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Jones to represent ‘hometown’ on trade mission to homeland

When Akiko Kawano Jones, acting chair of the Asian studies program, visits Japan later this month, she will be bringing the two halves of her life together. The trip has the potential to reap benefits for both the city of Bowling Green and BGSU.

"Japan is my home country and now Bowling Green is my hometown, so to connect those two will be very special to me," she said. "I feel very honored to be asked, and I hope I can make it worthwhile."

Jones has been chosen to be part of Governor Bob Taft’s first trade mission when he and about 50 other delegates from Ohio travel to Japan Jan. 28. President Sidney Ribeau called Jones to ask her to represent the University and the city on the trip.

Jones will accompany Lee Springer of the Regional Growth Partnership on the mission. Other local sponsors of her participation include the Bowling Green Community Development Foundation, the mayor’s office and the Wood County Economic Development Commission, as well as the president’s office.

Jones will assist with language and cultural interpretation between the Ohio delegation and representatives of businesses and universities in Japan. The entire delegation will attend several dinners, conferences and receptions, then break up into regional groups for other visits.

Four Japanese companies have locations in Bowling Green: Ishikawa Gasket America, Dowa THT America, DieNamic Solutions and Tochigi Fuji America. The Bowling Green group will visit the parent companies of each of them to encourage future expansion of their American operations. Jones said she will provide additional information about Bowling Green schools and the University, businesses and economy, and discuss how the community can support them should they decide to increase their ties here.

The group will also spend time in Kobe, Jones’ home area, where it visits the Procter and Gamble office there. Jones hopes to be able to spark more interaction between that company and Bowling Green. "Things move very slowly in Japan. I see this as seeding for the future, and eventually we may see some things happen," she said.

The second aspect of her trip will be connecting with both the many University alumni in Japan and current exchange students. BGSU has exchange programs with Saitama University North of Tokyo, with Nanzan University in Nagoya, and with Hiroshima Jogakukai. There are some Japanese students from those three institutions at BGSU this year. Jones will meet with representatives of the three at receptions the governor is hosting, and will visit Nanzan to observe classes, discuss present and future programs and meet with one BGSU student there.

The Asian studies program also has internship programs with two Japanese companies, Tokai Rubber (Continued on page 2)
ASC adopts wellness resolution

Administrative Staff Council has called for the 2000-01 implementation of Phase I of an Employee Wellness Program proposed in October 1997.

At that time, a subcommittee of the Health, Wellness and Insurance Committee drafted a plan whose initial phase involved creation of a wellness program, according to the resolution adopted by ASC Jan. 6.

With a budget then estimated at $44,000, the program was to include education, awareness, information, health screenings, incentive programs and staffing of a graduate assistant, the resolution notes.

It recommends that an Employee Advisory Committee be established to ensure that implementation of the program's first phase "will include options that will address the needs and be respectful of the health beliefs, issues and practices of all members of the University community."

Pointing out that the University offers "no formal, centralized program" for employee health, wellness and fitness promotion, the resolution also adds information about the benefits of such promotion.

Health literature suggests that about 5 percent of an organization's total health dollars go toward health and wellness programs and programming, "with a return in investment of $2-$56 ... in health care expenses for every dollar invested," it notes.

Also on Jan. 6, ASC members continued an ongoing discussion about compensation with Linda Dobb, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Rebecca Ferguson, vice provost, human resources.

The discussion primarily concerned ways of allocating the $510,000 set aside this year's compensation plan for addressing staff who fall below their market salary level. Among proposals under consideration is increasing salaries of staff with nine or more years of service who are still below the midpoint of their pay range.

Edwards returning to BGSU on public policy center staff

A well-known figure in Wood County government, and a familiar name to long-time University staff, is joining the Center for Policy Analysis & Public Service.

Richard A. Edwards, who is returning this month as Wood County administrator, will become a senior associate at the center, its director, Beth Walter Honadle has announced. Edwards will join the staff on March 1.

He previously worked at the University from 1971-84, serving as executive assistant to the president (1971-75), vice president (1975-81), acting executive vice president (1981-82) and vice president for University relations (1982-84).

"BGSU and the center are fortunate that this distinguished professional has chosen to return to the University to help us with development, government relations and projects we are involved in," Honadle said in announcing Edwards' appointment to the part-time position. "It will be wonderful for our students to have the opportunity to benefit from his knowledge and experience."

Using an interdisciplinary approach, the center provides research in public policy and public affairs. Created by the state legislature to serve northwest Ohio, the center acts as a liaison and advisory group for local governments which seek advice on economic planning, government structure, personnel and other issues.

"I am enthusiastic about assisting Dr. Honadle, especially given her well-deserved national reputation and her vision for the center," Edwards said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to apply my experiences and associations with all levels of government for the benefit of BGSU and this important research and service center."

Jones

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Industries in Komaki and Kita Bisho Electric Ltd. in Shicola. Jones will get to work with Tokai officials, as well as meet with directors of two other Japanese businesses who have operations in Ohio and have been supportive of the Asian studies program. The vice president of one business is also the president of Nakama, the Japanese-American businesses' association that is facilitated by the Asian studies program and meets twice a year at BGSU.

In addition to the business visits, Jones is looking forward to seeing former students again. "For the University's sake, I want to meet with the alumni. Alumni are very important to us," she said.

In fact, BGSU's Japanese alumni have been very generous to the University, Jones said. In the early '90s, several alumni from Tokyo established a scholarship for BGSU students studying Japanese. Another group has donated 50 cherry trees to be planted on the Bowling Green campus next fall as a symbol of the connection between the two countries.

Community time convocation set

The proposal that BGSU establish a regular time for community meetings next year will be discussed at a Jan. 25 convocation, from 12:30-2 p.m. in the McFall Center Assembly Room.

The Community Time Committee has offered a revised proposal that would change the University schedule grid to free up two, 90-minute blocks of time twice a week to be used for departmental, college-wide and University-wide events, both learning- and administrative-oriented.

Part of the new proposal also calls for five-credit and 100-level classes to be exempt from the plan, at least for the first year.

Committee chair Neodes Leonitis, chemistry, said the committee feels the time has come for an open discussion of ideas around the topic. For more information about CommTime, view the Web site at http://follos.bgsu.edu/CommTime.

Teacher preparation 'summit' today

Faculty from the colleges of Arts and Sciences and Education and Human Development will meet today (Jan. 18) for their first teacher preparation "summit," titled "Preparing Teachers in a High Stakes Environment: Ensuring Student and Institutional Success."

Meeting from 3:30-7 p.m. in 101A Olscamp Hall, faculty will be updated on what's new in teacher education and discuss possible collaborations between the two colleges. The summit will conclude with a panel discussion moderated by Linda Dobb, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Women's hoops to host Faculty/Staff Day Jan. 26 will be Faculty/Staff Day for women's basketball when the Falcons host Akron at 7 p.m. in Anderson Arena.

Beginning today (Jan. 18), faculty and staff may pick up four free tickets to the game at the Memorial Hall ticket office. With the tickets will come four coupons for a free hot dog and soda.

Also, each women's basketball team member will select a favorite faculty or staff member who will be recognized at halftime.

Underground Railroad music at forum

Acoustic musicians Kim and Reggie Harris will present "Freedom Songs: Music from the Underground Railroad" at the College of Arts and Sciences Forum on Jan. 27.

They will perform at 12:30 p.m., following a noon luncheon in the McFall Center Gallery. The forum series is moving to McFall during the Student Union project.

The Jan. 27 program will feature music from two compact discs by the Harrises. They will also talk about the history and significance of the Underground Railroad and Ohio's link in it.

Cost of lunch is $5.75. Individuals interested in the free 12:30 p.m. presentation may come then. Reservations are requested, however, and may be made by calling the college's dean's office at 2-3340.
Moving on

As the new semester begins, the University adjusts to life without the Student Union. For the next two years, while the union is being expanded and renovated, its offices and services have been moved to new spots around campus.

Food service has not been interrupted in the move to new venues. At right, Michelle Love, a junior elementary education major from Lorain, purchases a snack from the Founders Keepers Snack Bar, which has taken over many of the functions formerly filled by the Falcon's Nest coffee shop. Cashier Opal Smith serves students and staff in the expanded facility.

The new homes of other former union offices are still being readied.

Bob Leppert (lower left), an employee of Total Systems Integration, Galion, unwinds data cables to be installed in the temporary computer lab on the second floor of Saddlemire Student Services Building.

Most union offices have moved to South Hall, but all telephone numbers remain the same.

Meanwhile, the now-empty union looks out on the daily hustle and bustle as students slip past its locked front doors. Messages on a wall (lower right) express student and staff feelings about the campus landmark.

Photos by Brad Phalin
Admissions wants you

The admissions office is seeking staff help with the fifth annual Presidents' Day campus open house, set for 8:30 a.m.-p.m. Feb. 21. Volunteers may greet visitors, provide them with directions or help with check-in procedures. Shifts of two to four hours are required to provide continuity. Half-hour training sessions will be held Feb. 17-18 in the McFall Center Assembly Room. The scope and mission of the Presidents' Day program will be explained, and the agenda for the day will be distributed. Printed materials will be available as well, with information needed to answer visitors' questions.

Because the closing of the Student Union has changed event locations, past volunteers are also asked to attend a training session.

Volunteers should complete the recently distributed form and return it by Jan. 28 to Kay Nickel Gudehus, admissions, 110 McFall Center. For more information, contact Susan Macias, admissions, at 2-7808 or antonio@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Associate grad dean finalists visiting

Another of the four finalists for the position of associate Graduate College dean will be on campus Wednesday (Jan. 19) for an open meeting.

R. D'Ampo, director of training, professor and coordinator of the School Psychology Program at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, will be available from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in 136 Founders Hall.

Richard Kneale, associate dean of the University's College of Musical Arts, is also a finalist. His session is scheduled for 2:30-3:30 p.m. Jan. 25 in the Office of Sponsoring Programs and Research conference room, 106 University Hall.

The other two candidates are Raghup Singh, interim dean of graduate studies and research at Texas A&M University-Commerce, and Randy Moore, biology professor at the University of Louisville. Singh was on campus last week, while Moore's session is being rescheduled due to a family medical emergency.

job postings

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

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Deadline for employees to apply is noon Monday. 

Cashier 2 (C-17-Va) — Bursar's office. Pay grade 5.


ADMINISTRATIVE


Prize list expands for ASC scholarship raffle

Participants in the Administration Scholarships that have a chance to win more prizes this year while also helping undergraduate students.

Among the additions to the prize list is a reserved parking space for six weeks. A bed and breakfast stay at McKenna's Inn, Port Clinton, is also available as a $50 gift certificate from the University bookstore, a $30 debit card from dining services and two season tickets to the recipient's choice of either men's basketball, women's basketball or hockey.

In addition, the number of available WBGU-TV gift packages and fall semester passes to the Student Recreation Center has increased from one to two. The WBGU gifts are Maria Adams and "Best of Broadway" packages valued at $80 and $100, respectively.

A trip with the Falcon football team is again offered, this time to Philadelphia for the game against Temple University, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 16. Charter flight, transportation and hotel are part of the package.

Other prizes include two season tickets to next fall's home football games; four rounds of golf, with cart, at Forrest Creason Golf Course (a $112 value); two season tickets to 2000-01 BGSU Theater productions; two season tickets to the 2000-01 College of Musical Arts Festival Series, and a $25 gift certificate for a continuing education class.

Raffle entrants can buy one ticket for $5, free for $5, 15 for $10, $35 for $20, 65 for $35 and 100 for $50. The drawing will be held at the Feb. 2 Administrative Staff Council meeting. Entrants needn't be present to win.

The ASC Scholarship Committee will also accept donations toward the scholarship, which is awarded to undergraduates who rank in the top 10 percent of their college, demonstrate financial need and provide leadership to the University and the community.

Raffle participants and donors should return the form provided last week, along with cash, a check payable to the Administrative Staff Scholarship or indication of bursar charge (a $5 minimum is required) to Suzanne Fahrer, financial aid. The deadline is Feb. 21.

Press list expands for ASC scholarship raffle

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Discussion group, Women in Faith Communities: Disciples of Christ, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Music from Bowling Green at the Manor House opens its 11th season at Toledo's Wildwood MetroPark Manor House with a 7:30 p.m. performance by jazz pianist Russell Schmidt. Free.

"The Meeting," a play about an imaginary encounter between Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Planetarium show, "I Paint the Sky," rainbows, sunsets and more, 8 p.m., Planetarium. $1 donation suggested. Also showing Jan. 21 at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Martin Luther King Tribute, 10 a.m.-noon, Palladium Conference Room, Jerome Library: "Expressing Ethnic and Cultural Identity Through Music," sponsored by the Libraries and Learning Resources Multicultural Affairs Committee. Musical arts faculty panelists Burton Beerman, Steven Cornelius, David Harshney, Jeffrey Mumford and Hubert Toney Jr. will present samples of music from African, Asian, Hispanic and Native Americans. Angela Nelson, popular culture, will moderate.

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Women and Divorce: Planning for Protecting Your Financial Future," noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Cultural Ethnic Arts Program workshop, presented by ECAP Director Angela Nelson, popular culture, and members of the ECAP executive committee, 4-6 p.m., 2 College Park Office Building. Anyone interested in submitting a grant proposal for spring should attend. For more information, call 2-0284 or email ecap@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Women Writers Group, 4:30 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Men's basketball hosts Miami, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Festival Series, Cellist Yo-Yo Ma performs in the Lois M. Nitchie Memorial Concert, 8 p.m., Kibbeler Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. The concert is sold out.

Public skating, 8:30-10 p.m., Ice Arena.

Thursday, Jan. 20

Women graduate students luncheon, with a discussion of childcare, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Women's basketball hosts Western Michigan, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

International Film Series, "The Battle of Algiers," a 1965 film directed by Gillo Pontecorvo, 8:15 p.m., Gail Film Theatre.

Public skating, 8:30-10 p.m., Ice Arena.

Friday, Jan. 21

Public skating, 12:15-2:45 p.m., Ice Arena.