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Californian to manage infrastructure project

Donald Bell of California Polytechnic State University in Pomona has been hired to manage the University's \$36-million technology infrastructure project, President Sidney Ribeau has announced. The project will prepare the University for use of the latest telecommunications and computing technology.

Bell, a faculty member in Cal Poly's computer information systems department, previously served as associate provost for information technology at Cal Poly. He will take a one-year leave of absence and officially start at Bowling Green in January.

As manager of BGSU's infrastructure project, Bell will work closely with Information Technology Services as well as with IBM and

Western Telecommunication Consulting to ensure the large project achieves its goals of reliability, updating the campus backbone and consistently wiring campus buildings.

He also will be responsible for coordinating a campus team that will oversee various aspects of the project, including its impact on physical facilities and grounds, overall network design, phone systems and communicating the project's status to the campus community.

In addition, Bell will work with campus groups and individuals to help them visualize and plan the projects and applications the infrastructure project will make possible. These include digitized video distribution,

group computing, improved electronic access to course materials and learning resources, high-speed access to data and other areas that are seen as needed by faculty.

The infrastructure project will improve the campus telephone system, speed on-campus transmission of data and images and improve the speed and reliability of Internet access.

"This is an enormous undertaking and large investment for the campus," Ribeau noted. "We want to make sure that it is successful and that the campus is prepared to use the enhanced capabilities it will bring to all BGSU students, faculty and staff."

Bell will have offices in both Hayes Hall and McFall Center.



John Learned purchases a cup of hot chocolate from Meghan Gallagher, a student employee in the Falcon's Nest. After the Student Union closes this month, food now available in the Nest may be purchased at Founders Keepers Snack Bar.

A place for everything ... Union landmarks moving

The upcoming closing of the Student Union for two years of renovation and expansion has posed a challenge for the University's space planners.

But now that the final day is almost here, they reassure the campus that a space for everything has been found and life will go on pretty much as it has until the new union opens its doors.

The last day of normal operations is Dec. 18. Offices will remain accessible by telephone, and a door will be open to visitors until the move out on Dec. 29.

South Hall will house many of the offices currently located in the union. These offices will move to the second floor of that building, with space assignments in room 215 and other administrative offices in rooms 212, 214, 216 and 218.

Also in South Hall will be student activities, in rooms 201 and 204. The University Activities Organization will be located in 210 South Hall.

The dining services now offered in the union will be spread among the University's other facilities, according to Ed O'Donnell, director of dining services. Menus for the new venues are being developed.

Popular menu components of the Bowl-n-Greenery and the Pheasant Room

will be offered in McDonald West's Towers Inn Restaurant, which will expand its hours of service beginning Jan. 18 to 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. Full waitress service plus some buffet service will be offered, O'Donnell said.

Founders Keepers Snack Bar will offer items previously served in the Falcon's Nest, also with expanded hours of service, O'Donnell said. The menu will change throughout the day, beginning at 7 a.m. with gourmet coffee and bakery items and moving on to carry-out sandwiches and salads and short-order grill items and pizza. Founders Keepers hours will be 7 a.m.-midnight Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays; closed Saturdays, and 7 p.m.-midnight on Sundays.

Historically, when University classes were not in session the union continued to offer food service, O'Donnell said. Now, Founders will assume that role so that faculty and staff who are still at work can be served. Founders will open Jan. 3 for employees and will operate from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The primary pizza and sub sandwich operation from the union will move to the Shadow Snack Bar in Kreischer Quadrangle. Food

will be served from 7 p.m.-3 a.m. Sunday-Thursday and from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. "We planned this to mirror services in the union," O'Donnell said.

Additionally, the kitchen in Harshman Quadrangle will be used as a commissary to prepare carry-out items for sale in the other food outlets across campus, O'Donnell said.

He stressed that catering services will still be available across campus. Large and small banquets and other events will be accommodated in either Olscamp Hall or the Commons, and in McDonald's Countryside Dining Room, the Towers Inn and Kresicher's Eight O'Clock Dining Room when not otherwise in use.

On Dec. 27, the catering office will move to 103 Centrex Building but will keep its 2-6951 phone number, O'Donnell said.

Also in the move,

- The Little Shop will move to the bookstore
- The Copy Center will move to University Hall, across from the post office
- The automatic teller machines will be relocated. The Huntington Bank ATM will move to the library; the KeyBank machine to Founders, and the MidAm machine to McDonald

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Y2K test reveals few bugs

One big test down, the real thing to go.

A Nov. 27 test of the University's mainframe and mainframe-type computers found only four errors resulting from moving the calendar to Jan. 3, 2000, said Toby Singer, executive director of

Information Technology Services.

Three program-type errors—two in the student information systems and one in the human resources system—would take just a couple hours to fix, and an error in a report header in

one system poses "no problem," Singer said.

He added that the errors wouldn't have been caught without the testing, which involved almost all ITS staff plus roughly 45 system users from various campus offices.

The ability to restore the system to the current date after the test also provided valuable information.

Vital University records are routinely identified and backed up on tape as part of a "business resumption plan," but until the test, there was no proof they could be retrieved if need be.

The trial run proved the University could be put back in business if the tapes had to be taken elsewhere to restore the system, Singer said.

But the successful test doesn't mean ITS staff will all get the night off on New Year's Eve.

With families invited to join them, the bulk of the staff will be on campus, ready to start any needed assessment and repair.

"At midnight, we're going to go to work," Singer said, with coverage planned all that weekend.

Fink to speak at graduation

Bonnie Fink, the University's 1998 Master Teacher, will be the speaker for fall commencement exercises on Dec. 18.

About 1,000 students will be awarded degrees during the ceremonies, which will begin at 10 a.m. that Saturday in Anderson Arena. Receiving an honorary doctor of public service degree will be Bowling Green Mayor Wes Hoffman.

Fink, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Bowling Green, is undergraduate coordinator and academic adviser for scientific and technical communication in the English department.

She has taught at Bowling Green since 1987. Last year, in addition to receiving the Master Teacher Award from the Undergraduate Alumni Association, she received a President's Award for Academic Advising of Undergraduate Students.

Fink manages the Ken Caird Student Writing Competition and is active in the international Society for Technical Communication. She is faculty adviser to BGSU's STC student chapter, which has won several awards under her leadership.

She is also a freelance writer and editor, providing training workshops for business and industry.

NASA contracts with BGSU to test electric motors for space

With its low, sleek racing lines, the University's Electric Falcon race car looks as if it could fly. But actually, it is the technology which powers the unique vehicle that one day may take flight—on the next generation of U.S. space shuttles.

The University's College

of Technology, whose faculty and students built and race the electric-powered car, has been awarded a \$259,986 contract from NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland to design and build three, three-phase induction motors, speed-reducing gearboxes and variable-

frequency speed controllers.

The three motor assemblies are being designed and built to determine if they could be used to operate the ailerons, elevons and rudders on a future space shuttle. Barry Piersol, assistant to the dean and administrator of the contract, said the project is what NASA calls a "proof of concept" test.

"These particular electric motor systems we will build will never go into space," Piersol said. "What NASA is trying to determine is if the current electric motor technology has advanced to the point where they could be used for this purpose."

"When they looked around the country to see who might be able to build these motors, Bowling Green was one of the places they invited to bid on the contract," he explained.

On the current shuttle, those flight deck surfaces are moved by hydraulics, but James Dolce, a senior automation engineer with NASA, said the hydraulic system, with its long lengths of hoses and numerous valves and

connectors, is extremely difficult to "qualify" before each flight.

"An electric motor system would be much easier to test to be certain it is ready to go into space," he said.

Once the motors are delivered, NASA will test them to determine the amount of force each can generate. The goal is to generate more than 100,000 pounds of force—the amount needed to overcome airflow resistance and move one aileron or elevon as the space shuttle is being positioned for a landing.

Directing the design and construction of the system is Anthony Palumbo, technology systems, emeritus, and director of the college's Electric Vehicle Institute, and Jeff Major, chief electrical engineer for the institute.

In addition, Erik Mayer, an electrical engineer and a part-time instructor in the college, and a number of graduate and undergraduate students are expected to work on developing and building the motors and the accompanying units.

NASA was particularly interested in the unique liquid-cooled motors the race team developed for the Electric Falcon, Palumbo said. The race car motors, now in the third generation of development, are lightweight, high-performance power plants which can be adapted to a wide range of uses.

"We have proven we can be flexible in our approach to solving problems and can deliver a product that is also cost-effective," he added.

Ernest Savage, interim dean of the college, said it was the possibility of working on projects like this one that led the college to become involved in the Electric Falcon project.

"The racing of the car is exciting and challenging, but the college became involved to develop electric motor systems technology and transfer that knowledge to business and industry for use in practical, real-world applications," the dean said.

"Our mission as a college and as a university is, in part, to develop new knowledge and share that knowledge with organizations and businesses which can make use of it," he added.

Under the terms of the current NASA contract, the Bowling Green researchers have until the end of February to design and build the motor and components and deliver them to NASA.

Classified compensation: input sought via survey

A committee appointed by Classified Staff Council has been working with the human resources office to seek ideas, develop approaches and draft recommendations for the next phase of the comprehensive compensation plan for classified staff.

The committee has reviewed literature and other merit compensation models to help develop options for consideration, and is now seeking input from classified staff via a survey which was mailed Dec. 3 to all full-time and permanent part-time staff members.

Classified staff feedback on the survey is important because it will be used to draft recommendations to be presented to the administration, according to the committee, which drafted the document.

The survey takes 10-30 minutes to complete and should be returned by Dec. 15 in the return envelope provided. Survey results will be communicated to classified staff early in the new year.

Any questions may be emailed to any committee member listed on the cover letter of the survey.

Union

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• The Family and Consumer Sciences design lab will move to the Amani Room in the Commons

• The Information Desk will move to the first floor of Olscamp Hall and will continue to sell candy and newspapers—items the campus community has come to count on, according to Gale Swanka, associate union director.

It will still be important to have someone at the desk

to answer questions, she said. Over the next two years, the information desk team will be working to "build up a better set of information, maybe including a computerized information bank," to be of greater help to patrons, she said.

"Knowing the amount of traffic we're expecting in the new union, we didn't want people to stop using the desk," she said. Olscamp was chosen for its central loca-

tion and because many of the events that would have been held in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom will now take place there instead, she said.

Swanka said the space assignments staff will try to accommodate functions normally held in the union's meeting rooms in other areas around campus. "There are meeting rooms for everybody," said Jim Treeger, also an associate director. "People should realize that some-

times a compromise will have to be made and they may not get the same kind of room they were used to, but we will find a space for them."

Swanka said an attempt will be made to preserve things of historical value during the union renovation, such as the two etched glass windows in the Pheasant Room and the gates to the Falcon's Nest. Also returning to the new union will be several display items such as the Ferrari Award plaques.

The new union will not contain hotel rooms, nor a bowling alley. Bids are being taken on the lanes of the alley now.

Bob Waddle, director of capital planning, said he is still looking for a new location for the union computer lab. A decision about where to house Student Legal Services has not been made yet, either.

The ballroom will be getting new lighting and a sound system, additional storage and a refinished floor. "It will shrink a little but will still look the way we're used to seeing it" when the building reopens, Swanka said.



Margaret Booth



Barbara Thayer-Bacon

Booth, Thayer-Bacon receive BGSU's first Spencer grants

Two faculty members in the College of Education and Human Development are the University's first Spencer Grant recipients.

Margaret Booth and Barbara Thayer-Bacon, both in the School of Leadership and Policy Studies, were recipients of Spencer grants in the small grant category. Booth was awarded \$23,000 and Thayer-Bacon, \$35,000.

Thayer-Bacon said Spencer grants are difficult to obtain because the Spencer Foundation is one of the few private philanthropic agencies to stress educational research.

Headquartered in Chicago, the foundation provides funds that allow recipients to take a leave from teaching to do research. The small grant provides support for short-term projects requiring no more than \$35,000 to complete. According to the foundation, only 59 grants were awarded in this category worldwide in 1998.

Funding from the Spen-

cer Foundation has enabled Booth to continue work on her 10-year longitudinal study of the relationship between home environment and school achievement in Swaziland, a small African country where school dropout rates are high.

Over the past 10 years, Booth has made several trips to Swaziland to study that country's educational system. Next summer, she will be conducting more research, this time in London, to investigate colonial documents that outline the development of the educational system in Swaziland.

Thayer-Bacon's \$35,000 Spencer Grant has provided the time needed to work on a book, *A Relational (e)pistemology*. The text describes different relational approaches to knowledge from around the world, and across time.

Thayer-Bacon has been a member of the BGSU faculty for eight years, while Booth is in her third year at the University.

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University Vision Statement:

Bowling Green State University aspires to be the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the nation. Through the interdependence of teaching, learning, scholarship and service we will create an academic environment grounded in intellectual discovery and guided by rational discourse and civility.

BGSU is an AA/EEO educator and employer.

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in brief

Oral contraceptives offered

The Student Health Service is reminding faculty and staff that they, their spouses and dependents may purchase oral contraceptive prescriptions through the health service at discounted prices.

The health service can transfer prescriptions from local pharmacies and have them prepared for pickup at its Health Center office. Firelands College faculty and staff should discuss arrangements with the health service pharmacy when they call for their prescriptions.

Most contraceptives are available at prices ranging from \$7.50-\$15 per month. Prescriptions can be paid for with cash or checks; billed to a bursar account, or charged to MasterCard, Visa or Discover. A pharmacy receipt will be provided for participants in BGSU's or another plan's health care reimbursement accounts.

Health service pharmacy hours vary but are generally 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Hours are limited over extended break periods.

For more information, call the pharmacy at 2-7443.

Scuba, aerobics program schedules

Registration for recreational sports' spring-semester scuba program begins today (Dec. 6) in the Student Recreation Center main office.

Limited to 12 participants, the class will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and from noon-2 p.m. some Saturdays from Jan. 25-April 4 in the SRC conference room and Cooper Pool. Cost is \$215 for recreational sports members and \$250 for non-members.

Recreational sports has also announced that finals-week aerobics classes will be held at noon, 4 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Dec. 13-16, and that the Fitwell Center will close for the semester on Friday (Dec. 10).

For more information about the scuba program, contact Michael Giles at 2-7482 or mcgiles@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Time sheet deadline change

The payroll office has announced the deadlines for departments to submit time sheets the week before Christmas.

Time sheets that would normally be due by noon Dec. 20 must be submitted Dec. 17 for any staff not working the weekend of Dec. 18-19. Time sheets for staff who work that weekend must be in by 10 a.m. Dec. 20.

The payroll office will try to accommodate requests from departments with problems meeting the deadlines. Contact the office (2-2201) for more information.

McArthur named to interim post

James McArthur, an assistant University architect, has been named interim director of design and construction.

McArthur is a 15-year employee of BGSU, where he also earned a master's degree in 1997. He received a bachelor's degree in architecture from Kent State University in 1988.

Test scanning hours to be extended

Information Technology Services will extend its test scanning hours for final exams to include Saturday, Dec. 18, from 8 a.m.-noon. Participants should bring their National Computer System answer sheets to 301 Hayes Hall.

The window at 301 Hayes is open during the noon hour every weekday.

Holiday plants for sale

The grounds department's annual holiday sale features poinsettias and other plants at prices ranging from \$2.75 to \$30.

The selection includes ivy wreaths, azaleas, holiday cactus, cyclamen and poinsettias in various sizes and colors. Departments may purchase plants by using a University area/org number.

For more information or to order, call Frank Schemenauer at 2-7649.

Provost finalist says**Campus community defined by 'intellectual excitement'**

Provost finalist Brian Foster is a self-described "true believer" in higher education.

A first-generation college student, he entered college in his late 20's with no firm ideas about what it was all about, he said at a Nov. 29 open forum. "But it was just so important to me that there was a place for me to go," he said.

He went on to become a cultural anthropologist, which has shaped the way he views the entire higher education process, he said. Now the dean of arts and sciences at the University of Nebraska, he said he feels that making changes on a campus requires changing the culture first. And the most important aspect of campus culture, he

added, is a passion for ideas and learning.

"The most defining thing about a university community is the amount of intellectual excitement on the campus," Foster said. "This is the secret to success, to productive research, to a high quality of life on campus and good community relations."

Before an atmosphere of learning can exist, however, there must be civility, and this must be transmitted to students from their first day on campus, he said. "You've got to get students on track immediately or you've lost them forever," he noted.

Foster said he was impressed with the University's vision statement. Most of these are "pure drivel," he

said, but Bowling Green's is unusual in many respects, not least in that it appears that BGSU is "actually proceeding as if it's the driving direction of the University."

He also found it unusual and encouraging, he said, that the statement "focuses on excellence in what the University actually does, and not in expanding the scope. Expanding the scope is a disease in universities these days," he joked.

"The statement is also pro-active and doesn't focus on 'gatekeeping,'" he said, adding that institutions too often seek to improve their standings by imposing more restrictions on admissions and other areas rather than by actively engaging their students and faculty in the

community.

"Education is what's left after you've forgotten all the facts," he said. Society is changing so rapidly that even basic skills are becoming obsolete, and the job of the university is to prepare people for the future, he added.

Joann Kroll, director of career services, questioned Foster on recruiting, retention and mentoring of faculty. He said that instead of merely reviewing applications, faculty should decide what people they would like to see in the vacant position and then the university should "move heaven and earth to get them. Hiring should be done with a plan and extremely actively and aggressively."

Pouring rights proposal involves two suppliers

A proposal that would reduce the number of major cold-beverage suppliers on campus from three to two has gone to President Sidney Ribeau and his Cabinet.

The University's "Pouring Rights Team" has recommended a shared-market environment via partnership with a primary and a secondary beverage supplier.

The identity of those prospective suppliers isn't being disclosed because of two "major factors," according to the team.

"One is that the specific proposals from the beverage companies are proprietary," it explained in a recent release. "The other is that sharing specifics of the proposals and which companies are being considered at this point in the process could significantly inhibit our ability to negotiate the best possible overall deal if the President and Cabinet decide to proceed." They're scheduled to discuss the issue further on Tuesday (Dec. 7), according to team chair Jane

Schimpf, auxiliary services.

Unchanged under the proposal would be a single supplier for fountain service in dining halls (currently Coca-Cola) and at intercollegiate athletics venues (currently Pepsi-Cola). But only two companies would supply coolers in dining halls and convenience stores, and they would also provide vending.

Vending is managed now by a third party (AVI Foodsystems), with BGSU input on beverages. The number of machines with

20-ounce bottles and card readers would increase under the proposal, according to the team.

Coke, Pepsi and AVI all responded to the team's request for proposals, as did the American Bottling Co., Gordon Food Service and Miesel Sysco Food Service Co. American Bottling is the other current cold-beverage supplier, handling such brands as 7-Up, Canada Dry, Vernors and Snapple.

"Partnering with primary and secondary beverage suppliers for a shared-market environment is projected to generate \$3-\$4 million to support University priorities over the next 10 years," the team adds. "Final decisions on allocating funds would be made by the President."

Priorities identified during the proposal's development are the Student Union renovation and expansion project; student leadership/development programs; student scholarships, and enhancing athletic opportunities (gender equity/diversity).

If partnership agreements are reached, "it is likely that initially prices would be set for three years," the release notes.

Ribeau and his Cabinet are reviewing and evaluating the materials supplied by the team. All three parties remain open to input from the campus community, it adds.

Nursing program gets maximum accreditation

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education has accredited the University's nursing program for 10 years, the maximum term granted by the organization.

"It is not common to get the maximum accreditation," said Clyde Willis, dean of the College of Health and Human Services. He attributed the prestigious honor in large part to the "outstanding leadership" of Jeri Milstead, dean of the Medical College of Ohio's School of Nursing. The University has been part of a consortium with MCO and the University of Toledo for 26 years.

This is the first year the consortium has chosen to apply for accreditation by the CCNE, a national body which deals more with baccalaureate and higher degree nursing programs than the

National League for Nursing, the consortium's former accrediting body. Its NLN accreditation stands through February.

While all nursing schools in the state must be approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing in order to operate, accreditation is a voluntary

process, according to a statement from MCO.

Nursing students at BGSU and UT spend their freshman and sophomore years completing required coursework in sciences, math and humanities, then move on to MCO for their final two years in nursing science.

Printing services' customers can submit jobs via network

Printing services has purchased new equipment which allows customers to send documents over the network.

The purchase of the DocuTech 6100 and DocuTech 65 will make it easier to submit jobs for production, according to Cheryl Purefoy, director of materials handling. The equipment can accept documents from both PC and Macintosh units. It also accepts documents from any software and maintains the original formatting.

The enhanced technology is offered to the campus community at no additional charge. Individuals interested in having their department(s) connected may call printing services at 2-2216.

FLOC founder to speak on pesticide poisoning

"Poisoning Farm Workers with Pesticides" is the title of a speech to be delivered by farm worker organizer Baldemar Velasquez at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (Dec. 9) in 112 Life Sciences Building.

The president and founder of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) and the Farm Workers Network for Economic and Environmental Justice, Velasquez has dedicated his life to improving the working conditions of migrant farm workers.

In 1967, at the age of 20, he and his father, both facing

numerous beatings and arrests, helped organize FLOC. By 1977, the organization had more than 700 members and Velasquez had developed a reform ideology based on social justice and worker labor rights.

Since then, he has initiated several strikes and boycotts to force growers and food-related corporations to become aware of workers' needs.

In 1984 the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation named Velasquez a MacArthur Fellow. He was the first labor

organizer to receive the prestigious award, which included \$265,000 to be used at his discretion. Much of the money has been used to support his work, and he has initiated an irrevocable trust to create scholarships for children of migrant farm workers.

He has also received many other awards, including Mexico's Aguila Azteca Award, the highest honor given to a non-citizen.

Sponsored by the University's Center for Environmental Programs and the Environmental Action Group, the free presentation is part of the center's Distinguished Speaker Series.

East Hall drive to close Tuesday

The drive in front of East Hall will be closed most of the day Tuesday (Dec. 7) while the air conditioner compressor on the roof of the building is replaced.

A crane will be positioned in the drive, which is expected to close about 8:15 a.m.

in memory

Dante Thurairatnam, associate dean and director of off-campus programs in the Office of Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs, died Nov. 19 at the Medical College of Ohio, Toledo.

Thurairatnam came to Bowling Green from Sri Lanka in 1969 and earned a master's degree in health, physical education and recreation in 1970. He returned to Sri Lanka but came back to BGSU in 1974, and in 1978, earned a doctorate in educational administration and supervision and was hired as assistant to the vice provost.

He assumed full responsibility for off-campus programs in 1981, became an assistant dean in 1987 and had held his current position since 1990.

Thurairatnam received the Ferrari Award, the University's top honor for administrative staff, in 1991. He was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society in 1995.

Louise A. White, 49, of Bowling Green, died Nov. 20 at her home.

She had worked at the University bookstore for 30 years.

Memorials may be made to the Church of the Nazarene, Bowling Green.

job postings

FACULTY
Curriculum Resource Center. Assistant professor, head librarian, tenure track. Call Beverly Stearns, 2-2856. Deadline: July 1.

Contact human resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED
Deadline for employees to apply is noon Friday (Dec. 10).

Baker 2 (C-208-V)—Dining Services. Twelve-month, full-time position. Pay grade 6.

Food Service Worker (C-

209-V)—Dining Services. Nine-month, full-time position. Pay grade 1.

Secretary 1 (C-210-S)—Master of Organizational Development. Twelve-month, part-time position (grant funded). Pay grade 6.

ADMINISTRATIVE
Associate Director of Residence Life for Greek Affairs (M-115)—Residence Life. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: Jan. 7.

Director (M-112)—Animal Research Facilities. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: Jan. 3.

Faculty/staff exhibition is golden



Laura Wiemken, a junior art education major, studies black and white photographs displayed by Spencer Cunningham, art, in the 50th annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition in the Fine Arts Center's Bryan Gallery. The exhibition continues through Feb. 7.

campus calendar

Monday, Dec. 6

Board of Trustees, 1 p.m., McFall Center Assembly Room.

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

Workshop, "Growing Through Grief," 6-7:30 p.m., Counseling Center, 320 Saddlemere Student Services Building. Part of the center's "Coping with the Holidays and Other Special Days" program, the workshop will include a short presentation followed by open discussion. No registration is required.

Discussion group, "Women and Spirituality," 7 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Discussion group, "Women in Faith Communities," noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. A look at paganism with Asatru practitioners Nancy Down and Tavia Rowan.

Student Union closing events, BGSU and union trivia game, 1-3 p.m., Falcon's Nest; WBGU-FM remote, 5-6 p.m., Falcon's Nest.

Kwanzaa celebration, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Student Union. Traditional music and dance, soul food buffet and gifts for children. Reserved-seat tickets, available in 424 Saddlemere Student Services Building, are \$5 for students, \$8 for non-students and \$3 for children under 10.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Student Union closing events, volleyball, races and games in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom with prizes, raffles and giveaways, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch specials in the Falcon's Nest and Prout Cafeteria; "Fun Flicks," noon-6 p.m., Promenade Lounge; free cake at the information desk; free bowling and billiards, 1-4 p.m.; new union model and virtual tour, Faculty Lounge and ballroom lobby.

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Alternatives to Conspicuous Consumption, or, How I Found Ways to Celebrate and Still Sleep at Night," noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Dissertation defense, "Writing in Place: A Story of Geography and Composition Pedagogy," by Johnathon Mauk, English, 1:15 p.m., 211 East Hall.

Provost finalist open forums, with Linda Dobb, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, 2:30 p.m., 113 Olscamp Hall. A similar forum will be held at Firelands College at 9 a.m. Dobb will also meet with administrative and classified staff at 4:30 p.m. in the Chart Room, McFall Center.

Women Writers Group, 4 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Provost finalist open forums, with John Folkins of the University of Iowa, 2:30 p.m., 113 Olscamp Hall. A similar forum will be held at Firelands College at 9 a.m. Friday (Dec. 10). Folkins will also meet with administrative and classified staff at 4:30 p.m. Friday in the Chart Room, McFall Center.

Holiday Open House, President Sidney Ribeau invites faculty, staff and students to join him from 4-6 p.m., McFall Center Gallery.

visionLite, 9 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Women's Dissertation Writing Group, 7 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Monday, Dec. 13

Dissertation defense, "Embedded Writing Assessment: Potentials of Portfolio-Based Testing as a Response to Mandated Assessment in Higher Education," by Paul Tanner, English, 9:30 a.m., 219 East Hall.

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

Continuing events

Dec. 6 and 8

Advantage Financial (AFIN) training for current users, 10 a.m.-noon, 128 Hayes Hall. Participants must bring their SecurID card. To register, call Trish Jenkins at 2-2208.

Dec. 8-9

Record sale, 1-8 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 9, Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library. Includes LPs, 45s, 78s and CDs, plus music books and magazines; also "Saturday Evening Post" magazines from the 1940s and '50s. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

Dec. 13, 15, 17

Advantage Financial (AFIN) training for new users, 3-5 p.m., 128 Hayes Hall. Participants must procure a log-on ID and SecurID card from the Technology Support Center (2-0999) in advance. To register, call Trish Jenkins at 2-2208.

Through Feb. 7

Exhibits, "50th Annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition," Bryan Gallery, and "Expanding Expressions: Contemporary Master Prints," Wankelman Gallery, both in the Fine Arts Building. Hours for both galleries are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.