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Weiss to expand role in governmental relations

Larry J. Weiss, associate vice president for University advancement and director of alumni and governmental affairs, will be assuming full-time responsibility for University relations and governmental affairs effective in August, President Sidney A. Ribeau has announced.

With his expanded role in the governmental arena, Weiss will report directly to Ribeau and work closely with the president's executive cabinet to establish and lobby for BGSU's economic and political agenda at local, state and federal levels. He will hold the title of associate vice president for University relations and governmental affairs.

In addition to his current responsibilities at the state government level, Weiss will give BGSU a heightened local presence in areas of economic development and will help develop enhanced partnerships between the University and local business. Ribeau said Weiss will play a critical role in "putting more northwest Ohio people in touch with the University" and assist in carrying BGSU's agenda to community and service organizations.

With Weiss's appointment, the University will also be enhancing its initiatives at the federal level; securing federal funding for targeted BGSU programs; fostering closer working relationships with Ohio's representatives to the U.S. House and Senate, and monitoring federal legislation that impacts BGSU. Ribeau said Weiss will also be charged with enhancing the University's presence with national professional associations including the American Council on Education, the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

A 1967 Bowling Green graduate, Weiss became assistant director of alumni affairs in 1973 and was named director in 1978. In 1987 he assumed additional duties and added associate vice president for University advancement to his title. In 1998 he added his current responsibility for state government, which includes developing and executing a legislative plan to address University priorities, representing BGSU on Ohio's Inter-University Council and lobbying with representatives from other state universities to ensure the Ohio General Assembly provides budgetary support for issues of key importance to higher education.

Weiss also coordinates the University's Legislative Advocates program, a statewide network of alumni, community and civic leaders who lobby local legislators on behalf of BGSU and higher education.

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Jim Evans (left), chair of the geology department, and Craig Wittig, internship coordinator for environmental programs, place a nesting box atop one of Doyt Perry Stadium's towers in hopes of attracting peregrine falcons. Peregrines, a protected species in the United States, have until recently been listed as an endangered species because pollution from the pesticide DDT had caused eggshell thinning and cracking, reducing the birds' numbers alarmingly. By providing the nest box, BGSU is working to help the peregrines recover. Look for a strong, swift-flying bird in pursuit of pigeons, doves or ducks. You may be watching one of these amazing birds, which are also the University's mascots.

Kazakhstan teachers learn about American studies from Phil Terrie

Halfway around the world on the plains of Central Asia, people are intensely interested in American culture. Philip Terrie, director of American culture studies, was reminded of this when he recently spent time in Kazakhstan. Terrie visited the Newly Independent State in Central Asia on the invitation of the U.S. State Department as a guest lecturer on American studies curriculum.

He gave seminars in Almaty, the former capital, and Astana, the new capital, to groups of high school, college and university English teachers from the NIS's of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

The seminars were suggested by the cultural attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Almaty. Her proposal was funded by the U.S. Congress, which provided both the funds for the teachers to attend and for Terrie's trip. The visit was organized by the United States Information Service, a division of the State Department.

In Terrie's seminars, he discussed the history and definition of American culture studies and Bowling Green's ACS curriculum and shared syllabi from the University's individual classes. He conducted exercises to demonstrate how ACS can be used as an approach to American literature. In advance of the trip, Terrie sent by email to the participants a reading list that consisted of a short story by 19th-century American writer Sarah Orne Jewett, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Gettysburg Address, and the inaugural addresses of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan.

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Summer musical tickets are on sale

Tickets for the Bowling Green Summer Musical Theater production of "Oklahoma!" go on sale today. Performances will be presented at 8 p.m. July 14, 15, 21 and 22 in Moore Musical Arts Center.

Considered a landmark in musical theater history, "Oklahoma!" was the first of nine Broadway shows Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein wrote together.

F. Eugene Dybdahl, director of opera activities at the University, is the producer as well as the stage and musical director.

Ticket prices are provided at $8, $10 and $12. For more information, contact the box office at 2-8171. The box office is open from noon to 6 p.m. weekdays and until 8:30 p.m. on the evenings of the performances.

Student Activities changes its name

As of July 1, the Office of Student Activities will be known as the Office of Campus Involvement. This name was chosen out of four presented by seniors in the Journalism 440 class who developed a marketing campaign for the office during the spring semester.

The new name reflects the office's programs and services and places an emphasis on involvement with and connection to Bowling Green State University for students, their parents and families. A marketing campaign will begin in the fall semester to educate the campus community about the name change. The new name is already being used during O-Reg and in publications that will be disseminated in the fall.

Human Resources to close for a day

The Office of Human Resources will be closed July 25 for an all-day staff retreat. Business will resume as usual the next day.

The First Year Experience program staff would like to compile a resource packet of presentations and seminars for use in developing programs or class sessions for first-year students, according to director Jodi Webb.

"We expect that this packet will tap into some new resources as well as provide our instructors with a more effective way of finding speakers or presentations on specific topical areas related to first-year students," Webb said.

A goal of the First Year Experience program for the 2000-01 academic year is to provide new and effective resources for faculty and staff who instruct the UNIV 100: University Success course.

The staff is requesting assistance as it begins to develop this material. Anyone willing to provide presentations to first-year students should contact graduate assistant Julie Sompi at 2-9538. An overview of the course topics covered in the UNIV 100 course is available and may provide some ideas in thinking about programs for first-year students as they adjust to college life.

In order to have this information available to instructors for the fall semester, Webb asks that all presentation forms be returned by July 14.