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MONITOR

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Provost search committee formed

A 17-member committee has been formed to lead the national search for Charles Middleton's permanent successor as provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Donald Nieman, chair, history, is also chairing the search committee, which includes faculty from all colleges and the presidents of Undergraduate Student Government (Clint Gault) and Graduate Student Senate (Robert Smith).

James Sullivan, dean of the College of Business Administration, is on the committee, along with Henry Garrity, chair, romance languages; Alberto Gonzalez, chair, interpersonal communication; Linda Petrosino, chair, communication disorders; Jodi Haney, educational curriculum and instruc-

tion; Coleen Parmer, Libraries and Learning Resources; Michael Ogawa, chemistry; Kathy Farber, educational foundations and inquiry and women's studies; Marilyn Shrude, College of Musical Arts; Travis Chapin, technology systems; Mary Jane Hahler, Firelands College; and Peggy Giordano, sociology.

Bud Beatty, director of residence life, is also a member, as is Eileen Sullivan, president's office, on an ex officio basis.

Nieman said advertising for the provost's position was to begin last week in "The Chronicle of Higher Education." No closing date has been set on the advertising, he said, adding that committee members also will be working to generate applications from potential

candidates.

The panel, which is scheduled to meet for the first time June 23, will assess "where we are" with the pool of candidates at summer's end, Nieman said.

President Sidney Ribeau told Faculty Senate in April that Jan. 1 would be the earliest date to have a new provost in place, and it might not happen until the beginning of the 2000-01 academic year.

From talking to the presi-

dent, Nieman said, "I know that quality is more important than time."

"Chuck has really upped the bar," Nieman added. "He's going to be a tough act to follow."

Last week, Middleton assumed his new duties as vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University System of Maryland. Linda Dobb, dean of Libraries and Learning Resources, is his interim replacement, effective today.

Almost 200 faculty, staff choose ARP

Nearly 40 percent of the full-time faculty and administrative staff eligible to participate in the new alternative retirement plan (ARP) have decided to do so.

Among 482 eligible faculty and staff, 189 chose one of the eight ARP providers rather than staying in their current state system, either the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) or the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

The 482 eligible faculty and staff included 273 STRS members, 113 (41.4 percent) of whom switched to ARP, and 209 PERS members, 76 (36.4 percent) of whom went with the alternative plan, according to the human resources office.

The decision had to be made by 5 p.m. May 24—120 days after the Board of Trustees voted to offer the ARP, as required by state law.

Returning election forms to the human resources office by

the deadline were 262 of those eligible. The 220 faculty and staff who didn't return forms automatically remained in the applicable state system, while 73 indicated their desire to stay with the state on their forms.

Eligibility for the ARP entailed full-time status; fewer than five years of service credit with the applicable state system, as of March 31, 1998, for PERS or PERS-LE (Law Enforcement) and June 30, 1998, for STRS; and no current receipt of benefits from either state system.

The eight providers from which ARP participants could choose were Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), Aetna Life Insurance and Annuity Co., Equitable Life Assurance Co. and Great American, Lincoln National, Metropolitan, Nationwide and Variable Annuity life insurance companies.

Pre-College Enrichment Program aided by GTE Foundation grant

The GTE Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to support the University's Pre-College Enrichment Program.

Begun in 1988, PEP seeks to increase the number of African-American and Hispanic students pursuing higher education, according to its director Sheila Brown, Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives.

The summer program provides motivated high school sophomores and juniors with experiences that challenge their academic skills and stimulate growth and development via cultural enrichment activities.

The GTE grant will provide scholarship support to help cover program costs, which are about \$3,000 per student for the six-week period. Expenses include room, board, instructional

costs, ACT testing, recreation and entertainment fees.

"The money could not have come at a more needed time, as we have recruited five more participants than last year for the 1999 summer program," Brown said.

Taking part in the June 20-July 31 program will be 24 high school students. In addition to involvement in career and personal development activities, the participating teenagers will study computer science, mathematics, physical science, philosophy and ethnic studies. They also will go on several cultural field trips.

Brown said 290 high school students have attended the program since its inception in 1988, including 92 who later enrolled at the University.

McCord wins Dasher Award

Howard McCord, English, emeritus, has received the Nancy Dasher Award from the College English Association of Ohio for his novel *The Man Who Walked to the Moon*.

The Dasher Award is presented in alternate years to different genres, and the 1999 award recognizes excellence in creative writing.

The Man Who Walked to the Moon (McPherson and Co.) explores the alienated mind of William Gasper, former Marine sharpshooter and CIA assassin who lives in isolation in the Nevada mountains and believes he communicates with an ancient Welsh goddess of death.

McCord, a faculty member for 26 years, still teaches graduate poetry and fiction workshops in the Creative Writing Program. He is best known for more than 25 volumes of poetry, short fiction and essays.

Undergraduate researchers honored with \$2,000 awards

Wes Bowman of Maumee and Jennifer Huntley of Perrysburg have received \$2,000 Distinguished Undergraduate Research Awards.

Sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research, the awards consist of \$1,500 for the students and \$500 for their academic departments.

Research activities may include traditional data-gathering as well as other forms of scholarship and creative work.

Bowman's research includes

studies in social sciences and the humanities. The senior popular culture major received the Best Student Paper award from the Popular Culture Association at its October 1998 conference. This past semester, he co-taught a popular culture course.

A senior chemistry major, Huntley has concentrated her research in bioorganic chemistry. She presented her findings last month at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society. She is a research assistant in the chemistry department studying various aspects of protein.

in brief

Student-athletes fare well in classroom

University student-athletes just completed their most successful academic year ever, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.94, the athletic department has announced.

Of the more than 400 student-athletes, 51 percent had a spring-semester GPA of 3.0 or better, including 30 with a perfect 4.0.

Half of the 22 intercollegiate teams have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The women's golf team leads the way with a 3.39 mark. This spring, the same team had the highest single-semester GPA (3.52) among all teams in 1998-99.

Other teams with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better include men's tennis and the following women's teams: basketball, cross country, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

Brady honored for TV work

Shawn Brady, WBGU-TV, has received national and state honors recently for his work.

Brady won the documentary category in two national competitions for "Doyt Perry: A Coach for Life," a program he co-produced with Paul Yon, director of Archival Collections. Yon was also recognized in both the national Videographer and Telly Awards contests.

Brady has also been named Producer of the Year by the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Commission for the body of his work.

A program that Brady directs, "News Six," collected a state award in the educational services category for WBGU and the Northwest Ohio Educational Technology Foundation.

Pulakat wins top GSS award

Lakshmi Pulakat, biological sciences, won Graduate Student Senate's Outstanding Contributor to Graduate Education Award for 1998-99.

The award is presented annually to a graduate faculty member who has demonstrated superlative commitment to graduate education, including professional development, at the University.

Also receiving GSS awards at the close of the academic year were Jenifer Arnold, development, and Dawn Heineken, Graduate College, for their work as an administrative assistant and a research assistant, respectively.

WIMX to air football, men's basketball

The flagship radio station for Falcon football and men's basketball during 1999-2000 will be WIMX-FM (95.7 FM) in Toledo.

The play-by-play and analyst positions for the two sports will be selected by BGSU. The athletic department is still seeking a radio home for Falcon hockey and women's basketball.

WFOB in Fostoria and Bowling Green had been the flagship station for Falcon athletics for more than 40 years, but has decided to begin airing Ohio State sports.

WBGU to hold one-day sale

Items used for on-air pledge drives will be for sale Thursday (June 10) from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at WBGU-TV, 245 Troup St.

The one-day sale will feature children's items, books, videos, compact discs, cassettes and mugs. Most items will be sold at cost. Cash, checks, credit cards and bursar charges will be accepted.

Summer intramurals offered

The intramural sports office is offering men's, women's and co-rec softball; four-player sand volleyball; and singles and doubles Frisbee golf this summer.

To request an entry form and/or more information, contact the office at 2-2464.

Offices may request catalogs

The Undergraduate Catalog for 1999-2001 is expected to arrive in mid-June.

Offices may request the number of catalogs they would like to receive by calling Judy Miller, marketing and communications, at 2-2716 or emailing jkmille@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

job postings

- FACULTY**
Educational Curriculum and Instruction. Two non-tenure-track instructors. Call Leigh Chiarelott, 2-7320. Deadline: July 5.
Contact human resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:
- CLASSIFIED**
Pharmacy Technician/Clerical Specialist (C-77-V)—Student Health Services. Nine-month, part-time position also being listed off campus. Pay grade 5. Deadline to apply is June 18.
Secretary 1 (C-82-S)—Provost's Office. Pay grade 6. Deadline for employees to apply is noon Friday (June 11).
Account Clerk 2 (C-83-M)—Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs. Pay grade 6. Deadline to apply is noon Friday (June 11).
- ADMINISTRATIVE**
Technical Director (S-036)—Center for Microscopy and Microanalysis, Biological Sciences. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: June 18.
Admissions Counselor (V-045)—Admissions. Administrative grade level 11. Deadline: June 18.
Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing and Promotions (V-042)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Administrative grade level 16. Deadline: June 28.
Associate Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator (M-044)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Administrative grade level 19. Deadline: June 28.

in memory

- Gilbert Lee Caldwell Jr., 58, of Bowling Green, died May 27 at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Toledo.
Caldwell had been an English professor and an adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences. He retired in January after nearly 30 years at the University.
Memorials may be made either to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.
- Nancy A. Whelan, 66, of Wayne, died May 31 at her residence. She was an account clerk in the University's payroll office.
Memorials may be made either to Wayne Public Library or Bridge Home Health and Hospice.

- John R. Schuck, 76, died May 29 in Fort Myers, Fla.
He was a retired professor of psychology at the University, where he taught from 1960-63 and 1967-85.
A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. June 18 in Prout Chapel, followed by a reception in the Alumni Room, Student Union. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, Fla. 33908.

campus calendar

- Monday, June 7**
Dissertation defense, 3 p.m., 444 Education Building, by Richard A. Hughes on "An Emic Construction of Student Affairs Middle Managers' Understanding and Use of Power in Achieving Organizational Change."
- Tuesday, June 8**
Fundraiser for Kosovo Women's Fund, 7 p.m., Women's Center, Hanna Hall. The film "Welcome to Sarajevo," followed by discussion. Admission is a donation to the fund, either in personal care items (soap, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.) or cash or checks in any amount. Checks should be payable to STAR/Kosovo Women's Fund.
- Wednesday, June 9**
Dissertation defense, 10 a.m., 310 West Hall, by Mary Stairs Vaughn on "The Empowerment Dilemma: The Dialectic of Emancipation and Control in Staff/Client Interaction at a Midwestern Montessori School."
- Thursday, June 10**
Dissertation defense, 9:30 a.m., 206 East Hall, by Michael J. Ryan on "Words Signifying Light: The Rhetorical Figures as a Prism of Illumination in Augustine's Confessions."
Dissertation defense, 10 a.m., 444 Education Building, by Renee Borns on "Faculty orientation to teaching in student affairs preparation programs in the Southeast."
- June 12-20**
Buckeye Boys State, activities campuswide.