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President Sidney Ribeau addresses faculty, staff and students on Opening Day, Aug. 23, in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Student Union.

Opening Day program puts face on core values

While the University's core values took center stage on Opening Day, institutional priorities have also been set for the year ahead.

Leading the list of six priorities is development of a comprehensive University plan for all units and divisions. Eileen Sullivan, executive assistant to the president, said the plan will guide but won't be limited to academic affairs, enrollment management, student affairs, University advancement, financial affairs and intercollegiate athletics, as well as the University master plan from capital planning.

Development of such a plan is considered paramount to fully achieve our vision of becoming the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the nation, she said. With a vision and core values in place, a plan is needed to operationalize where the University is going, she added.

Past priorities reappear on the remainder of the list, which was established following discussions among the Legions administrative team and the University Planning Council, and consideration by central administrators.

The other priorities are:

- Continued focus on enrollment management and student success
- Promotion of diversity, providing students, faculty and staff with opportunities to increase their global awareness
- Development of the next phase of the comprehensive compensation plan
- Creating an environment where technology enhances and improves teaching, learning and University operations
- Generating additional revenue through increased institutional visibility
- Promoting students, faculty and staff as role models for the community

President Sidney Ribeau went back to the basics on Opening Day, highlighting the values that he said hold the University together.

To illustrate his Aug. 23 address in the Student Union's Lenhart Grand Ballroom, the president pointed to 10 visual examples of the five core values in action.

The same creative imaginations that produced the decision to change the Opening Day program and revisit the core values are evident in the Chapman Learning Community and the Springboard program for first-year students, Ribeau said.

He said Springboard was the brainchild of Milton Hake, Ohio Eminent Scholar in psychology, but it took shape during a raucous ball-court discussion between the two of them. More than 300 students are now in the program, which the president said has qualitatively changed who they are as people, as well as how they do in school.

Members of the campus community need to rely on and trust their creativity, which is what gives the University the cutting edge for the future, he said.

Developing respect for one another is among the critical challenges that the community must meet, Ribeau said, following up on video portrayals of two efforts on that front—Breaking the Silence, a program which addresses racism, and the President's Committee on Campus Civility.

In the video, Craig Vicklo, Counseling Center, noted that when enhancing civility is discussed, "what we really mean is respect." A campus climate must be created where respect—for self, others and the environment—is paramount, Vicklo said.

Ribeau added that community members don’t always have to agree, but what’s important is finding ways to have difficult dialogues and, once a decision’s made, to make it work. That can’t happen without respect, he said.

Cooperation was embodied by the annual Presidents Day program and the Dance Marathon for the Children’s Miracle Network, while the Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service and a student trip to the South Bronx represented intellectual and spiritual growth.

In the latter program, students spend the week of BGSU among best when surveying the landscape

The University is one of 22 campus sites named by the American Society of Landscape Architects this summer as among 362 of the most beautifully landscaped spots in the country.

The University of Toledo’s Centennial Mall and the University of Dayton were among the Ohio campuses to receive a Medallion Award from ASLA.

In his Opening Day address, President Sidney Ribeau noted that the University and the other 21 campuses were chosen from among roughly 3,000 colleges and universities nationwide.

ASLA’s chapters nominated the sites on the list, which included such notable locales as Disneyland, the U.S. Capitol grounds and New York’s Central Park.

"These landscapes have inspired communities, increased serenity, contributed to mental and physical health and given a unique character to our land," said ASLA President Barry Stacek.

United Way campaign to kick off; goal is $100,000

Local programs for youth and children will benefit from undesignated gifts to BGSU’s United Way campaign this fall.

The University, whose campaign goal is $100,000, will host the Wood County kick off from 4-6 p.m. Thursday (Sept. 2) in 101 Osceola Hall. Joining University and United Way officials will be representatives from community businesses involved in the campaign, which runs through Oct. 31.

Donors may direct their gifts to any of the 69 agencies supported by the United Way of Greater Toledo. Undesignated gifts, however, will go toward the 37 programs that serve youth and children, said Ose Lowery, assistant director of residence life and campus campaign manager. Unless otherwise designated, the collected money stays local, with more than 95 cents of every dollar funding the United Way agencies, she noted.

"I believe that the BGSU community has an incredible amount of potential to continue to assist in supporting the services provided by the United Way in Wood County," Lowery said.

"We are looking to not only increase the total amount of money given to the United Way but also are looking to increase participation among staff, faculty and student participation in our efforts this year."

Last year’s campus campaign generated just more than $71,300, with faculty and student participation at about 23 percent.

Serving as student coordinators for this fall’s campaign are Keith Wright, Nick Gentile, Steve Swagerty and Maryann Russell.

Campaign headquarters have been established in 000 Administration Building. For more information, contact Carol Arnold, graduate assistant, or Lowery at 469-9495.
Enrollment climb continues

A quick look at Bowling Green's enrollment this fall reveals a picture of the University moving toward its goal of becoming the premier learning community in Ohio. Of the 3,600 first-year students enrolled, 6.6 percent are in the Honors Program. The enhanced academic profile of the student body is also reflected in the 4.5 percent increase in the number of freshmen with ACT scores higher than 21. At roughly 18,300, overall enrollment of students is up about 3 percent over last year, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

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University departments put welcome in writing

In 1994, the admissions office made an offer to academic departments. Write a letter to admitted students welcoming them to BGSU, restrict it to one page and give us the right to edit it, and we'll take care of sending it.

It was an offer that was too good to refuse, as the results have proved.

Today, more than 90 percent of admitted students receive at least one communication from their department, said Michael Walsh, director of admissions. And more than 50 percent get from two to six follow-up letters, postcards or even phone calls.

"The increased involvement by faculty is having an effect," Walsh said. When he first came to the University four years ago, he regularly heard from local parents whose children had been admitted both to BGSU and another university. They had not received follow-up letters from Bowling Green, while from the others they had.

"The student experience is completely different," Walsh said. "Now, I hear 'Hey, you really cared about my son or daughter. You've sent them cards and letters welcoming them.' This sends the message, 'We've accepted you. Now we want you to come.'

Departments handle the welcome letters in varying ways. Some write to the student about faculty members, others about what to expect freshman year, and some offer a phone number to call with questions.

About 80 percent of them are printed and stamped with a signature by the admissions office, but some are still signed personally by department chairs. The College of Business Administration sends a series of postcards designed by faculty, staff, students and alumni.

For those students who are undecided on a major, the Office of Academic Enhancement has created a series of letters welcoming them, and students information about various advising and academic programs.

All told, the average admitted student will receive from four to 10 follow-up contacts from across the University, including admissions, the bursar, registrar and others, Walsh said, with the faculty letter going out within three to four weeks after admittance.

Another sign that the letter-writing campaign is working, he said, is that while BGSU's application rate has increased by 13-14 percent in the last couple of years, the yield has not gone down, as typically happens.

"If you can maintain your yield, it means you're connecting with those students," he said.

Symposium set

The Department of Music Education will host "Cultural Interpretation and Contemporary Music Education," a national symposium on music teaching and research, Sept. 24-25 in the Moore Musical Arts Center.

Several BGSU faculty members will contribute to the symposium, which is free for faculty, staff and BGSU students.

For more information, contact C. Victor Fung, music education, at 2-8104 or cvfung@bgsu.edu.
Summer staff retirements

The University lost nearly 20 faculty and staff to retire­ment this summer.

Among the retirees were five who had been on campus at least 30 years. Nancy Frey, information technology services, came to the University in 1963. Following her in successive years were Clifton Bouteille, public relations (now marketing and communications); Mary Chambers, mathematics and statistics; and Barbara Keller, student life. Carol Hummel, facilities services, was the other 30-year employee, having joined the staff in 1969.

The lone faculty retiree this summer was Ruth Wilson, who came to Bowling Green in 1989 and taught in both intervention services and environmental programs.

Other recent retirees, when they joined the staff, and their departments are: Joan Morgan (78) and Janet Lundy Barga (86), both academic enhancement; Stephen Price (89), intercollegiate athletics; Margo Jull Hartwell (95), registration and records; Robert Martin (88), aeronautical engineering; Daniel Schwah (87), biological sciences; Elizabeth Eberle (73), Robert Cron (75) and Karole McDermott (82), all facilities services, Marilyn Hamman (93), shuttle service, and Martha Smith (89), Huron Playhouse.

Swing for scholarships in Toledo

The University’s Greater Toledo Alumni chapter and the mathematics and statistics department will host “Dancing Through the Decades,” its annual scholarship fund raiser, from 8 p.m.–midnight on Sept. 17 at the Great Hall of the Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heedworth Drive, Toledo.

The event will feature dance hits of the ’30s through the ’90s, live music from the Mighty Meaty Swing Kings, swing lessons, door prizes and a reverse raffle, with the winner taking home up to $5,000 in cash.

Before Sept. 10, admission tickets are available for $5 and reverse raffle tickets for $25—including admission—by calling the alumni office, 2-2701. Admission will be $8 at the door.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the BGSU Greater Toledo Scholarship Fund, which each year provides a scholarship to an incoming freshman from Wood or Lucas County.

For more information, contact Paul Pawlaczyk, alumni affairs, at 2-2701 or visit the alumni Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/alumni.

Statistics lectures to begin

Kanti Madia, this fall Eugene Lukacs Distinguished Visiting Professor in mathematics and statistics, will begin a series of five lectures on statistical shape analysis Tuesday (Aug. 31) and Thursday (Sept. 2) in 439 Mathematical Sciences Building. Times are 1-3 p.m. each day.

Madia, who heads the statistics department at the University of Leeds, England, will present subsequent two-hour lectures at the same times on Sept. 9, 14 and 11. Lectures are open to the public. More information is available at the mathematics and statistics department’s Web site: http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/math/Center names new managing editor

Matthew Buckley has been appointed as managing editor at the Social Philosophy & Policy Center.

The Iowa native is a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan. While there, he won a 1997 Haller Prize for best undergraduate philosophy paper, and was editor-in-chief of the “Michigan Journal of Political Science” and managing editor of the “Michigan Review.”

Festival Series gets OAC grant

The College of Musical Arts Festival Series has received a matching grant of $9,946 from the Ohio Arts Council.

The grant will support the presentation of a five-concert season featuring The Ying Quartet, The Parsons Dance Company, Vienna Choir Boys, Yo-Yo Ma and The Empire Brass. It will also help fund master classes and other educational endeavors related to the series.

New faculty add diversity at University

Linda Dobb, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, called it one of the “peak moments” in the life of the University when new faculty become a part of the campus community.

She was referring to the new tenure-track faculty breakfast, where she welcomed 59 newcomers to the University on Aug. 19.

Dean and department chairs introduced the new faculty, a group that includes scholars from around the country and the globe.

They not only come from different places but also have worked in many more. For example, Bruno Ulrich, physics and astronomy, is from Vienna but has lived and taught around Europe and, for the past several years, in Japan.

From the University of St. Petersburg in Russia comes Vladimir Popik, photo­chemical sciences, who sold those gathered, “Even when I was studying in St. Petersburg, behind the Iron Curtain, I already knew about Bowling Green and I wanted to come here.”

The list of the new faculty’s accomplishments revealed the diversity of academic pursuit at BGSU.

In the arts, for instance, Jeffrey Mumford, music composition and history, fills BGSU’s new artist-in-residence position this year. Mumford is formerly tenured at the University of California’s Irvine and San Diego campuses, and his compositions have been presented by National Public Radio and performed by symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles around the country.

Of special interest to the campus may be the work of John McMillen, human movement, sport and leisure studies. McMillen, who also has a degree in law, specializes in research on faculty ownership of intellectual property. His second area of expertise is Title IX compliance.

The youngest of four brothers, three of whom are attorneys, he was a football quarterback for four years at the University of Nebraska.

Kefa Otso, born and raised in Kenya, will add another dimension to the geography department, said Steven Chang, department chair. Otso’s less environmental and planning issues in Third World countries and African-American economic development among his research interests.

Another aspect of international relations is studied by Patricia Herman, family and consumer sciences, who specializes in international adoption. She has served as a UNICEF consultant in Romania and a Peace Corps volunteer in Belize, Central America.

Hai Ren, popular culture, will be spending a year in a freshman residence hall as part of his research. Ren, born and raised in Chengdu, China, is also interested in ethnicity and nationalism, and globalization and everyday life.

The wealth of experience, both academic and cultural, of the $250-to-other new faculty will enrich the life of the campus immeasurably, Dobb said.

Other new faculty are:

From the College of Arts and Sciences: Elizabeth Cole, associate dean; Michael Arrigo, Otwireda, Balfour, Mille Gulbeck and Mary Illuminato, art; Juan Buzet, biological sciences (spring semester); Theresa Mah, ethnic studies; Jeffrey Snyder and Margaret Yacobucci, geology; Robert Stott, Business Administration: Paul Schauer and David Stott, accounting and management information systems; Ajay Das (spring semester) and Jane Wheeler, management.

From the College of Education and Human Development: Lena Hartzell and Trinka Messenheimer, education and intervention.

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Boff, First-Year Experience librarian.

From the College of Musical Arts: Cynthia Benson and Hubert Toney, music composition and history (Toney is also the new director of the Falcon Marching Band); Yuan Xiong Lu and Laura Melton, music performance studies.

From the College of Technology: Angelo Brown, Andreas Luerscher and Steven Parcell, visual communication and technology education.

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

- Travel Certification Program, 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, August 30-December 16, $2,164. The fee waiver may be used if the class is taken for credit.

- Real Estate Principles and Practices, 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 8-Nov. 10, 2 College Park Office Building, $125.

- Adult Karate, all levels, 6-7:30 p.m. beginning and intermediate, 7:30-9:30 p.m. advanced, Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Sept. 8. St. Thomas More Parish. $45 beginners, $40 intermediate and advanced.

- Self-Relaxation, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1 College Park. $55.

- Real Estate Appraisal, 6-9 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 13-Nov. 15, 1103 Offenbacher West. $125.

- Beginning/Intermediate Golf, noon-1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 13-17, $45 (beginning) and 3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 13-15, $75 (beginning) and intermediate).

- Career education workshops, Sept. 14, free, call for more information.


- Achieve Your Dreams, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2 College Park. $55.

- Karate for Kids, 6-7:30 p.m. (beginning/intermediate) and 7:30-9 p.m. (advanced), both on Tuesdays, Sept. 14-Nov. 30, Joan Family Development Center. $60.

- NxLevel Entrepreneurial Training, 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 15-Dec. 15, $275.

- Introduction to Curling, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 7, Ice Arena. $58.

- Media 100 User Certification Workshop, Level 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18. Faculty/staff fee of $75 is on space-available basis.

- GRE, GMAT, LSAT preparation courses, 1-5 p.m. Saturdays—GRE, Sept. 18-20; LSAT, Sept. 18-20; GMAT, Sept. 21-23, all in College Park. $315.

- Beginning Ballroom Dancing, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 20-Nov. 8, 221 Eppler North. $45 per person, $80 per couple.

- Communicating Across Your Full Spectrum, 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Sept. 20, 101 Olecamp Hall. $89.

- Supervising Today’s Work Force, 8:30 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1 College Park. $75.

- Basic Body Sculpting, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 21-Oct. 28, 1104 A&I Offenbacher West. $39.

- Custom Drapery Making, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 23-Nov. 4, $59.

- Media 100 Editor Certification Workshop, Level II, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25. Faculty/staff fee of $75 is on space-available basis.

- Stress Busting, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2 College Park. $25.

September computer classes
The following is the September schedule of free computer classes designed for BGSU faculty and staff. For more information, or to register, call continuing education, international and summer programs, 2-8181.

Basics:
- Get Started, Sept. 9, 8:30-10:30 a.m., PC/Windows 95, and 1-3 p.m., Macintosh.
- File Management, Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows, and 3-4:30 p.m., Macintosh.
- Basic Troubleshooting, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.-noon, Macintosh.

- Word Processing:
- Word I, Sept. 14, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows, and 1-4 p.m., Macintosh.
- Word II, Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows, and 1-4 p.m., Macintosh.

- Spreadsheet:
- Excel I, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows, and 1-4 p.m., Macintosh.
- Excel II, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows, and 1-4 p.m., Macintosh.

- Databases:
- Access I, Sept. 13, 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.
- Access II, Sept. 20, 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.
- Access III, Sept. 27, 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.

- The Net:
- Create Web Pages, HTML Basics, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh, and 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.
- More HTML, Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh, and 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.
- Eudora Email, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows.

- Presentation:
- PowerPoint I, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh, and Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows.
- PowerPoint II, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh.

- Publishing:
- PageMaker II, Sept. 29, 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows, and Sept. 30, 1-4 p.m., Macintosh.

The continuing education office can also customize classes. For more information, call Carl Dettmer, 2-7872.

Job postings

Contact human resources at 372-9421 for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED Deadline for employees to apply is noon Friday (Sept. 3).

- Clerical Specialist (C-150-M)—College of Arts and Sciences. Pay grade 5.
- Cook I (C-151 and 152-5)—Dining Services. Two nine-month, part-time positions, also being listed off campus. Pay grade 3.

ADMINISTRATIVE Technology Projects Specialist (S-088) — Residen­


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Employee driven compensation plan for use in future years. Such a plan will include a merit based performance award program, newly developed performance evaluation forms and adequate training for supervisors who conduct the reviews. By developing these new standards for future use, human resources will have a better opportunity to implement the new evaluation system and provide supervisor training.

With the beginning of the new academic year quickly approaching, the committee would like to bring closure to this issue so that attention can be focussed on our students' needs and to develop the criteria necessary for the new performance based compensation program.

Campus calendar

Monday, Aug. 30
Women Graduate Students Support Group, 4 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Auditions for the BGSU Theatre production of Michael Frayn's "Noises Off," 7 p.m., 400 University Hall.

Women and Spirituality, facilitated by the Rev. Karen Thompson of United Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Tuesday, Aug. 31
Auditions for the BGSU Theatre production of Michael Frayn's "Noises Off," 7 p.m., 400 University Hall.

Eating Disorders Support Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Center.

Men's soccer hosts Dayton, 5 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Wednesday, Sept. 1
Brown Bag Luncheon, "What I Did on My Summer Vacation," Mary Krueger, director of the Women's Center, will share experiences from her 'feminist pilgrimage' to Seneca Falls, N.Y., site of the first women's rights convention, noon, Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Men's soccer hosts Dayton, 5 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Thursday, Sept. 2
Vision Lite, 9 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Friday, Sept. 3
Luncheon with the Interim Provost, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. Open to all; drinks provided.

Reception for Women Faculty, welcoming new women faculty to campus, honoring newly tenured women faculty and celebrating the appointment of Linda Dobb, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, 3-5 p.m., Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center.

Saturday, Sept. 4
Men's soccer hosts Western Kentucky in the Falcon Classic, 3 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Sunday, Sept. 5
Men's soccer hosts DePaul in the Falcon Classic, 3 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Monday, Sept. 6
Labor Day holiday

Continuing Events
Through Sept. 24
Art Exhibits, "Once is Never Enough: Textiles, Ancestors and Reburials in Highland Madagascar," Willard Wankelman Gallery; and "Different Voices: New Art from Poland," Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, both in the Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Free.

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