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Information underload



Since the closing of the Student Union, the relocation of services has led to a temporary drop-off in customers at some of the new sites. Niki Hedrick, a sophomore social work major from Delphos, catches up on the day's news while staffing the Information Desk in Olscamp Hall. "This is usually the prime time. We used to get tons of people. A lot of people just don't know where we're at," Hedrick said. For more on the moves, turn to page 3.

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 spon-

sors 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.



Akiko Kawano Jones

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, Dow 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 the 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's home area, when 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 Jogakuin. There are seven 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

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Family Campaign to kick off Feb. 14

The seed was planted last year, and as Family Campaign 2000 approaches, organizers believe it's "Rooted in Success."

The nearly \$355,000 given in 1999 by more than 1,100 faculty, staff and retiree donors has something to do with that feeling, which is also this year's theme.

Feb. 14 will mark the kickoff for the campaign, which will run through March 30. With more than 1,300 accounts to which gifts may be designated, members of the University community again may support the area of their choice.

Each member of the campaign steering committee will have a list of the accounts, as will building representatives and the development office.

Funds also may be earmarked for the planned "Family Room" in the renovated and expanded Student Union—the priority project in last year's campaign.

Chairing the Family Campaign 2000 committee



are Ramona Cormier, Trustee Professor emeritus of philosophy and representing retirees; Milton Hakel, Ohio Eminent Scholar in psychology and faculty representative; Mary Krueger, Women's Center director and administrative staff representative, and Jay Samelak, 1998-99 chair of Classified Staff Council and representative for that constituent group.

Open forums scheduled for A&S dean candidates

Open forums have been scheduled for the four College of Arts and Sciences dean finalists, who will be on campus the next two weeks.

Each of the forums will be held from 3:15-4 p.m. in Jerome Library's Pallister Conference Room, beginning Thursday (Jan. 20) with the session for Donald Nieman, chair of the University's history department.

Following Nieman will be Nancy Gutierrez, chair of the English department at Arizona State University, on Jan. 24; Arthur Greenberg, chair of the chemistry department at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Jan. 27, and William Frawley, chair of the linguistics department at the University of Delaware, Feb. 1.

The forums are to include a roughly 15-minute presentation, including a synopsis of major challenges facing an arts and sciences college such as Bowling Green's, recommended action plans and a suggested time frame to accomplish objectives in those plans. Following each presentation will be time for questions and answers.

While on campus, each of the finalists will also meet with numerous individuals and groups, including the college's administrative and classified staff.

More than 60 applications were received for the position, from which C.J. Cranny is retiring this year. A 12-member search committee, chaired by Les Sternberg, dean of the College of Education and Human Development, narrowed the field to four last fall.

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 educa-

tion/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 promotion and programming, "with a return in investment of \$2-\$6 ... 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 \$160,000 set aside in this year's compensation plan for addressing staff who fall below their market salary level. Among the 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 retiring 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 pro-

vides 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."

SPAR seeking nominees, proposals

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (SPAR) is requesting nominations for the Outstanding Young Scholar award, and proposals for the Faculty Research Committee (FRC) Research Incentive Grant program.

Candidates for the Outstanding Young Scholar award must be nominated by their department or college. The winner receives a cash award of \$1,000 in addition to a \$1,000 discretionary research account.

All materials supporting the nomination must be received in the SPAR office, 106 University Hall, by 5 p.m. on Feb. 23.

Feb. 15, meanwhile, is the deadline for the FRC Research Incentive Grant program.

The program offers up to \$5,500 in support for probationary faculty to write a grant proposal for submission to an external funding agency. This is the second and final competition this academic year.

Application guidelines for both the award and grant programs are available at the SPAR office, 106 University Hall, and its Web site: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/spar/forms/Internal-Forms.html>.

For more information, call Holly Myers-Jones, SPAR interim director, at 2-2481.

Jones

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industries in Komaki and Bridgestone Elastech Ltd. in Shizoka. Jones will get together 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 businessmen's 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.

in brief

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 Neocles Leontis, chemistry, said the committee feels the time has come for an open discussion of ideas around the topic. For more information about Community Time, view the Web site at <http://folios.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 5-7:30 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 2-2340.

'Great Decisions' to feature Hess

Gary Hess, Distinguished Research Professor of history, will present "Defining U.S. Interests in the World" to open this year's Great Decisions series on Jan. 29.

The talk, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Wood County Senior Citizens Center, 305 N. Main St.

History and political science faculty are speakers for the six-week series, which is sponsored by the Bowling Green branch of the American Association of University Women.

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Moving on

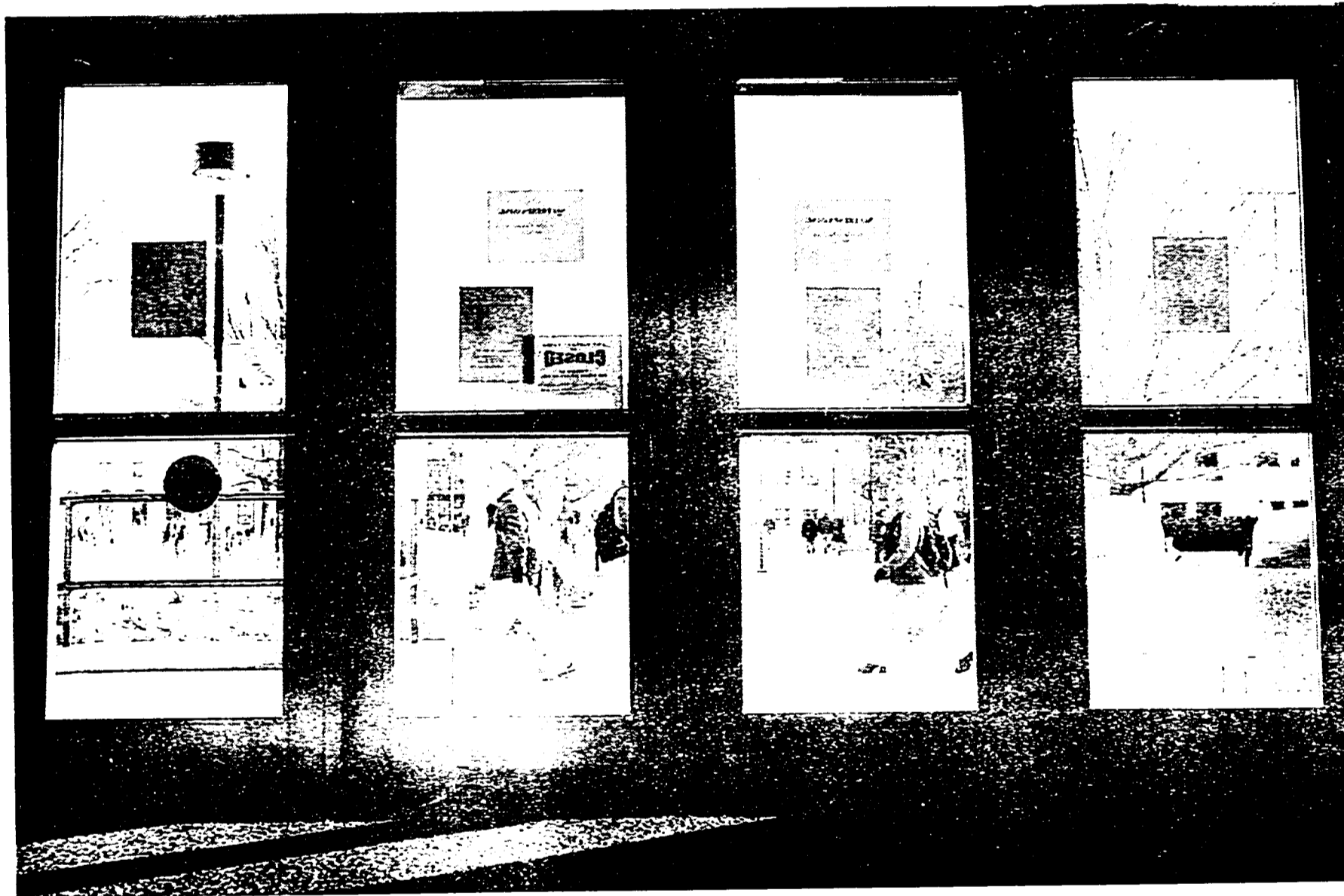
As the new semester begins, the University adjusts to life without the Student Union. For the next two years, while the union is being expanded and renovated, its offices and services have been moved to new spots around campus.

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.



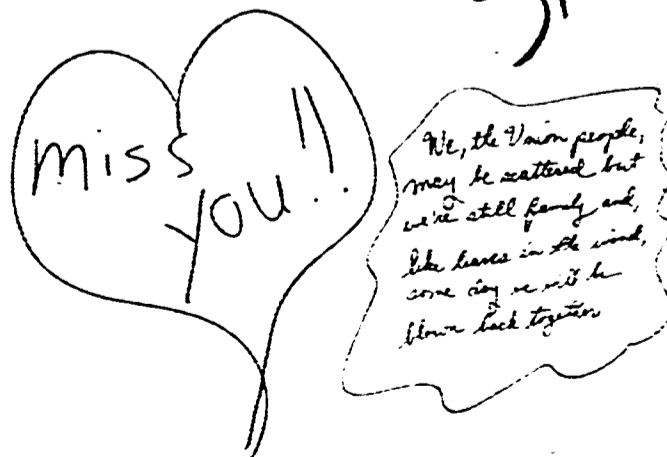
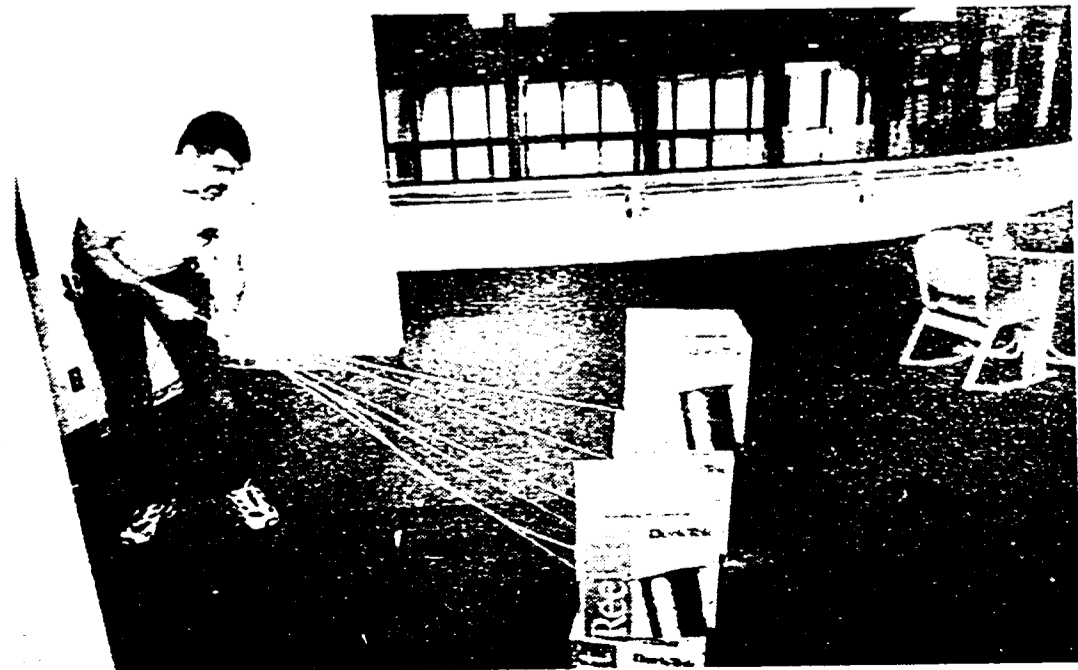
The new homes of other former union offices are still being readied.

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 Saddlemere 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

in brief

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.-4 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 antonim@bgnnet.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.

Rik D'Amato, 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 Kennell, 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 Sponsored Programs and Research conference room, 106 University Hall.

The other two candidates are Raghu 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.....

FACULTY

College of Technology. Dean, tenured. Call Carol Engler, 2-2915. Deadline: Feb. 23.

Firelands/Applied Sciences. Assistant professor, tenure track. Call William Balzer, 2-0623. Deadline: March 8.

Communication Studies. Full professor, tenured. Call Melissa Spirek, 2-8641. Deadline: March 29.

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

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Deadline for employees to apply is noon Monday, Jan. 24.

Cashier 2 (C-17-Va)—Bursar's office. Pay grade 5.
Library Assistant (C-18-Va)—Libraries and Learning Resources (Access Services). Pay grade 4.

ADMINISTRATIVE
Assistant Football Coach (M-125)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Deadline: Jan. 21.

Systems Programmer (M-002)—Information Technology Services. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: Jan. 28.

Director (M-121)—Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives. Administrative grade level 18. Deadline: Feb. 7.

Assistant Director (M-122)—Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives and Pre-College Enrichment Program. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: Feb. 7.

Micrographics Specialist (M-124)—Center for Archival Collections. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: Feb. 7.

Coordinator of Greek Affairs (M-003)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade level 13. Deadline: Feb. 21.

Instructional Designer/Coordinator for Computer Technologies (M-005)—Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: Feb. 28.

Prize list expands for ASC scholarship raffle

Participants in the Administrative Staff Scholarship raffle 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 new, as are 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 Marcia 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 Theatre 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 \$2, five for \$5, 15 for \$10, 35 for \$20, 65 for \$35 and 100 for \$50. The drawing will be held at the March 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/service 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 Fahrner, financial aid. The deadline is Feb. 21.

campus calendar.....

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, Pallister 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 Harnish, 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 and Protecting Your Financial Future," noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Ethnic Cultural 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@bgnnet.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. Nitschke Memorial Concert, 8 p.m., Kobacker 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 child care, 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 by director Gillo Pontecorvo, 8:15 p.m., Gish Film Theater. English subtitles. Free.

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

Friday, Jan. 21

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

Men's tennis hosts Sinclair, 6 p.m., Shadow Valley, Toledo.

Informational meeting about the summer "Alaska Experience" course with Firelands faculty member Joel Rudinger, 7 p.m., College Park Office Building. For more information, call 2-0673.

Hockey hosts Alabama-Huntsville, 7:35 p.m., Ice Arena.

Symphonic Band, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Bruce Moss will conduct; guest conductors will be Victor Markovich of Wichita State University and David Willson from the University of Mississippi. The concert is part of the 42nd annual New Band Music Reading Clinic. Free.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Men's and women's track and field hosts Bowling Green Open, all day, Perry Field House.

Concert Band, conducted by Hubert Toney Jr., 11 a.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. The concert is part of the 42nd annual New Band Music Reading Clinic, which will conclude with a 4 p.m. concert, also in Kobacker Hall, by the All-Ohio Century and Millennium Honor Bands. The 185 high school students in those two bands are nominated by band directors statewide. Free.

Women's gymnastics hosts Eastern Michigan, 4 p.m., Eppler Complex.

Hockey hosts Alabama-Huntsville, 7:35 p.m., Ice Arena.

Sunday, Jan. 23

Women's tennis hosts Butler, 1:30 p.m., Shadow Valley, Toledo.

Faculty Artist Series: Joel Treybig, trumpet, 3 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Public skating, 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Ice Arena.

Planetarium show, "Planet Quest," a celebration of the planets, 7:30 p.m., Planetarium. \$1 donation suggested. Also showing Jan. 28 at 8 p.m.

Continuing events

Jan. 20-22

University Performing Dancers, featuring faculty and guest artist choreography. Sponsored by the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies. Performances are at 8 p.m. Jan. 20-21 and at 2 and 8 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Tickets are \$7 at the door. For more information, call 2-6918.

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.