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Project EXCITE links students, health and the environment

In the web of life, jiggling a string on one side will have a tangible effect elsewhere. Nowhere is this more evident than in the relationship between humans, their health and the environment.

BGSU has received a seven-year grant totaling more than \$1.8 million from the National Institutes of Health's Environmental Health division to help teach children about how human activities affect the environment and the resulting impact on public health.

Students in Project EXCITE, which stands for Environmental Health Science Explorations through Cross-Disciplinary and Investigative Team Experiences, will also become informed citizens by learning how environmental policies impact people, and how they can participate in the decision-making process.

Chris Keil, environmental health, Jodi Haney, division of teaching and learning, and Bill Armaline, director of the Center for Innovative and Transformative Education, proposed the project, which will enable school districts to develop curricula based on environmental health issues in their specific locales.

"The EXCITE grant represents one more example of BGSU's commitment to collaboration—across colleges and between the University, public schools and the community—to improve teaching and learning for pre-K-12 students," Armaline said.

In Project EXCITE, students

in grades five through nine will study a local environmental health issue decided upon by their teachers. Because environmental health encompasses so many fields, from chemistry to biology to social studies to health and language arts, teams of teachers will design and instruct each unit.

The project's goal is to improve learning in all subject areas, with a curriculum tied to state proficiency expectations.

"Project EXCITE will provide a framework for schools to restructure the curriculum," Haney explained. "Ultimately, this restructuring will benefit students by offering them authentic problem-based experiences that they can apply to the world in which they live."

Eventually, the project will involve 18 school teams and more than 5,400 students. Participating teachers will work with the Toledo Center for Science and Industry, the Ohio Department of Education and local agencies in planning and refining their projects.

At BGSU, Keil will provide the scientific expertise, Haney the pedagogical, project-based learning expertise, and Armaline, as the liaison to the schools, the support needed to restructure their curricula to accommodate the project.

Each school will also be assigned another adviser to answer questions and review lesson plans for technical accuracy. BGSU "mentors" include Gary Silverman, director of the BGSU environmental health

program, and Robert Midden, chemistry and a faculty member in Chapman Learning Community. Mike Bisesi, associate dean of the College of Allied Health at Medical College of Ohio and the director of MCO's public health division, is also a mentor. All were chosen for their ability to communicate and work well with teachers in addition to their scientific expertise, Keil said.

Other team members will include four teachers and an administrator from their school and a BGSU undergraduate

middle childhood or secondary education major. Every two years, six teams will be chosen to participate.

"The National Institute of Environmental Health Science was very forward-looking in the way they structured the grant," Keil said. Referring to the seven-year time frame, he said, "They realized that if we really want to effect learning and be able to measure the results, it would be necessary to extend it over a fairly long period of time, which they've done."

'Exceptional contributions' earn Linda Dobb library award

Linda Dobb, executive vice president, has been named winner of the University's Friends of the Library Award 2000.

The award is given annually by the Friends of the University Libraries, Archives and Special Collections to honor a person or institution that has contributed substantially to the growth and development of the campus libraries and learning resources.

Dobb, who became a lifetime member of The Friends in 1999, was honored during the organization's annual Authors and Artists Reception. Edward

Whipple, president of The Friends and vice president for student affairs, said Dobb

exemplifies the criteria on which the Friends Award is based.

As noted by those nominating Dobb for the recognition, "We can think of few others who have contributed to the growth and development of Libraries and Learning Resources as

profoundly and in such a relatively short period of time as Linda Dobb.

"(Her) exceptional contributions are a testament to her people-centered, collaborative approach to everything she does... We believe that it is the significance of her contributions and her generous, caring and humanitarian spirit that make her most deserving of this prestigious award."

Dobb served as dean of LLR from 1995 until June 1999. As dean she secured funding for a number of improvements, including creation of an Electronic Reading Room and the Ramona Cormier Faculty Reading Room in Jerome Library and restoration of the murals on the east and west sides of the building.

She also was responsible for the establishment of a First-Year Experience Librarian position to help new students learn to use resources available to them through the campus libraries. Since the position was created,



Linda Dobb

School of Communication Studies restructuring deemed success

One year into its restructuring, the School of Communication Studies is stronger than ever, according to Graduate Coordinator Lynda Dee Dixon, interpersonal communication. The school has revamped its doctoral and master's degree programs and is attracting students from not only northwest Ohio, but from around the nation and the world.

"We're getting really interesting and strong students," Dixon said.

The graduate programs fill a need in the region, Dixon said, as none of the nearby colleges and universities offers graduate degrees in communication studies.

After the school underwent

program review, representatives of its two departments, journalism and interpersonal communication, began meeting weekly in fall 1998 to make some significant changes to the curriculum. By fall 1999, the school began admitting students to its newly reorganized graduate degree program and in 2000 admitted 23 new master's and doctoral students.

Dixon credits the relatively quick process to the cooperation among faculty, who as a whole discussed and approved every decision. Working together, the two departments were able to effectively restructure the program. Also, she said, the support received from Graduate College Dean Steven Ballard and his

staff was very critical to the smooth transition and in reassuring already-enrolled students that the changes would not disrupt their degree progress.

The master's degree offers two areas of emphasis: organizational communication/public relations and communication research. Graduates are sought by both businesses and governmental agencies needing employees who understand human interactions, diversity issues and teamwork, among other skills, Dixon said.

The doctoral program offers a focus in either mass media studies or communication and culture. Most of its graduates go

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FACULTY

Family and Consumer Sciences. Assistant/associate professors (five positions). Call Tom Chibucos, 2-7823. Deadline: Dec. 17.

School of Art. Assistant professor. Call John Lavezzi, 2-2160. Deadline: Jan. 8, 2001.

Leadership and Policy Studies. Assistant/associate/full professors (seven positions). Call Kathy Bechstein, 2-7382. Deadline: Jan. 10 (deadline extended).

Biology. Assistant professor. Call Rex Lowe, 2-8562. Deadline: Jan. 15, 2001.

Family and Consumer Sciences. Assistant professor. Call Jean Hines, 2-2027. Deadline: Jan. 15, 2001.

Contact Human Resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:
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(Employees wishing to apply for these positions may request a "Request for Transfer" form.)

Deadline for employees to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17.

Custodial Worker Team Leader (C-160-5a)—Facilities Services. Pay grade 4. Twelve-month, part time.

Deadline for employees to apply is 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27.

Programmer/Analyst 2 (C-161-Va)—Office of Admissions. Pay

Payroll reminder

The biweekly payday during the week of Thanksgiving will be Tuesday, Nov. 21, the last day of classes before Thanksgiving recess.

The monthly payday remains Monday, Nov. 20

Communication Studies

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into higher education.

In fact, Dixon said, "The program has continued the earlier program's strong record of placement. In the last two years, there has been a 100 percent placement rate of graduates, with all but one choosing to work in higher education."

Faculty in both departments contribute to both degrees and their emphases.

The faculty has made an effort to accommodate students' schedules as much as possible by offering most classes in the evening. The master's degree program can be completed in one calendar year if desired. Students in the Ph.D. program, while funded for four years, can finish in three.

The program's success is reflected in the numerous presentations of its graduate students and faculty at national and international conferences and their success in having papers published.

Another factor in its popularity is the diverse faculty, Dixon

grade 11. Listed on and off campus.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Affairs (S-129)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: Nov. 17.

Assistant Director, Institutional Research (Re-advertised)—BGSU Firelands. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: Nov. 17.

Health Promotion Coordinator (S-118)—Wellness Connection/Student Health Service. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: Nov. 17.

Technical Assistant for Web Development (M-131)—Finance and Administration. Administrative grade level 13. Deadline: Nov. 17.

Director of Student Financial Aid (M-115)—Office of Student Financial Aid. Administrative grade level 19. Deadline: Nov. 20.

Manager, Postal and Printing Services (M-098)—Materials Handling. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: Nov. 24 (position re-advertised).

Compliance Officer. College of Education and Human Development. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: Dec. 1.

Assistant Director, Recreational Sports/Aquatic Programs. Recreational Sports. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: Dec. 1.

Director (M-128)—Alumni Affairs & Associate Vice President for University Advancement. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. Deadline: Dec. 4.

Head Football Coach (M-120)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Review and consideration of applications will continue until the position is filled.

said, which is especially important in the study of communication within cultures. The faculty is also nearly balanced by gender, she added.

The School of Communication Studies foresees great potential for growth in the near future, Dixon said. A search is under way for a permanent director of the school. Julie Burke, interpersonal communication, has served as interim director since January 1999. Also anticipated is an increase in faculty members as a result of the program review.

In addition to the graduate programs, more than 1,000 undergraduate students campus-wide must take IPC 102, "Introduction to Communication," as a required course, which involves a large lecture class and a smaller discussion group. The Department of Interpersonal Communication and Department of Journalism together also serve more than 700 undergraduate majors.

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campus calendar.....

Monday, Nov. 13

Affirmative Action Presentation, "Beyond Affirmative Action: Color Blind, Gender Blind, or Just Blind," 9:30-11 a.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Lecture, "UFO's: The Hidden History," presented by Robert Hastings, 7:30 p.m., BGSU Firelands gymnasium.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

New Music Ensemble, noon, Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Economics Colloquium Series, "Adam Smith, Hannah Arendt and the World: Glory Seeking and Agency," presented by J. Kevin Quinn, economics, 3:30 p.m., 4000 Business Administration Building.

New Wired University Series, "Digital Video," 4-5 p.m., 1007 Business Administration Building.

Percussion Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m. to noon, Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Brown Bag Luncheon, "There's a Feminist in My Kitchen," presented by Laurie Jordan, women's studies, noon, 107 Hanna Hall.

Fifth Annual Undergraduate Art Contest Awards Reception, 3-5 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Canada-Ohio Business Workshop, "Canadian Tax Policy Toward Private Business," presented by Edward Heslin of Ernst & Young, Ontario, 4:45-8 p.m., 101B Olscamp Hall.

Contemporary French Film Series, "Mondo," 1996, directed by Tony Gatlif, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Guest Artist, Sean Duggan, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Student Jazz Combos, noon, Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

International Film Series, "Bhaji on the Beach," 1993 English film by director Gurinder Chadha, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Jazz Guitar Ensemble, 8 p.m.,

Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Sunday, Nov. 19

Band-O-Rama, 3 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Monday, Nov. 20

Mothers & Other Parents Series, "Single Parenting," presented by Betty Yarris, BGSU Counseling Center, noon-1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

Continuing events

Nov. 17-18

Bowling Green Opera Theater, "Albert Herring," 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. For ticket information, call the box office at 2-8171.

University Theatre Production, "On Line!," 8 p.m., Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall. Also showing Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Call 2-2719 for reservations.

Through Nov. 21

Flu Vaccines, \$11 with BGSU ID, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 8-10 a.m., Student Health Center.

Linda Dobb

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other institutions have used it as a model for developing similar positions.

Her other accomplishments include obtaining a partnership grant with the Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont to make its library catalog fully Internet accessible, and aiding in creation of a partnership with Kent State University to begin an interactive distance-learning program for education in library science.

She left LLR in 1999 to serve as interim provost of the University until last May, when she accepted her current position as executive vice president.

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See Monitor online for news of President Ribeau's recent visit to Administrative Staff Council and more stories.