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Liang-aided research shows
Astronauts should take nutrition with a grain (and more) of salt

Michael Liang was part of NASA research which indicated that a high-salt diet prevents bone loss in space. But we needed something that was non-impact without heavy weightlifting, to build their muscles while they are in space. In space with zero gravity, lifting weights is pointless since the weights have no weight. Researchers also have been working on what type of pre-flight exercise would be best for the astronauts, he said. Before, they've always done the usual weightlifting, jogging. But everyone saw how wobbly John Glenn was when he came off the shuttle. They have to have something to maintain their strength so that the astronauts don't have trouble adjusting when they come back to earth after the long flights coming up.

For in-flight exercise, Liang said, "This research is important because we have to invent an exercise that will maintain bone and muscle strength with no impact on the body. What we are looking into is muscle-strengthening exercises with rubberized cords."

As for pre-flight exercise, Liang has submitted another proposal for further NASA study on the effects of buoyancy and swimming adaptation in preventing and minimizing osteoporosis during space flight. The proposal was submitted Oct. 1, and Liang is waiting to hear whether or not it was accepted. "It's good knowing that this research is helping the astronauts and also people on earth, it's very important research," he said. "And its opened doors to us at BG that we've never experienced before."

Groups ready to study compensation issue

Note: The following is from the president's office.

The faculty, administrative staff and classified staff compensation working groups will begin meeting soon to examine all data necessary for consideration in the improvement of the University's compensation structure.

(Professor Sidney Ribeau said Dec. 1, that the groups will likely hold organizational meetings this week, then begin their work after the holidays.)

All working groups are advisory to the president and will bring forward options for his consideration in the development of a comprehensive five-to-seven-year compensation plan.

The faculty group is charged with recommending options for a process that will bring us on average by rank to the 70th percentile of public Research II, Doctoral I and Doctoral II universities.

Using benchmark criteria established after reviewing salary information from the College and University Personnel Association, the administrative staff group is charged with recommending options for a process that will bring administrative staff salaries on average to the benchmark level.

The classified staff group is charged with reviewing approaches to compensate classified employees. This includes reviewing classified staff salary survey results—paying particular attention to the local labor market—and bringing forth recommendations for a plan to incorporate performance-based reward mechanisms for individuals and teams.

The following individuals have been appointed to the compensation working groups:

Faculties: C.J. Cranney, chair, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Donald Deters, Faculty Senate appointee, biological sciences; Daniel Bragg, management; Mary Ann Robertson, director, human movement, sport and leisure studies, and Virginia Marks, Distinguished Teaching Professor and chair, music performance studies.

Administrative staff: Bryan Benner, chair, director of campus services, facilities services; Joe Luthman, Administrative Staff Council appointee, information technology services; Marcos Rivera, academic enhancement; Shelley Appelbaum, athletics, and Cheryl Purroy, director, materials handling.

Classified staff: Scott Blackwood, chair, dining services; Mariann Reiter, Classified Staff Council appointee, graduate studies assistant, information technology services; Cheryl Orton, director, facilities services; Kristie Lashaway, director, continuing education.

Monitor reported incorrectly last week that Mary Weller was the CSC appointee to the classified staff panel.
Haney weaving TAPESTRIES with BG, UT, school partners

Jodi Haney, educational curriculum and instruction, is co-author and co-director of a collaborative project in science education. The project, which has received more than $5 million in funding from the National Science Foundation, is a grand of TAPESTRIES (Toledo Area Partnership in Education: Support for Teachers as Resources to Transform Elementary Science) was awarded to Haney and Charlene Czerniak, a faculty member at the University of Toledo. The five-year project is designed to improve elementary science education in Toledo Public Schools (TIPS) and Springfield Local Schools through a sustained professional development program.

Haney and Czerniak collaborated with a group of school teachers and administrators from both Toledo and Springfield to plan and write the proposal. They received word that the grant had been approved late last spring and have recruited a group of 16 support teachers who will participate in more than 200 hours of training activities during the academic years in the next two to three years. A second group of 16 teachers will be recruited in year three of the grant.

The teachers are learning to use an inquiry-based science curriculum and instructional strategies in physical, earth and life sciences. The teacher partners will provide assistance for classroom teachers as they implement their science curriculum, help teachers with district assessments and execute action plans for improving science literacy. A key feature of district action plans will be the involvement of community representatives, parents and principals.

"To facilitate the program, both TIPS and Springfield adopted the same type of curriculum—FOSS (Full Option Science System) and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). "We are the best available on the market, and the point of action of the school district was key to our selection to receive the NSF grant." Haney said.

The grant will also benefit the Toledo and Springfield school systems, will receive academic credit from either UT or BGSU and have been granted release time by the schools so they can share their new knowledge and demonstrate innovative teaching techniques to their colleagues.

Over the life of the grant, all 1,476 classroom teachers from the participating districts will be able to receive more than 10 hours of staff development in science content, pedagogy and student assessment as they implement their district-adopted curriculum materials. Haney and Czerniak anticipate one outcome to be improved science proficiency test scores for elementary students in the Toledo area.

They are involving many area scientists and university faculty from the science fields in the program, during both the summer institute and the academic-year activities. BGSU participants include Roger Thibault, biological sciences and director of environmental programs, T. Berry Cobb, physics and astronomy, Emeritus; W. Robert Middlen, chemistry and photochemical sciences, Norman Levine, environmental programs and geology. Charles Keil, environmental health, and Charlene Waggoner, biological sciences.

Haney noted that the project will also benefit the undergraduate science methods programs at both BGSU and UT, because students enrolled in the programs are being placed with TAPESTRIES-trained teachers for their field experience.

"The opportunity to place our undergraduate students with knowledgeable teachers who are using exemplary science curriculum materials is a real plus for our program as well," she said.

Fink, Gonsalves-Pinto, Cranry and Middleton part of large ODK class

One of the largest initia- tions in the College of Arts and Sciences, Lorna Gonsalves-Pinto, director of the Office of Diversity Initiatives, and Charles Cranry, provost and vice president for academic affairs, have been placed in the program.

The other Bowling Green graduate, Julie Broadwell, is coordinator of the Sexual Assault Awareness For Empowerment (SAFETY) program. They are working closely with the project to learn about the behavioral connections of Wood County. She said the program is the first of its kind in the community involvement category.

Administrators chosen are Charles Cranry, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Lorna Gonsalves-Pinto, director of the Office of Diversity Initiatives; and Charles Cranry, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Larry Miles, a retired executive with Marathon Oil in Findlay and a 1956 BGSU graduate, was selected for membership under the alumni category.

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Also selected under that category was Fayette Patins, a former Bowing Green student.

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Card sale to aid assault victims
A Wednesday (Dec. 9) brown bag luncheon at the Women's Center will be devoted to a discussion of ways to honor the spirit of generosity and gratitude during the holiday season.

Available for purchase at the luncheon will be holiday cards benefiting domestic violence and sexual assault victims served by Behavioral Connections of Wood County.

Two Behavioral Connections programs provide crisis intervention, ongoing support, court advocacy and counseling to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Wood County. All profits from sale of the cards will be used to provide emergency supplies to battered women and rape survivors.

Cards may be purchased all month at the Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. For more information, call 2-7227.

Kwanzaa celebration Friday
The Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives will host the second annual Kwanzaa celebration at 5:30 p.m. Friday (Dec. 11) in 101-8 Oelscamp Hall.

University students, faculty and staff will present traditional African dances, dramatic interpretation, short skits, poetry and song. The free program will conclude with the Karamu (feast), featuring soul food complete with collard greens, cornbread and sweet potato pie.

Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits of the harvest" in Swahili, is the only nationally celebrated African-American holiday in the U.S. It's not a religious holiday, but a time for families to come together to give thanks, enjoy life's blessings and celebrate the history and customs of African-Americans.

For more information, call Sheila Brown, 2-3642.

New Year's Eve party for kids
Worried about what to do with the kids on New Year's Eve? Take them to the New Year's Eve Bash sponsored by the women's basketball program.

The event will be held from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. in Anderson Arena. There will be games, prizes, movies and food for the kids. Cost is $23 per child and $15 for each additional child in the same family. Security measures will be taken to ensure the children's safety. All children must be picked up by 1 a.m. Reservations should be made now because space is limited. Reservation deadline is Dec. 18. For more information and/or a registration flier, call Suzy Venet, 2-1063.

Alumni Association offers gifts
Affordable gifts for office exchanges, graduating seniors and soon-to-be-retirees can all be found at the Alumni Association Gift Shop.

Available BGSU items include a holiday ornament ($26), a watercolor print of campus ($33), a glass paperweight ($25), a certificate/diploma frame ($29.95) and two ties.

For more information, call the alumni office, 2-2701.

Copy center hours extended
Printing services is extending the hours in its Student Union copy center this week (Dec. 7-11). Hours will be 9 a.m.-10 p.m. today-Thursday and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday.

Box office closing through Jan. 10
The Moore Musical Arts Center box office will be closed today (Dec. 7) through Jan. 10. Regular hours (12-6 p.m. weekdays) will resume Jan. 11, when tickets will be on sale for violist Yokkthula Ngwenyama in the Louise F Rees Memorial Concert on the 1998-99 Festival Series.

To reserve tickets, call 2-8171. Tickets may be reserved using VISA, MasterCard or Discover.

Fink, Gonsalves-Pinto
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Bonnie Fink
Student Government and the Adviser of the Year Award by the Student Organizations Leadership Development Program.

Charles Middleton
Omicron Delta Kappa was founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University.

Holiday open house with President Sidney Ribeau
Wed., Dec. 9
3-5 p.m.
McFall Center Gallery

LEADING & LEARNING TOGETHER

Faculty - Student Interaction
1. Positive student-professor relationships enhance student success.
2. Incorporate humor to become a "real" person in the students' eyes (instead of a formal authority).
3. Allow for flexibility (extra time for assignments when necessary, extra credit).
4. Take motivation and effort into account when assigning final grades.
5. Allow interruptions of lectures for student questioning.
6. Announce availability for special help (repeatedly throughout the course).
7. Allow lectures/discussions to be taped.
8. Lend lecture notes to students.
9. Provide feedback often.
10. Seek out students who are doing poorly to discuss class content and individual progress.


For more information about how to improve your classroom techniques to enhance student success, contact the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology at cltl@mailserver.bgsu.edu or 2-6898. This column is provided to the faculty and staff of BGSU by the Leading and Learning Together Team. If you have teaching suggestions to share, please contact Lee Meserve at lmeserv@bgnet.bgsu.edu or 2-8361.

This is the fifth in a series of features appearing in Monitor this semester.
It's early December, and while most of the non-academic world is preparing for a joyous holiday season, educators are cringing at the thought of grading ever-increasing stacks of papers, preparing final-exam questions and trying to get semester grades determined by the Monday after finals week.

Oh, we may put on the mask of holiday cheer, acting as though everything is under control, but deep in the back of our minds, the end-of-the-semester rush looms large. Sure, we may be around in body, but in mind and spirit, we can be far away. So what can we do as teachers to avoid the end-of-the-semester blues? Here are a few suggestions:

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job postings

Contact human resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

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Secretary 2 (12-11-1)—Family and Consumer Sciences. Pay grade 7.


Associate Vice President for University Advancement and Director, Marketing and Communications (M-097)—University Advancement.

Administrative grade level 21. Deadline: Jan. 11.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students (M-098)—Student Affairs. Administrative grade level 20. Deadline: Jan. 29.


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Overall, the report ranked Bowling Green 2nd in the country tied with Duke University, Rice University and Washington University in St. Louis. New York and Princeton universities were rated the nation's top overall philosophy programs.

"We are very pleased with the ranking," said Marvin Belzer, philosophy department chair. "This will assist us in continuing to attract to Bowling Green some of the finest philosophy graduate students and faculty in the world."

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Tuesday, Dec. 8

The Network, 8:30 a.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. This is a group designed to create a space for women faculty, administrators and staff to discuss ideas, concerns, personal and professional issues.

Retired Faculty/Staff Holiday Tea, 3:30-5 p.m., Ice Arena Lounge. All retirees and their guests are invited, and those retiring since May 1997 will be individually recognized. RSVP to Carol Luce, 2-7600.

Men's Basketball hosts Oakland, 8 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

International Travel Grant Workshop, 10-11 a.m., 1103 Offenbauer West. For more information, call 2-0309 or email salley@hpton.edu.

Sexual Harassment Workshop, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 1 College Park Office Building. For more information, call affirmative action, 2-8472.

Holiday Open House, 3-5 p.m., McFall Center Gallery. President Sidney Ribeau invites the campus community to the annual open house.

Women's Basketball hosts Michigan, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

UAO Films, Student Films, 8 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

Thursday, Dec. 10

Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Student Union Foyer. Sponsored by Amnesty International.

Friday, Dec. 11

Last day of classes for fall semester.

Stress Reduction Through Humor, 3 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. Bring Your Own Funny (BYOF) in the form of jokes, cartoons, video clips and stories.

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

Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m., Assembly Room, McFall Center.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Hockey hosts Western Michigan, 7 p.m., Ice Arena.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Women's Basketball hosts Western Michigan, 2 p.m., Anderson Arena.

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Criteria for the ranking is based primarily on the quality of tenured faculty, including their professional reputation, as reflected by their work in professional journals and books as well as honors and informal polls.

Brian Leiter, founder of the report, said Bowling Green has outstanding strengths and has developed a strong program, especially in the areas of moral and political philosophy.

The department also has some eminent senior faculty, and the presence of the Social Philosophy and Policy Center means that excellent speakers and conferences are brought to campus on a regular basis, said Leiter, who is currently a visiting professor at Yale Law School.

Test scanning hours extended for final exams

Information Technology Services will extend its test scanning hours for final exams to include Saturday, Dec. 19, from 8 a.m.-noon. Participants should bring their National Computer System answer sheets to 301 Hayes Hall.

The window at 301 Hayes is open during the noon hour every weekday.

campus calendar

St. Thomas More/Student Connection Advent/Christmas Service, 8-10 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union.

Monday, Dec. 14

Exam Week begins.

Sexual Harassment Workshop, 1-2-30 p.m., 1 College Park Office Building. For more information, call affirmative action, 2-8472.

Continuing Events

Dec. 7-8

Bake Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Union Foyer. Sponsored by the American Chemical Society Student Affiliation.

Auditions for "Flyin' West," 7 p.m., 400 University Hall, and for the 1999 Shorts Festival of one-act plays, 7 p.m., 407/405 University Hall. For more information, call the theatre department office, 2-2222.

Dec. 7-10

Multicultural Affairs Craft Sale, 8 a.m.-11 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union.

UAO Jewelry Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mathematical Sciences Building.

Dec. 9-10

Record Sale, Jerome Library conference room, flex floor. On sale from 2:45 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday.

Dec. 11-12

31st Annual Oldie English Yule tide Dinners, 7 p.m. both evenings in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union. Tickets are $17 for adults and $12 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call the union, 2-2343.

Nov. 20-Dec. 11

Artists Across the Campus and Around the City, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Free.

Dec. 5-Feb. 5

Digital Tools and Output Media: Deleting the Discord Between Art and Technology, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sundays. Free.