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Coming campaign is family affair

They're the University's core values, but starting with cooperation and respect for one another, they're also easily applied to families.

That tie between University and family is at the heart of an upcoming fund-raising campaign, the first such internal campaign in more than a decade.

The Family Campaign, running from March 30 to April 30, "is for and about everyone whose lives have ever been touched, directly or indirectly, by Bowling Green State University, according to a campaign outline.

The campaign "is a great way to show people that they can give to any area of the University they care about," said Lee Meserve, biology and a campaign co-chair.

Athletics' move to student affairs also 'puts students first': Ribeau

On Jan. 26, President Sidney Ribeau announced a reorganization of Intercollegiate Athletics which is expected to accomplish two primary goals.

First, the integration of intercollegiate athletics into student affairs will benefit all BGSU students by providing more involvement opportunities for students. These include enhanced programs for club sports, intramural and recreational sports.

Additionally, the reorganization of ICA will reduce an overlap in programming and services. Currently, some duplication exists in this area, with some of the same services and programs for student-athletes also available to the larger student population. Under the new model, drawing on existing resources provided through student affairs, unnecessary duplication will be eliminated, and University resources and efficiency will be maximized. Programs and services unique to the student-athlete experience, however, will be maintained in support of the University's continued efforts to improve men's and women's intercollegiate athletic programs.

Second, the reorganization, with a focus of revamping the funding of ICA, will lead to an improved financial situation for athletics. The reorganization will put ICA in better position to address the accumulated deficits, as well as the significant financial requirements to meet the federally mandated enhancement of women's athletic opportunities.

In an effort to accomplish these goals, Ribeau has stated that he would streamline the athletic department by moving ICA to student affairs and creating the position of senior associate vice president for student affairs.

Being promoted to this post is Ron Zwierlein, who, in addition to serving as athletic director for the past five years, brings experience from the student affairs profession, including service as interim vice president for student affairs and director of recreational sports.

In his new position, Zwierlein's responsibilities will include some functions previously assigned to the athletic director position, including maintenance of athletic facilities (the golf course, ice Arena, intramural fields, Anderson Arena, Steller Field and other fields).

Ribeau stated that "by splitting off some of the department's support areas, the new athletic director will be able to focus on the financial sustainability of ICA as well as men's and women's sports programs."

In addition to his athletic-related responsibilities, Zwierlein will be responsible for recreational sports programs (including the Field House and Student Recreation Center), student health services, student counseling and development services.

He will also chair a committee that will aid in guiding the transition of ICA from a free-standing unit to one that's part of student affairs.

More institutions (including the University of Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Iowa and three MAC schools) are adopting this model of intercollegiate athletics administration in which athletics reports through a vice presidential area to the president.

Just as academic affairs are responsible for developing a curriculum that contributes to the intellectual growth of students through their experience in the classroom, student affairs is responsible for promoting students' holistic growth and development through their out-of-class experiences. Student-athletes, like students in general, will benefit from this approach.

President's Day: Company's here

The number of prospective students on campus for today's open house should be about the same as last year's 2,285, said Montique Cotton, coordinator of Presidents' Day preparations for the admission office.

As of Feb. 7, about 2,000 prospective students had registered, including more than 650 who did so at the new Web site aimed at student recruitment, she said.

She estimated the overall number of visitors will be 4,000-5,000, down from more than 5,700 who attended the annual event a year ago.

Ronald Scherer explains the workings of a Plexiglas model of the human voice box

$1.35 million grant to aid voice research

Although the human voice is understood in the most basic terms, the intricate workings of the larynx and vocal folds—the primary parts used in the making of sound—remain a mystery.

Now, with the aid of a four-year, $1.35 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, Ronald Scherer, communication disorders, will be exploring those mysteries.

The funding will enable Scherer and a team of scientists and students from BGSU and the other universities to design, build and test both mechanical and computer models of the voice-making process.

Researchers at Purdue University and the University of Toledo are collaborating on the project.

The models will be used to explore the aerodynamic and aeroacoustic properties of sound, measuring things such as airflow, air pressures and sound, and how those things change when the shape of the larynx changes.

Scherer said the models will make predictions of how changes in the larynx will affect speech. He hopes to be able to test those predictions in the "real world."

"We are trying to answer some very basic questions," said Scherer, one of the country's leading researchers in the study of voice production. "How is the air from the lungs converted into sound due to vocal fold vibration? What makes the vocal folds vibrate in the first place? Why do vocal fold problems result in greater difficulties in making voiced sounds and in hoarse voice qualities?"

To help answer such questions, Scherer's team of researchers will use one of the most sophisticated physical models ever built to simulate the mechanics of speech. Made of Plexiglas and seven-and-one-half times larger than the human voice box, the model has removable inserts which simulate the vocal folds.

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Information sessions this week

ASC hears about alternative retirement plan

This is the week for educational sessions about the alternative retirement plan now available to many full-time faculty and staff.

To register, contact either Diana Shamp, 2-2115 or Diana@bgsu.edu or Dean Wittwer, 2-2187 or dean@bgsu.edu.

Availability of an alternative retirement plan is now required under state law. Last month, the Board of Trustees approved Bowling Green's version, which will be offered through eight companies.

Comprising that list are Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), Annuity Life Insurance and Annuity Co., Equitable Life Assurance Co. and Great American, Lincoln National, Metropolitan, Nationwide and Variable Annuity life insurance companies.

Representatives of the eight companies will be on campus next month for an information fair, Wittwer said. Participants in the alternative plan may change companies once a year, she added, saying that it will be tied to the October open enrollment for health care coverage.

Switching from the alternative plan to the applicable state system, or vice versa, is more difficult once one is chosen. At this time, faculty and administrative staff must be out of the system at least one year before they could return and change their minds.

The alternative plan is called a defined contribution plan—both the faculty or staff member and the University contribute a set percentage of the employee’s compensation to the company selected by the employee. But unlike STRS and PERS, the benefit to be received at retirement isn’t defined. It’s dependent instead on such factors as what investments the employee makes and how they perform over time.

In the state-owned and operated STRS and PERS, the retirement pension is defined, based upon a formula incorporating age, years of service and average salary among the three highest years.

A 120-day window for deciding between plans opened with the trustees’ approval on Jan. 23 and will continue until the April 1 deadline, Wittwer said.

This is the last year for the ASC Trustees to make a decision. The retirement plan changes effective July 1, 2000. ASC Trustees will consider the changes and vote on the decision during their May 23 meeting.

On other matters at the Feb. 4 meeting, ASC:

• Discussed the mid-year performance evaluation process, bonuses and pay criteria and “super merit,” with members agreeing to survey constituents about their feelings towards a bonus policy and similar issues.

Also, Mary Beth Zachary, Libraries and Learning Resources, reported that ASC and the human resources office are working with the Institute for Psychological Research and Application on campus to assess the effectiveness of the performance evaluation system.

• Moved its March meeting back two weeks, to March 18, meaning that the ASC Scholarship raffle drawing will also be held then. As of Feb. 9, 1, 232 tickets had been sold, bringing in $910, said Jim Elsasser, athletics.

Honors tuition raffle under way

A full semester’s tuition and fees is the grand prize in the Honors Program’s 17th Annual Tuition Raffle. The grand prize, provided by Student Book Exchange, accounts for $2,327 of more than $4,000 in prizes to be awarded at the April 2 drawing.

Other prizes include a half-semester’s tuition, valued at $967.50; three $300 gift certificates; and 100 coupons for a free large pizza from Pasinello’s Pizza. All University students registered for at least one semester hour this spring are eligible.

The raffle’s primary aim is raising money for the J. Robert Bashore Scholarships, which are awarded annually to Honors Program students.

Faculty and staff may donate to the scholarship fund rather than buy tickets for students.

Athletics

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volved in other activities and organizations, learn and grow from their intercollegiate athletics experience, and as such, ICAs reorganizing under the student affairs division support the institutional focus on “putting students first.”

Incorporating a philosophy of student development, as well as a responsibility to build on the record of athletic and academic success among the student-athletes, BG SU will fill the post of athletic director with an individual who possesses a specific profile of credentials and attributes.

Given the targeted nature of the qualified candidate’s profile, the position will be filled by invitation only.

Required characteristics include senior-level management experience in the intercollegiate athletic setting or the private sector; a master’s degree preferred, coupled with a successful record of management and a high degree of knowledge regarding NCAA Division I athletic programs; demonstrated success and mastery in managing a sizable budget; evidence of successfully generating revenues for a complex organization; an established record of achievement in the areas of marketing and public relations; an extensive record of long-range financial planning in a complex organization.

Ribeau said that "additionally, BGSU's new athletic director will maintain the philosophy for ICA established under Dr. Zwierlein's leadership, a philosophy that supports the growth, development and academic excellence of student-athletes."

Ribeau emphasized the importance of this reorganization by stating “For the success of intercollegiate athletics to be maximized, this reorganization is not only necessary, it is paramount to our future accomplishments as an NCAA Division I institution. Under this reorganization, we can build on the academic achievements of our student-athletes, promote a more global out-of-the-classroom experience for all students and redefine the fiscal soundness of intercollegiate athletics. Hiring an individual who is prepared for and capable of addressing the unique issues facing BGSU and intercollegiate athletics today is vital to the University's success in this reorganization.”

"Ultimately,” Ribeau added, “Bowling Green State University seeks to identify an individual with the necessary energy and expertise to lead the athletic program to higher levels of national achievement and recognition, and in so doing, mirror the vision of the University—to become the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the nation.”
Firelands to celebrate diversity this week

Deadline: March 8.

Wednesday Residence Hall Director (V-006)—Residence Life. Administrative grade level 13. Review of applications will begin March 12 and continue until the position is filled.

Major Gift Officer (V-081)—Development. Search reopened; administrative grade level 16. Review of applications will begin March 12 and continue until the position is filled.


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 vision and core values of Bowling Green State University.

Monday, Feb. 15
Presidents’ Day, with prospective students on campus for tours, displays and department open houses.
Public Skating, 2:30-4 p.m., Ice Arena. Students, S2; others ages 13-older, S3.

The Blue Angel, a 1930 German film, will be shown at 7 p.m. in Gish Film Theater. Free.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Classified Staff Council. 9 a.m., Taft Room, Student Union.
Public Skating, 8:30-10 p.m., Ice Arena. Students, S2; others ages 13-older, S3.

Thursday, Feb. 18
Creative Writing Program Reading Series. 7:30 p.m., 117 Oberlin Hall. Featured will be poet Stephen Dunn, who teaches creative writing at Stockton (N.J.) State College. Free.

Soul Food Dinner. 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas More University Parish. Admission is $5 and two canned goods. All money and canned goods will go to a family adopted by Delta Sigma Theta. For more information, email mkaab@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Friday, Feb. 19
Vocal Workshop with Richard Miller of Oberlin College. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free. For more information, call 2-2287.

Young People’s Concert: What is a String Quartet?, with the Bowling Green String Quartet, 11 a.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are $2 for adults and $1 for children, and will be available at the door.

Women’s Basketball hosts Miami, noon, Anderson Arena.

Women’s Basketball hosts Eastern Michigan, 3 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Hockey hosts Notre Dame, 7 p.m., Ice Arena.

Sunday, Feb. 21
Special Sunday Matinee, 3 p.m., Gish Film Theater. “The Blue Kite” will be shown again. Subtitles. Free.

Public Skating, 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Ice Arena. Students, S2; others ages 13-older, S3.

Monday, Feb. 22

Board of Trustees, 3:30 p.m., McFall Center, Assembly Room.

“Pandora’s Box,” a 1931 German film, will be shown at 7 p.m. in Gish Film Theater. Free.

Continuing Events
Feb. 17-21
“Flying West,” Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Pearl Cleage’s play about African-American female pioneers who settle together in the all-black town of Nicodemus, Kansas. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday (Feb. 17-20) and 2 p.m. Sunday (Feb. 21). Following each performance will be a reception/discussion with the cast in the Women’s Center, 107 Hanna Hall. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students and senior citizens: For ticket information, call 2-2219.

Through March 5
BGSU Planetarium. “Is This The End of the World?”

Tuesday and Fridays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. $1 donation.