "Internet Use—PC," 1-4 p.m. Free. Information/location: continuing education, 2-8181.
- Dissertation defense, "The Literature Classroom as a Place for Healing: A Teaching Model," by Kate Dailey, English, 2:30 p.m., 206 East Hall.
- African Spirituality Day featuring discussion and a "jam" session with Jason Eason, 7:15-9:30 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Student Union. Sponsor: Delta Sigma Theta sorority.
- Lecture, "Agriculture and Environment: A New World Partnership," with Larry Vance, chief, Soil and Water Conservation Division, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 7:30 p.m., 112 Life Science Building. Free.

Friday, February 27

- MAC Women's swimming and diving championships, sessions start at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Coover Pool.
- Brown-bag lunch book discussion of the works of African-American authors, 11:30 a.m., Faculty Lounge, Student Union. Free.

Saturday, February 28

- Men's hockey vs. Ohio State, 7 p.m., Ice Arena.

Monday, March 2

- Dissertation defense, "Assessment of Delivery Technology in Distance Learning," by Stephen S. Jones, higher education administration, 10 a.m., 250 Technology Building.
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Monday, March 2

- Train All Washington, 5-6:30 p.m., 210 Technology Building.

Continuing Events

- 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, Feb. 21 and March 21. $1 donation.

February 25-28 (8 a.m.) & March 1 (2 p.m.)

- Planetarium show, "Ali-Fear Eats the Soul," English with German subtitles, 8:15 p.m. Gish Film Theater. Free.
- Play, "Ten Common Dreams," 1-3 p.m., 219 Oldcamp Hall.
- Play, "The Caucasian Chalk Circle," 4-6 p.m., 219 Oldcamp Hall.
- Dance Marathon. Reservations: pietrusz@dgn.etd.edu, Questions: Rob Pietruszka 354-3983 or Tara Gore at 352-8539. Sponsor: Undergraduate Student Government.

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- Faculty Scholar Series, paper presentations by musical arts faculty: Isabel Barbara O'Hagan and Vincent Kontorski, 12:30 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Admission: $5 (for BGSU students at the door). Call 2-8171.

February 27-28

- Bowling Green Opera Theatre Production, "Falstaff," 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Admission: $12.50/10.50 ($5 for BGSU students at the door). Call 2-8171.

Ongoing
- Public Skate, 8-10 p.m., Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sponsor: Cost $2 per day, ID card rental, not offered during varsity hockey home games. Information: confirmation: 2-2364.