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Charles Middleton's successor as provost and vice president for academic affairs won't be in place until Jan. 1 at the earliest, President Sidney Ribeau said last week.

Speaking to Faculty Senate April 20, Ribeau said an interim replacement will be appointed effective June 1—the same day Middleton assumes his new position as vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University System of Maryland (USM).

A national search for the next provost will begin at the same time, the president said.

In Maryland, Middleton will oversee the provosts and academic programs of USMs 13 member institutions. The 12th largest university system in the nation, it has nearly 100,000 undergraduate students, 30,000 graduate students, 6,300 full-time faculty, more than 600 academic programs and an operating budget of nearly $2 billion.

USM Chancellor Donald Langenberg said Middleton "will be a great asset as we continue to raise the academic bar for all of our institutions."

Ribeau said Middleton's departure after three years at Bowling Green "leaves me with mixed emotions."

"It is a wonderful opportunity for him and adds to his already impressive academic record," the president said. "That a system as prestigious as Maryland's sought him for this key position is a compliment to both Bowling Green's academic programs and the work Dr. Middleton has been doing at this University."

"In a short period of time he has made a major contribution to Bowling Green's improvement and he will be missed," Ribeau added. "We wish him well and know that Maryland's higher educational system has attracted a man of enormous talent, energy and integrity."

Middleton came to BGSU in 1996 from the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he had been dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for eight years.

The holder of master's and doctoral degrees in social gerontology and social work from Ann-Marie Whipple also noted his already prestigious credentials, "the University of Colorado at Boulder."

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After earning her doctoral degree, she returned there in 1995 as assistant dean of student life and director of the Memorial Union, the position she currently holds.

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Wanda Overland

Overland named dean of students

Faculty Senate hears email update, approves program reconfiguration

Faculty Senate heard an update on the email situation April 20 from Ann-Marie Lancaster, vice provost for technology and chief information officer.

Receiving senate approval at the meeting was the continuing of criminal justice, gerontology and social work programs into a Department of Human Services.

Also approved, each after extensive discussion, were a revised high school articulation policy and a charter amendment regarding faculty involvement.

Addressing the email problems, Lancaster apologized for what she acknowledged had been "a great inconvenience," and said the system is "now stable and working."

She outlined technical difficulties which arose with the spring break conversion to the new system, as well as two April outages which were caused by "denial of service attacks."

The first flooding of the system probably came from outside the University, she said, and the second was an inside, "strategic attack designed to bring down the system."

Employees are being tracked, and additional security is being added to the system, Lancaster said. But discussion of those problems has delayed response to others, she said, citing attachments as one example.

"She is too busy, like most of the problems with attachments have been resolved, but information has been added on the Web to help those still having trouble. The Web page will continue to be maintained, she noted.

Demand for technology support has "just exploded" in the last year, Lancaster said, asking senators to "just work with us Information Technology Services."

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Spring cleaning

Becky Wicard, facilities services, had a sunny spring day for washing windows recently at the Child Development Center.

A top student affairs administrator at North Dakota State University in Fargo is BGSU's new assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

Wanda Overland, who earned her doctoral degree in higher education administration from Bowling Green in 1996, will replace Gregory DeCrane, who is retiring after a 30-year career in student affairs administration at the University.

She is expected to begin her new duties in late June.

Announcing the appointment, Edward Whipple, vice president for student affairs, said, "Everyone who talked to Dr. Overland during the interview process was impressed with her breadth of experience and her commitment to developing a partnership between the academic affairs and student affairs areas."

Whipple also noted her enthusiasm in working for a student union. "Dr. Overland currently manages a facility which is very similar to Bowling Green's planned student union. Her experience will be invaluable in the development of the project and the management of the facility once it opens."

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Family Campaign winding down

The Family Campaign is entering its final week with gifts that will bring in nearly $10,000 by June 30, and many more payroll deductions that will continue into the 2000-2001 year.

During the campaign's first four weeks, 227 new gifts to the University produced $9,540. Those figures increased total giving from faculty and staff this fiscal year to $128,277 from 788 donors.

The percentage of participation this year stood at 32 percent, up from 23 percent when the campaign began March 22.

Topping off the campaign on its next-to-last day will be an ice cream celebration, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday (April 29). The site will be announced.

All cones will cost $1—with proceeds going to the planned family room of the renovated and expanded Student Union—or the person's completed pledge card.

Also, a reception is still planned for donors of $100 or more. President Sidney Ribeau will host the event May 20 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the McFall Center Gallery.

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Interview with a view

Vincent Freeland (left), a senior mathematics and education major from Columbus, and Dean Olson, principal of Morena Valley High School in California, found a quiet place to talk above the bustle of the Teacher Job Fair April 20 in the Student Union's Lenhart Grand Ballroom. California was among 15 states represented at the event, which drew recruiters from a record 143 school districts.

Dolores Black receives national, local honors

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Creating the chaos were children, who were running, jumping, dancing, throwing balls, playing games or otherwise having a great and noisy time. Adding to the confusion were their University student partners.

What made the scene worth smiling about was that all of the children were handicapped—most were blind—and the nerve-jangling noise was the sound of them learning to minimize their disabilities and build their self-confidence.

During those years, hundreds of children came to the campus to run, swim, bike, play ball or do other physical activities. Even more University students got valuable experience they could take into their classrooms someday.

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The scholarship was initiated by Janet Parks, human movement, sport and leisure studies, who provided the Wood Lane Foundation with a $15,000 donation. The goal is to reach the $30,000 endowment level by next year. Once the scholarship is endowed, the interest derived from it will be used to allow a full-time student intern to work with Special Olympics of Wood County twice a year.

Black has been involved with Wood Lane programs for more than 30 years and with Special Olympics since 1972. She retired from BGSU in December 1993.

BGSU gets high marks from surveyed alumni

Ever wonder how BGSU graduates fare in "the real world" after they leave our beautiful campus?

Well enough, according to the first alumni survey in 20 years, that the University should be pleased with the results, reports Bill Knight, director of institutional research.

His office developed and sent questionnaires to all 1991 and 1996 baccalaureate graduates, with the goal of collecting data on employment status, continued educational activity, satisfaction with the University, and family and satisfaction with BGSU Alumni Association programs and services.

The major findings:

• Almost 70 percent of respondents from both years have full-time jobs related to their majors, "and the vast majority are satisfied or very satisfied with the way that the University prepared them for employment," according to Knight.

Most found their graduate jobs in a timely manner, and nearly all who were required to take a certification examination passed it.

• Nearly all 1991 alumni have taken additional college courses, and many have earned additional degrees.

"Nearly all alumni who took additional college courses satisfied or satisfied with the way that the University prepared them," he indicated.

• The vast majority of alumni agreed that having a college education has improved the quality of their lives. More than 80 percent of alumni would choose to attend BGSU if they could start over again, more than two-thirds would choose the same major and more than 90 percent would encourage others to enroll at BGSU,

according to Knight. Most were satisfied with the quality of instruction and advising, ease of access to instructors and concerns shown for them as individuals, both within and outside their major, he added.

The survey brought out significant differences between genders and across colleges within the University, he noted.

Men, and alumni from the colleges of Musical Arts and Technology, more frequently reported being employed full-time in jobs related to their majors.

Most same alumni more often said they were satisfied with their careers.

Men were also more likely to have taken additional courses, and to graduate and, on average, have reported higher salaries than women. By college, a significantly greater percentage of health and human services alumni had salaries in the $50,000-plus range, while many more arts and sciences graduates had salaries of less than $20,000.

Several open-ended questions were asked on the questionnaire, including:

- What activities, events, programs, or individuals contributed the most to your educational and personal development at BGSU?

• Members of the class of 1996 most often credited individuals—especially faculty—as significant influences, while 1991 alumni mentioned activities most.

"BGSU's faculty and staff, programs and services, and the general institutional climate were cited as most helpful and positive," Knight noted, while changes to the curriculum, providing more "real-world" experiences in the classroom, advising and career services were among the areas identified as needing improvement.

As for maintaining ties with their alma mater, the majority of respondents have read "At BGSU" magazine and voiced satisfaction with it. Most, however, were unfamiliar with other programs and services for alumni, including the alumni association's Web site.

"Keeping in touch with BGSU, networking and career assistance were roles that the majority of respondents felt that alumni chapters should fulfill," Knight said.

Complete questionnaire results are posted on the Web at: http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/lpr/monitor/coverpage.htm.
Entrepreneurs on ‘Breakfast’ menu

BGSU alumnus Larry Davenport, partner-in-charge of entrepreneurial services in the Toledo office of Ernst & Young LLP, will describe the challenges and rewards of serving entrepreneurs at Friday’s (April 30) “Breakfast in BG.” Davenport, who directs E&Y’s Northwest Ohio Entrepreneur of the Year program, will also discuss who entrepreneurs are and why they should be recognized for their achievements in “Entrepreneurs Extraordinary!”

The buffet breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. in 101 ObcAMP Hall. Davenport’s presentation will begin at 7:45 a.m. and conclude by 8:45 a.m. Cost is $6 per person, and Wednesday (April 28) is the deadline to make reservations with Carol Sanner, University advancement, at 2-2708.

A CPA and a 1972 University graduate, Davenport has worked at E&Y since 1972 and was named a partner in the firm in 1983. At the University, he is active in the College of Business Administration Dean’s Advisory Council and the BGSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Chorale, narrative to be presented

“A Joyous Sunrise, Let Freedom Ring,” a symphonic chorale and narrative focusing on Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday (May 2) in Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

The composer, Fred Wilson, will direct, while the narrator will be Les Sternberg, dean of the College of Education and Human Development. University music students will comprise the orchestra, and the chorus will include faculty, staff, students and singers from area churches. About 50 children from Detroit’s Gardner Elementary School will also take part.

The audience will be involved in the opening and closing hymns of the program, which is free and funded in part by the University’s Ethnic Cultural Arts Program.

For more information, contact either Fred or Ruth Wilson at 352-5107.

May continuing education

The continuing education office will offer the following classes in May: Call the office (2-8181) to register or for more information.

Reducing Workplace Stress. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 3, 2 College Park Office Building. $99.

Applied Food Service Sanitation. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 4-18. Wood County Health Department, board room, $140.

Media 100 User Certification. Level I, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. May 10-11, Technology Building. $995 per session.

Media 100 Editor Certification. Level II, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. May 12-13, Technology Building. $995 per session.

Adobe After Effects for Digital Video Specialists. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. May 14-15, Technology Building. $795 per session.

Cinco de Mayo to be celebrated

Bowling Green’s annual Cinco de Mayo Festival is set for 1-6 p.m. Saturday (May 1) in the Wood County Junior Fair Building.

Entertainment will include Imagenes Mexicanas, folkloric dancers from Toledo; mariachi music; a magician; an international costume contest for children and adults; and to end the day, a Latino talent show.

The festival will also feature authentic Mexican food, bingo and raffles. Admission is free.

For more information, call Marsha Olivarez, business education, at 2-9001.
Firelands College hands out awards

Firelands College honored its finest, both on and off campus, at its April 16 recognition banquet. Among the award winners were Victor Odade, mathematician, who received the Distinguished Teacher Award, and George Mayer, general chairman of Firelands' University Center campus, who took home the college's most prestigious service award, Links to Progress.

Cedar Point, which last month donated $1 million to the University Center campaign, won the Community Service Award, while the Dean's Special Recognition Award went to Frank Glann, speech.

Odade is the 16th recipient of Firelands' top teaching award, since joining the faculty in 1993, his activities have included organization of "Math Counts" competitions and advising the Minority Student Union.

His bachelor's degree in mathematics and education is from Lagos (Nigeria) University. He has master's and doctoral degrees from Temple University.

Nominees sought for Ferrari Award, ASC ballot

Nominations are being accepted for the 17th Annual Michael R. Ferrari Award. The award is presented to the Executive Director of Trustees to honor the University's interim president during 1981-82. The award must be submitted to Deb Burrus, Graduate College, 120 McFell Center, by fellow administrative staff, classified staff, faculty or students.

Distribution of full-time administrative staff will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 7. They may be submitted to Deb Burrus, Graduate College, 120 McFell Center, by fellow administrative staff, classified staff, faculty or students.

The recipient will be chosen by a committee of administrative staff representing each of the vice presidential or presidential areas. Promotion of the position held by nominees won't be considered; selection will be made based upon information supplied through the nomination process.

A letter of support and three-to-five additional letters of reference must accompany nomination forms, which are available in the Faculty Senate and human resources offices; the bookstore; the union information desk, and the Administrative Staff Council Web site.

ASC is also seeking self-nominations from administrative staff interested in being on the ballot for election to the three-year terms on council.

Self-nomination forms provided via email should be completed and returned to Joyce Blinn, Study Skills Lab, 213 Moseley Hall, by 5 p.m. Friday (April 30).

job postings......

FACULTY

Chapman Learning Community. Two instructors, one in the social sciences and one in the arts, both non-tenure track. Call Robert Midden. 2-0563. Deadline: May 15.


College of Arts & Sciences. Associate dean. Contact the dean's office. 2-3340. Deadline: May 28.

Contact human resources at 372-8821 for information regarding the following: CLASSIFIED Deadline for employees to apply is noon Friday (April 29).


ADMINISTRATIVE


In filling these positions, the University seeks to identify and recruit minority candidates 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, April 26

Affirmative Action Series. "No Real Winners: Analyzing Racism in Academia," 10-11:30 a.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library. For more information on the website, which will also serve as a sexual harassment prevention workshop, call affirmative action, 2-8472.


Use CD sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Education Building steps. Food for the Annual Trustee Banquet, 5 p.m., Student Union, 3 p.m., Community Suite, Student Union. The meeting will follow a 2 p.m. session of the boards Financial Affairs/Facilities Committee, which is expected to hear a technology infrastructure update.

Burlap to Cashmere Concert, 7 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union. Sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Students.

Bowling Green Summer Musical Theater Auditions, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Moore Musical Arts Center. The summer production of "Guys and Dolls" is scheduled for July 9-10 and 16-17. Aud. Aug. 27-28. For more information, call E. Eugene Dybdahl at 2-8623.

Tuesday, April 27

"Maverick," a five-member western swing band from Tulsa, Okla., will perform at 10 a.m. and noon, and again at 10 a.m. Thursday (April 29), in Kocabacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. The band is also performing northwest Ohio schools this week, sponsored by Arts Unlimited.

BGSO No Dirt Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Student Union. Funds that don't include dieting will be encouraged. For more information, call Claudia Clark, Counseling Center, at 2-2061.

Project update on Student Union renovation and expansion. Ohio Suite. Design materials will be on display from noon-7 p.m., with presentations scheduled at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Softball hosts Miami, doubleheader, 2 p.m., Softball Field.

Women's Entrepreneurial Network, 4:30 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Planetarium. "New Worlds! Columbus and the Great Explorers from the Stone Age to the Space Age," 8 p.m., $1 donation.

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Sexual harassment prevention workshops, 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library. For more information, call affirmative action, 2-8472.


Baseball hosts Ball State, 1 p.m., Selle Field.

Senior Honors Project Presentation and Reception, 3-5 p.m., Alumni Room, Student Union. If planning to attend, notify the Honors Program office, 2-8304.

Women Graduate Student Support Group, 5-6:30 p.m., University lobby.

Thursday, April 29

Retirement reception for Joan Morgan, director of academic enhancements, 3-5 p.m., 101 University Hall.

Retired Faculty and Staff Tea, 3:30-5 p.m., Millet Alumni Center.

Womyn 4 Womyn, 7 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Friday, April 30

Spring semester ends Breakfast in BG, 101 Olscamp Hall. Larry Davenport of Ernst and Young, Toledo, will discuss the challenges and rewards of serving entrepreneurs, beginning at 7:45 a.m. A buffet breakfast will be available starting at 7 a.m. Cost is $8.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday (April 28) with Carol Samen, 2-7208.

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Sunday, May 2

Planetarium. "Don't Duck-Look Up!" 2 p.m., $1 donation.

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Monday, May 3

Exam week begins.

Continuing Events

April 26-27

BGSU theatre department auditions for The Reduced Shakespeare Company's "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" (abridged) by Jess Winfield, Adam Long and Daniel Singer. Open auditions will be at 7 p.m. both nights in 435 University Hall, with callbacks at 7 p.m. Wednesday (April 28). Production dates are Sept. 22-25. For more information, call Mary Kate Riddell, stage director, at 2-8856.

Through April 30

MEF and BFA Senior Thesis Exhibitions, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sundays. Free.

May 1-12

Alternative Retirement Plan vendors on campus for sessions with eligible faculty and staff. To reserve a half-hour block between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., contact Dean Gerken, human resources, at 2-7987 or email dean@bgnet.bgsu.edu.