Sign of the season

Winter rang in the new year with its own style, forcing a rare closing of the University Jan. 4. Steve Yates, right, and Greg Ritchie, center, both facilities services, were removing snow and ice from the sidewalk along Court Street in front of the Administration Building the second wave of winter weather hit Jan. 6.

Weekend crew helps keep campus clean

The non-residential weekend custodial service, funded as a new initiative for this fiscal year, has been successfully launched, according to Carl Cogar, facilities services.

"After a period of recruitment, selection and hiring, we got down to business on Oct. 3 with a full-time team leader and two half-time workers," Cogar said. The work includes supporting special events on request as well as reviewing schedules of events in Monitor and The BG News and providing basic custodial service to those facilities and the surrounding grounds, he said.

"Basic service includes removing debris from public areas and cleaning entrances, corridors, restrooms and classrooms," he said. The weekend crew also provides basic service, "to the extent possible," for Memorial, Olscamp and East halls, the Eppler complex, and the Business Administration, Education, Life Sciences and Math Science buildings, he added.

Activities which received weekend custodial support in the fall included Preview Day and theatre and musical events.

"The reception from the community has ranged from sincere appreciation to why has it taken so long to do this?" Cogar said. "The program is having a positive effect on the image of the campus.

He cited one "great example" as the night before the Oct 31 Preview Day, when vandals spray-painted a large area of the east wall of the Student Union. "The weekend crew came in early Saturday morning—at 3 a.m.—and had the mess cleaned up before any visitors arrived," he said.

"It's been a growing need for several years," he added, referring to "regular, predictable custodial support for weekend activities."

"We have frequent requests for custodial coverage on weekends throughout the academic year," he said. "We have been working with people holding workshops, seminars and other activities in academic buildings, Cogar said. Lack of staff has prevented weekend coverage in recent years, "so people requiring service had to pay for it," he said. "A few could do that, most couldn't, so a lot of things went unserved."

The situation was brought to the attention of budget committees and the provost's office, he said, and addressed this fiscal year through funding of the weekend crew proposal.

Training under way

New financial system to be in place Feb. 1

A casualty of the year 2000 computer bug will soon be history, and staff have begun training for its successor.

The University is converting financial reporting from the College and University System (CUS) to Advantage Financial (AFIN) beginning Feb. 1.

The reason, said Trish Jenkins, treasurer's office, is because the year-eight year-old CUS wasn't made to be year 2000 compliant. It would read a "00" computer designation for next year to mean 1900, she said, adding that AFIN knows that "00" means 2000.

About 750 University staff have access to CUSF, which can't be used past June "because we go to fiscal year 2000 on July 1, so we have to have it (AFIN) in July," Jenkins said.

The vendor for both systems is American Management Systems, which has combined the University's system with its government clientele systems.

"In this process, most table names and layouts were modeled after the government programs," according to a written summary. "Although the document processing procedures are very similar, the screen layouts and input fields may be slightly different."

Training on the AFIN system began last week and will continue throughout the month for both current and new users.

Current users will have two classes of two hours each. The first session will cover navigation, new tables, requisition (RX) and department purchase order (PD) training. Discussed in the second session will be payment order (PO), receiver (RC) and stock requisition (SR) documents. The first session must be completed first because documents created in that class will be used in the second session.

New users will take three classes of two hours apiece.

The first session will cover signing on/off, navigation and tables, while the second will cover RX and PD documents and the third, PO, RC and SR documents. The three classes must be taken in numeric order.

Because all sessions will be hands on, participants must bring their Security ID card. For those who don't have a card, arrangements will be made with Information Technology Services to provide a temporary one.

Those who need a card should let Tere Kohlman, treasurer's office, know when calling her (2-2203) to register for the classes.

Report and on-line training for budget administrators will follow installation of the new system.

Following is a schedule of remaining classes, which Jenkins said are being filled. All will be held either in the IBM lab (128 Hayes Hall) or the Macintosh lab (126 Hayes Hall), but IBM users aren't limited to training in the IBM lab, nor are Macintosh users limited to classes offered in the Macintosh lab.

Current users:

- Session: 1:30-5 p.m., Mac lab; Jan. 21, 3-5 p.m., Mac lab; Jan. 22, 8-10 a.m., Mac lab; Jan. 25, 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., both in the Mac lab; Jan. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, Mac lab; Jan. 27, 8-10 a.m. and 10 a.m.-noon, both in the Mac lab; Jan. 28, 1-3 p.m., IBM lab; and Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-noon, Mac lab.

- Session: Tuesday (Jan. 12), 8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., all in the IBM lab; Wednesday (Jan. 13), 8-10 a.m. and 10 a.m.-noon, both in the Mac lab, and 1-3 p.m., IBM lab; Thursday (Jan. 14), 1-3 p.m., Mac lab; Friday (Jan. 15), 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., both in the Mac lab; Jan. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, IBM lab; Jan. 20, 8-10 a.m., IBM lab; Jan. 21, 3-5 p.m., Mac lab; Jan. 22, 1-3 p.m., Mac lab; Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-noon, Mac lab; Jan. 26, 8-10 a.m., IBM lab, and 1-3 p.m., Mac lab; Jan. 27, 1-3 p.m., IBM lab; Jan. 28, 8-10 a.m. and 10 a.m.-noon, both in the Mac lab, and Jan. 29, 1-3 p.m., Mac lab.

- New users:
  - Session: 1:30-5 p.m., IBM lab; Jan. 20, 8-10 a.m.; IBM lab and Jan. 22, 10 a.m.-noon, both in the IBM lab.
  - Session: Friday (Jan. 15), 10 a.m.-noon, and Jan. 21, 8-10 a.m., both in the Mac lab.
  - Session: 3:10-6 p.m., IBM lab; and Jan. 22, 10 a.m.-noon, Mac lab.

Reddin Symposium to probe U.S.--Canadian border issues

"The longest undefended border in the world" will be the focus of the 12th annual Reddin Symposium, scheduled for 12:30-5 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 16) in 1018 Olscamp Hall.

Three symposium speakers will discuss aspects of cross-border relations between Canada and the U.S.

David Preston, director of the U.S. Transboundary Division, Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade, will offer an overview of the Canadian perspective on priorities and challenges between the two countries.

Don McNee, chief negotiator for Canada for the Pacific Salmon Treaty, will explore issues surrounding the shared use and protection of fishing stocks, with special emphasis on current developments in the Pacific salmon fisheries.

James Phillips, executive director of the Can/Am Border Trade Alliance, will provide insight into cross-border trade issues, including agriculture and transportation.

The purpose of the symposium, which is supported financially (Continued on page 2)
$32 million Union project gets go-ahead from trustees

A $32 million expansion and renovation of the Student Union, the most ambitious building project in Bowling Green State University history, was approved by the Board of Trustees in December.

The board also authorized the administration to prepare final design plans and construction documentation, and to obtain required approval from the Ohio Board of Regents and other state agencies.

The 1993 completion of a $15 million renovation of Founders Hall was the largest previous construction project on campus.

President Sidney Ribeau called the Union renovation and expansion "essential to the continued growth and development of the campus."

He pointed out that the initiative to upgrade the Union, originally built in 1938, came from students. "They felt the building was woefully outdated and didn't connect with today's students. They made it clear they want a campus center that would be a true Student Union," he said.

"This is an important day for the students at Bowling Green State University," said Edward Whipple, vice president for student affairs.

"First, it means we've gone from the talking stage to the action phase of this effort. Second, it represents another example of students affecting change that will improve campus life."

He added that an "expanded and renovated Union will fundamentally change the student culture at Bowling Green. For the first time in several years, student organizations and major student programs will be housed under one roof with a variety of student services. The Union will definitely be a focal point of activity for all members of the University community."

The preliminary design plans call for a nearly 60 percent expansion of the current Union, from 117,000 gross square feet to nearly 200,000. Much of the new space will occupy the area that is currently Prount Hall, a residence unit that will be demolished.

The University's bookstore will be in the renovated structure, which will include a theater, a large multipurpose room and 11 smaller meeting rooms. There will also be expanded dining facilities and a food court featuring at least two national-brand restaurants.

The student Union will still be an essential part of the Union. There will also be additional computer labs and a renovated student lounge space.

The new rates—$32 million Union project gets go-ahead from trustees

The Board of Trustees in December approved a $220 annual increase in room and board rates for the 1999-2000 academic year.

The 5 percent increase is the lowest percentage rise in room and board since a similar hike in 1988-89.

The total cost to live and eat in seven of BGSU's nine residence halls next year will be $4,612. That rate includes lodging, a minimum meal plan and the technology fee.

Room costs for students living in off-campus Founders halls—the two units that offer more amenities—will be $5,246 and $5,502, respectively.

The new rates include a $26 annual increase in the residence hall technology fee, which next year will be $462.

The additional funds will be used to operate residence hall computer labs 24 hours a day in the fall semester, and possibly in the spring; create new labs and renovate or upgrade existing ones; provide additional staff and support for in-room network connections, and cover the cost of additional networking maintenance.

The new rates will also be used to provide voice mail service to students in the residence halls.

"We are improving the quality of life in our residential halls, and the favorable response from students tells us we are succeeding," said President Sidney Ribeau.

The trustees approved the sale of the downtown Millikin Hotel to Robert Martin, a local developer. Martin's bid of $351,000 was among 10 for the property, which was donated to the University in 1993.

Strategic plan to chart future of University residence halls

ATM machines. Dry cleaning. Video rentals.

They're among the services that students want and, if introduced to residence halls, would make living on campus more convenient, said Bud Beatty, director of residence life.

"They're among the most welcome of opportunities other than shared rooms and bathrooms, and the question of housing for graduate students, new faculty and staff and their families should also be considered," he said.

To help the campus more competitive in attracting students, the University approved a recommendation from Richard Hughes, Graduate Student Senate president. Hughes asked that Beatty's office consider the issue, calling it a major one with graduate students.

During the trustees' regular December meeting, residence halls received about $2.4 million of the roughly $3.4 million in auxiliary improvement project funding for 1999-2000.

Most of the residence hall funding is for work in Conklin and McDonald halls, although $300,000 is earmarked for campus-wide replacement of mattresses, cleaning of mattresses and carpet and replacement and upgrading of furnishings.

Another $484,000 of the total is to be spent at the Student Recreation Center—$345,000 is of for replacement of a pool filter and aquatic center tile—and $200,000 in dining halls, including $114,000 for computer equipment purchases. About $106,000 will go toward miscellaneous athletic improvements, such as replacement of Strell Field grandstands ($75,000).

Also at their December meetings, the trustees:

•Heard an update on the technology infrastructure project from Phillip Beideman, president of Western Telecommunication Consulting Inc. A master contract was awarded, purchase agreements were signed, and funding determination should be forthcoming this month, he told the committee of the whole.

•Approved a recommendation that Wilfred Rendleman, technology systems, be granted tenure and a promotion to associate professor.

•Approved an amendment to the Academic Charter that will allow the vice chair of Faculty Senate to convene, and conduct elections of chairs for, University standing committees.

•Approved a handbook for intermittent staff, defined as employees who work no more than 1,000 hours per year. Such on-call staff will supplement regular classified staff where needed, particularly in the bookstore and dining halls, said Rebecca Ferguson, assistant provost, human resources.

Reddin

(Continued from page 1) cially by the Reddin family of Bowling Green, is to "try to get a better understanding of Canada," said Smart Givens, acting director of the University's Canadian Studies Center.

Some symposium topics are contemporary and some are ongoing, Givens said. But all are issues confronting America and its relationship with Canada as well, he said.

Saturday's event is free, but reservations should be made either by calling Linda Snyder at 2-2457, faxing 2-0457 or emailing caex@bg.edu.
in brief

Professional development aid
Administrative Staff Council is offering professional development assistance to up to $500 for administrative staff.

Higher funding priority will be given to training, conferences or classes associated with the overall mission and goals of the University. Training that affects the largest number of people will also be given high priority. Researching other funding sources will further enhance requests.

For an application or more information, contact either Tony Howard at 2-2700 or Claudia Clark at 2-2081 or cclause@kplet.bgeu.edu. Forms can be faxed or sent through campus mail.

Applications will be reviewed and funding decisions are made by ASC’s Professional Development Committee.

O-Reg dates set
Orientation and Registration for next fall’s first-year students will begin June 29.

Sessions will continue the next two days, June 30-July 1, then resume Tuesday-Thursday, July 6-8, and Monday-Thursday July 12-15 and 19-22. Sessions will also be held Monday-Friday, July 26-27, and finally on Aug. 18.

June 28, July 29 and Aug. 16-17 will be O-Reg dates for fall transfer students.

Sessions for students in the University Program for Academic Success will be May 17 for summer and June 23-24 for the fall program.

Beatty, Bowers now assistant VPs
Both Bud Beatty, director of residence life, and Richard Bowers, director of recreational sports, added assistant vice presidents for student affairs to their titles as of Jan. 1.

“These title changes reflect Bud and Dick’s increasing division-wide responsibilities and their continuing efforts and contributions to strengthening our services and programs for students,” said Edward Whipple, vice president for student affairs, in announcing the appointments.

Auditions set at Firelands
Auditions for the Caryl Crane Children’s Theatre production of “Raggedy Ann and Andy” will be held from 4:30-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday (Jan. 14-15) and 9-11 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 16) in Firelands College’s McBrude Auditorium.

Roles are available for children ages 10 and up, and adults. Several roles will require dance skills. Scripts are on closed reserve at the Firelands library. Performance dates are March 4-7.

For more information, contact Ronald Ruble, director, at 419-433-5560 or 800-322-4787.

Alumni Center selling furniture
Mileti Alumni Center is having a final sale of used office furniture today through Wednesday (Jan. 11-13).

Furniture for sale includes desks, typing tables, computer stations and lateral files. For more information, contact Marcia Sproul at 2-2701.

Vacation accruals to be adjusted
Accrued vacation hours of classified staff will be adjusted on Feb. 5 paychecks if they exceed new maximums that took effect Jan. 1.

Classified staff should check their handbook for the new rates and call the human resources office (2-8421) with any questions.

Fee waiver forms due for spring
Staff members should complete and submit employee and dependent fee waivers for spring 1999 classes to the human resources office.

Waiver forms are available in any departmental office. Once completed, forms must be signed by the departmental budget administrator.

CSC talks outsourcing with Ribeau

Classified Staff Council members got to make their case against outsourcing directly to President Sidney Ribeau when he visited CSC’s first meeting.

The president said he has no plan or desire to outsource anything. He quoted the need, however, that the University must be competitive with private business in providing services.

In a different reference, he said, would be rendering of services by University staff, whom he said have the commitment, personal investment and ownership that outsourcing doesn’t bring.

But it must be done in a cost-effective way, he said, so the challenge to University providers is to make competitive bids. If dining services, for instance, can’t compete with the national-brand products that will be in the renovated and expanded Student Union, “the students will vote with their feet,” Ribeau said.

The discussion turned specifically to the recently outsourced motor vehicle service, which Ribeau said didn’t have the staff to continue on campus. He also argued that in 10 years, few universities will even have their own fleets of cars, opting to lease instead.

New CSC member Susan Wammes, facilities services, countered that the number of mechanics in the motor vehicle garage was allowed to dwindle from six to one in recent years, and the cost of service now provided through Bowling Green Lincoln-Mercury is greater than if it was still on campus.

The council-appointed Wamme to complete the unexpired term of former member David Matthews, who had received a disability retirement.

The term runs through next June.

Steve Lashaway, facilities services, agreed with Wammes and said he has seen staff numbers decline elsewhere in the operations area. Supervisors can then say “we’re not providing the service,” he added, making the point that the case for outsourcing can be skewed by numbers and presentation.

Ribeau said he would check on accountability questions. He also said that determining the effectiveness of an outsourced service is possible, pointing out that the motor vehicle contract, for instance, will have to be evaluated at some point.

“These are answerable questions,” he said, noting that the University will know if its cars aren’t working.

Saying that he’s seen it happen at other universities, particularly with dining services, the president affirmed in response to a question that an outsourced service could return to the University if.

He said, too, that when demand is changing, it makes sense to direct staff and funds where they are needed.

He outlined the compensation study now under way — reiterating that he plans to take a report to the Board of Trustees by early spring — as well as the enrollment picture.

On the latter front, the number of applications received during the fall was ahead of fall 1997 figures, Ribeau said. The idea is to increase the applicant pool but take the same number of freshmen as this year.

Net enrollment growth of 2.5 percent per year is the target, he added, cautioning that the University is not reliant on the goal.

If enrollment bottoms out, everything is up for grabs,” he said, citing salaries and the Union project among the examples.

Also at the December meeting, CSC Chair Jay Samelak said he would follow up on a concern that background checks be done on supplemental staff before they’re accepted to work at the University.

Supplemental Staffing, a Toledo employment agency, will do background checks for an additional fee if re­quested, Samelak learned from the human resources office.

But safety issues are involved and cost isn’t the point, he and other CSC members said.

Berg book on business French supplemented with Web site

With international commerce on the rise, more and more English-speaking students are preparing either to work abroad or in conjunction with foreign businesses, which has increased the need for language instruction in business French.

Unfortunately, the texts available for this type of instruction have been woefully inadequate, dry and outdated, according to Robert J. Berg, romance languages.

Berg has stepped into the breach with a new text, available this month, called Parlons Affaires! “The need was the impetus for writing it,” said Berg about the book, published by Harcourt Brace.

Not only is it more current in content and vocabulary than other texts, but, according to the publisher, it is the first textbook in the humanities to be supplemented with an interactive, Internet-based resource manual.

The website for Parlons Affaires! was designed by Mark Sarkan, designer with LecGro, a local Web company, and uploaded by Deborah McLaughlin, University webmaster. It contains additional activities and citations by chapter, as well as an interactive discussion group. Berg will serve as moderator and will continually provide updated information, particularly as the French decide on French terms for the growing vocabulary of international business.

The book was written with the help and collaboration of the Paris Chamber of Commerce in gathering information on France.

Bergbook was reviewed by Robert J. Berg, romance languages, at the December meeting.

He introduces topics such as banking, transportation, the stock exchange, the Euro, communication, entrepreneurship and insurance.

He has also provided useful information for those applying for jobs in France, such as how to write a resume, how to conduct oneself in a job interview (the protocol can be quite different from that in the U.S.) and other important facts about the way business is conducted in France.

The groundwork is laid in this edition for the next edition, in which the two fictional BGSU alumni will embark on their second business venture.

Firelands extends bookstore hours
The Firelands College bookstore will offer expanded hours during the first two weeks of spring semester.

The bookstore will be open until 6:45 p.m. today—Thursday (Jan. 11-14) and Jan. 19-21. It will also be open Saturday (Jan. 16) from 9-11 a.m.
Continuing education classes available

The following classes are being offered this month through the continuing education office. Call the office (2-8181) for more information or a catalog of spring semester offerings.

Calligraphy—Beginner’s Formal Ialic, offered from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays through Feb. 2, 2 College Park Office Building, $50 per class plus $20 for materials.

Real Estate Law, 6-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 11-13, 1 College Park Office Building, $125.

Applied Food Sanitation, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 26, 2 College County Health Department board room, $140.

Basic Upholstering, 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 23, Facilities Services, Upholstery Shop, $90.

Real Estate Finance, 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 13-March 17, 2 College Park Office Building, $125.

GRE, GMAT, LSAT Preparation, all from 1-5:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 16-March 27, 2 College Park Office Building, $155.

Oil Painting II, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 19-Feb. 23, 129 Fine Arts Building, $35.

Basic Body Sculpting, 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 20-March 3, Student Recreation Center, Dance Room, $50.

Newlofe elected Foundation president

City resident Richard Newlove has been elected president of the Bowling Green State University Foundation Inc. A 1969 BGSU graduate, Newlove is president of Newlove Realty Inc. and a founder and past president of the Bowling Green Community Development Foundation. He has also been president of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and the Wood County Board of Realtors. His association with the University includes the presidency of the Board of Trustees and now a second term as foundation president.

Other foundation officers are Larry Miles of Findlay, president-elect, and vice presidents Harold McMaster of Perrysburg, Theodore Jenkins of Oregon and Thomas Donnell of Findlay. The treasurer is William Hattendorf of Findlay.

Miles is a former president of the Alumni Association Board of Trustees. McMaster is in his third term on the foundation board, while Jenkins and Donnell are in their second terms.

January computer classes

Free computer classes are being offered again this month for University faculty and staff. The schedule is as follows:

- Basics for New Users: Jan. 13, 1-3 p.m., Macintosh and 9-11 a.m., PC/Windows 95.
- File Management, Jan. 13, 3-4 p.m., Mac and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., PC/Windows.
- Word Processing: Jan. 14, 1-4 p.m., Mac and 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows.
- Databases: Jan. 16, 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.
- The Net: Jan. 17, 1-4 p.m., Mac and 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.
- Desktop publishing: Jan. 18, 1-4 p.m., Mac and 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows.
- PageMaker I, Jan. 19, 9 a.m.-noon, Mac and 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.
- PageMaker II, Jan. 26, 9 a.m.-noon, Mac and 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.

For more information or to register, call the continuing education office, 2-8181. Continuing education can also design-custom classes. Call Carl Detmer, 2-7872, for more information.

Adult Karate—All Levels: Beginning, 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 20-March 3; Intermediate, 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 20-March 1; Advanced, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 20-March 1. St. Thomas More University Parish, $54 for beginners, $40 for intermediate and advanced students.

Enhancing Your Career with a More Professional Presentation, 8-10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2 College Park Office Building, $35.

Overview of Small Business Books, Records and Controls, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 2 College Park Office Building, $40.

Introduction to Jazz for Adults, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 21-Feb. 25, 1104 A and B Offenhauer West, $65.

Conflict Management, 8-10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2 College Park Office Building, $40.

Saturday, January 16

- M-095—Psychologist (M-095) for Students Affairs.
- M-098—Dean of Students Affairs, Administrative grade level 20. Deadline: Jan. 29.
- M-069—Managing Editor (M-069) for Bowling Green State University Foundation.

In filling these positions, the University seeks to identify enthusiastic team players committed to serving the institution’s faculty, staff and students in a manner consistent with the university’s mission and core values of Bowling Green State University.

In memory

Marilyn Solt, 77, of Bowling Green, died Dec. 9 at Wood County Hospital. She was an associate professor emeritus of English. She retired in 1989 after 20 years at the University, where she taught children’s literature. She also held master’s and doctoral degrees from the University. Memorials may be made either to the American Diabetes Association or First Christian Church.