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Key employee



Brad Woessner, facilities services, was named the Classified Staff Outstanding Employee of the Year at a ceremony April 24. Woessner, a locksmith, joined the BGSU staff in 1983. The Team Award was presented to the Office of Registration and Records.

Seniors offer a look back

What do graduating seniors have to say about BGSU? What in their University careers contributed most to their development? President Sidney Ribeau wanted to know.

So in January, he began hosting a series of Senior Assemblies in which he met with students in their last year and queried them about their experiences at Bowling Green. The meetings were held by college, and were attended by the respective deans and Ed Whipple, vice president for student affairs. The results were enlightening, Ribeau said.

"A core group of students attended each Senior Assembly. Students were very vocal in their comments regarding their experiences while at BGSU. They shared stories of challenges and triumphs which resulted in significant personal development," he related. "I was proud to hear about the many faculty who had taken a special interest in the lives of our students. These are the stories we should be sharing with one another, as they speak to the essence of our students' learning."

Others involved in the senior project were Milt Hakel, Ohio Eminent Scholar in psychology, and Mark Gromko, vice provost for academic affairs, who were interested from the perspective of assessment.

A common theme throughout the assemblies was that students valued active learning and hands-on assignments that engaged

them in the learning process.

"We want to improve our pedagogical processes by encouraging wider use of these practices in all courses," Hakel, who is chair of the assessment committee, said. "Certainly the student testimonials will lend great support to the idea."

Following is a sampling of some of the students' comments:

- *The overall college experience taught me patience and persistence. Group projects helped me to develop leadership skills. These projects also helped me to learn to trust others and their work.*

- *My experience in an internship also helped to enhance my academic development and they truly prepared me to enter the business world.*

- *Getting involved in organizations and taking on leadership positions has given me the ability to develop skills that will be valuable after I graduate. It's incredible how much you learn when you're in charge of an organization or other position, including leadership, mediation, cooperation and teamwork. Classes help build a solid foundation of knowledge, but being able to apply those to organizational and group projects was essential.*

- *I believe Firelands College to be a special place. What we learn here far exceeds a classroom boundary. There is no lesson plan to teach tolerance and patience, no homework assignment on loyalty, compassion and trust, no interactive class on understanding. These lessons are equally as important as academics... Thank you Firelands and BGSU.*

"We plan to share the information gathered from the Senior

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Dear Faculty and Staff:

Thank you so much for your enthusiasm, hard work and dedication to our BGSU community this past year. Your efforts, both in and out of the classroom, have assisted many students to achieve their dream of receiving a college degree.

Sharing your experiences and leading by example demonstrates to students that they can be successful in attaining their personal and career goals without compromising the values of respect for one another, cooperation, and pride in a job well done, three of the University's core values. Your dedication to student learning helps us create an excellent educational environment in which students do not merely earn degrees, but also receive an education.

As yet another school year ends, I encourage you to reflect on your accomplishments and experience the pride and satisfaction that comes from a job well done. I applaud your commitment to excellence, to service and to BGSU as we move forward in achieving our vision of becoming "the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the nation." To our community members who are retiring or moving on to other academic challenges, I wish you the best in your future endeavors. To our returning faculty and staff, I look forward to our continued success in the future. To all of you, I wish you a safe and pleasant summer.

Sincerely,
Sidney A. Ribeau
President

Gavini, Manning named winners

Two faculty members received the University's Outstanding Young Scholar Award at a luncheon April 25. Narasaiah



Narasaiah Gavini

Gavini, biological sciences, and Wendy Manning, sociology, were honored. Each received a cash award of \$1,000 and a \$1,000 credit to their discretionary research accounts in the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research.

Gavini's research centers on understanding the mechanism of nitrogen fixation, a process responsible for the biological cycling of nitrogen on earth. Facilitating plants' ability to procure and use this essential nutrient could increase agricultural production, according to George Bullerjahn, chair of the biology department.

The research has earned Gavini invitations to speak at prestigious research conferences, as well as grants from the National Institutes of Health, the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the National Science Foundation. Since joining Bowling Green's faculty in 1993 he has also been recognized with several BGSU awards for his com-



Wendy Manning

mitment to mentoring students and providing them opportunities to participate in research and publishing.

Manning, who has taught here since 1995, has conducted path-breaking research on the "economic and social support divorced fathers provide or do not provide to their children, and the economic consequences of marriage and divorce for women," according to Gary Lee, chair of the sociology department.

She has been very successful in obtaining funding for her research, including grants from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, unusual for a young scholar. She also has an outstanding record of publication in leading sociology journals.

The Outstanding Young Scholar award, created in 1996, is designed to enhance the careers of junior faculty by providing support for their scholarly activities, to recognize and reward academic excellence and to encourage contact and cooperation with industry and institutions that support research and education.

campus calendar.....

Monday, May 1
Final exams begin.

Tuesday, May 2
Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m.
McFall Center Gallery.

Wednesday, May 3
Dissertation defense,
"A Psychoanalytic Defense of
Ludic Feminism," by Laura
Newhart, philosophy, 10 a.m.-
noon, 301 Shazel Hall.

Dissertation defense,
"Instructor Credibility and Pedagogical Strategy: A Descriptive Case Study," by Colleen Coleman, communication studies, 10 a.m., 313 West Hall.

Brown Bag Luncheon,
"Perceptions of Feminism at BGSU," presented by Christa Lindemer, American culture studies, Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Thursday, May 4
Administrative Staff Council,
1:30-3 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Friday, May 5
Spring semester ends.

Board of Trustees, 1:30 p.m.
McFall Center Assembly Room.

Dissertation defense, "Social Communication through Chemical Signals: Crayfish as a Model System," by Rebecca Zulandt Schneider, biological sciences, 1 p.m., 330 Life Sciences Building.

Graduate College Commencement, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

BGSU Firelands Commencement, 7:30 p.m., North Building.

Saturday, May 6

Commencement Exercises, College of Arts & Sciences, 9:30 a.m.; Colleges of Business Administration, Health and Human Services and Technology, 1 p.m.; Colleges of Education and Human Development and Musical Arts, 4:30 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Continuing Events

April 23-May 5
MFA Exhibitions, culminating exhibits for graduating students, Bryan and Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

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Dobb moves into new quarters

Beginning May 1, Executive Vice President Linda Dobb will have a new phone number and address.

She can be reached at 209 Hayes Hall; phone 2-9233; fax 2-7723.

Ferrari Award nominations due

Friday (May 5) is the deadline for nominations for the Michael A. Ferrari Award. This award recognizes a member of administrative staff who has demonstrated caring for others, outstanding performance and concern for the growth and development of the University.

The winner will receive a cash award and a plaque as well as a reserved parking space for one year.

Award criteria and nomination forms are available from Laura Waggoner, registration and records, 110 Administration Building. Completed forms must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. May 5.

job postings.....

FACULTY

English. Instructor. Call Tom Wymer, 2-2576. Deadline: May 2.

DTL/Off-Campus Programs. Instructor. Call Leigh Chiarelott, 2-7352. Deadline: May 8.

Management. Visiting assistant professor. Call Peter Pinto, 2-2947. Deadline: May 18.

Leadership and Policy Studies. Instructor. Call Margaret Booth, 2-9950. Deadline: May 26.

Family and Consumer Sciences. Instructor (two positions). Call Tom Chibucos, 2-7823. Deadline: May 26.

Continuing Education. Associate/full professor (tenure or tenure track). Call Roger Thibault, 2-8208. Deadline: May 30.

Ethnic Studies. Visiting assistant professor. Call the department, 2-2796. Deadline: Dec. 15.

Contact Human Resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED

Secretary 2 (C-61-Va)—German, Russian and East Asian Languages. Pay grade 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Director of Athletic Commu-

nications (S-040)—Athletic Department. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: May 2.

Technical Support Coordinator (M-011)—Department of Telecommunications. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: May 5.

Head Coach for Strength and Conditioning (C-039)—Athletic Department. Deadline: May 8.

Academic Adviser (M-044)—Academic Enhancement. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: May 19.

Assistant Director, Bowling Green Employment Advantage Program (S-045)—Career Services. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: May 19.

Director of Annual Giving (M-043)—Office of Development. Administrative grade level 16. Deadline: May 19.

Learning Disability Specialist (S-046)—Disability Services for Students. Administrative grade level 12. Deadline: May 19.

Systems Programmer (M-002)—Information Technology Services (Position re-opened). Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: May 19.

BGSUPERNET

Infrastructure contractor named

A Toledo company has been awarded the contract for the public works portion of BGSUPERNET, the BGSU technology infrastructure project.

Romanoff Electric Corp. submitted a bid of approximately \$11.9 million for the work, which is scheduled to begin May 8. The staging area is being established now along Poe Road, across from the Technology Annex.

Public works includes digging trenches, placing conduit, constructing and modifying rooms in buildings, and constructing pathways within buildings to hold cable.

Romanoff is no stranger to BGSU, where the company has been part of many projects, including the construction of Moore Musical Arts Center and remodeling and renovation projects in Hayes, Founders and McDonald halls.

The company is also involved with the construction management program in the University's College of Technology. Company representatives teach a construction management class and participate on the program's advisory committee.

Equipment has started to arrive on campus for infrastructure-project construction, which will begin both inside and outside the five "core" sites—Hayes Hall, the Technology Building, Kreischer Quadrangle and WBGU-TV (the data/video system core), and Offenauer Tow-

ers, which with Hayes and Kreischer will form the voice core.

Once the trenching is done and the conduits installed between the core locations, IBM will begin to install fiber and copper cable, said Wayne Colvin, construction and cabling manager for the project. Interior and exterior work at those sites is to be done by mid-June.

Trenching and conduit will then be extended to other buildings, and interior building work will follow, he said.

Whether the public works contractor goes into individual offices depends on the type of building construction, he added. The contractor may have to drill holes for cabling into rooms with walls that extend to the floor above.

Installation of wiring and electronics is expected to begin June 19, but while some buildings will be wired right away, others won't be done until September 2001, Colvin said.

IBM, the cabling contractor, will be in every campus space, possibly in blocks of two to three hours per room, either running cable through walls or mounting Bowling Green Information Connections (BICs) and connecting wires.

For more information about the notification process for interior building work, see the BGSUPERNET ad in today's issue of The BG News. For construction updates and other information, check the project Web site at www.bgsu.edu/bgsuper.net.

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Assemblies with various academic and non-academic offices, Ribeau said. Several suggestions from students have been forwarded to the respective campus offices with the intent of continually improving our services to stu-

dents. What better way to respond to the needs of prospective and current students than to listen to the personal testimonials and suggestions from graduating seniors?"