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MONITOR

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BGSU joins forces to help 4th-graders pass test

Ohio elementary schools face a critical turning point next year when new state regulations known as the "Fourth Grade Guarantee" go into effect stating that any fourth-grader who does not pass the reading proficiency exam may not be promoted to fifth grade.

BGSU faculty members have joined with employees of WBGU-PBS and the Northwest Ohio Education Technology Foundation to help students succeed in passing the test. They have created an interactive, technology-based tutoring program for third- and fourth-graders. Ohio Tek: Focus on Literacy aims to improve reading and writing skills through the context of social studies and citizenship topics, subjects which are also included on the state proficiency tests.

The group has received \$247,412 from the Ohio Educational Technology Network Commission (OET) to develop the Web-based programming, videotape "field trips" and printed materials for teachers and students.

Beginning next August, Ohio Tek directors will hold professional development seminars for the teachers. The program will be introduced to the schools in September.

The grant was awarded in support of Ohio's SchoolNet initiative and is one of three regional awards to public television stations in Ohio. The grants

are targeted to the state's low-wealth school districts.

WBGU directly serves 32 low-wealth districts in an 18-county region of northwest Ohio. These districts will receive Ohio Tek free of charge. All other school districts in the region may purchase the program at low cost.

Anthony Short, WBGU's director of television learning services, Roger Minier, executive director of NWOET, and Allison Goedde, NWOET associate director of professional services, together developed the technological aspect of the program. Cynthia Bertelsen and John Fischer, both of the division of teaching and learning, designed the content. Melissa Spirek, journalism, will conduct the evaluation of the program.

Short noted that the impetus for the tutoring program occurred when 91 percent of schools in the low-wealth districts scored below the state standard for reading proficiency. Students seemed to have special difficulty with the non-fiction reading portions of the test, he said. In Lima City Schools, for example, only 33 percent of students passed the reading portion, 55 percent the writing and 56 percent the citizenship.

In order to increase skills and knowledge in all these areas at once, the program developers decided to use social studies and citizenship topics as the content for the reading curriculum.

The 10-15 minute video "field trips" are designed to help students visualize areas of study not usually accessible to them so they may better absorb the lesson concepts.

Teachers from the targeted districts were "involved in putting the program together from

the beginning," Short said, to ensure that it would meet their needs and be usable in the classroom. In addition, the Ohio Tek Web site is accessible to the public so that the community may better understand the project and parents may be more involved.

'Spirit of BG' kicks off with two winners

Each month, two employees who exemplify the ideals and core values of the University will be recognized with the Spirit of BG Award. One person from administrative and one from classified staff will be chosen from nominations submitted by colleagues.

Congratulations to Lorraine DeVenney, the classified staff winner of the first Spirit of BG Award and a check for \$75. Venney is the graduate secretary in biological sciences.

From the administrative staff, Catherine Pratt, assistant to the dean in the College of Business Administration, was chosen as the December winner. She will receive a handblown vase created by Bud Hurlstone, art.

See Monitor online for more on the awards and nominees.

University campaigns to educate students about responsible alcohol use

Following is the first of a series on the University's ongoing efforts to promote a safe and healthy atmosphere on campus in regard to student drinking.

Bowling Green is working daily to address the challenge of high-risk drinking by students, something that plays a role in nearly every negative aspect of campus life, from lowered academic performance to sexual assault, drop-out rates and suicide.

President Sidney Ribeau and other members of the National Association of State and Land-Grant Colleges last year identified this type of drinking as the most serious issue impacting universities today. Because of this, the president and others on campus believe it is imperative to confront the issue head-on.

"We've received tremendous support in our efforts from the president, vice presidents and other upper-level administrators," said Jill Carr, associate dean of students for judicial affairs and chair of the University Committee on Alcohol Issues.

A team of BGSU representatives along with John Rightmyer, proprietor of the Junction Bar and Grill in Bowling Green, recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with others from more than 30 colleges and universities about the nation-wide problem of underage and high-

risk drinking.

To be eligible to participate in the "Alcohol and the American Campus" conference, it was required that the university president, a student and a local bar owner attend.

"We're not so naive to think that students won't drink. We're just trying to promote an environment that enables students to make responsible decisions regarding alcohol consumption," Ribeau said after the conference.

Rightmyer said the workshop highlighted the fact that, "through education and enforcement of the laws, you can make improvement, although this problem is not going to go away overnight." He added there is much bar owners can do to promote responsible drinking, such as being diligent in checking identifications, not admitting already-intoxicated patrons and not running advertising that promotes over-consumption of alcohol.

"It was great to have a student (Joe Guyette, president of the Interfraternity Council) along to bring that realistic perspective to the table," said Eileen Sullivan, executive assistant to the president. "The purpose of the BGSU team's attending the conference was to form a community coalition and gain some new insights that will help turn the tide on high-risk drinking."

Moonstruck



Nadia Bodie (center), a graduate theatre major from the Bahamas, resists the advances of William Auld (left), a graduate theatre major from Silver Lake, and Christopher Norris, a junior English major from Olmsted, in the BGSU Theatre production of "The Emperor of the Moon." The acclaimed English farce by Aphra Behm is being presented this Friday and Saturday in the Eva Marie Saint Theatre (see calendar for more information).

campus calendar.....

Tuesday, Dec. 5

CFDR Fall Speaker Series, "Good Enough Marriages: Marital Discord, Divorce and Children's Long-Term Well-Being," presented by Paul Amato of Pennsylvania State University, 11:30 a.m., 219 Olscamp Hall.

Clarinet Ensemble, noon, Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Center Assembly Room.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Action Update on Women & AIDS: East Africa," presented by Sara Chard, sociology, noon, 107 Hanna Hall.

International Forum, "History as Melodrama: Margarethe von Trotta's *Das Versprechen* (The Promise)," presented by Kristie Foell, GREAL, 7:30 p.m., 101 Shatzel Hall.

Center for Environmental Programs Distinguished Speaker Series, "Land Trusts: Another Tool Against Urban Sprawl," presented by Marcus Ricci, executive director of the Black Swamp Conservancy, 7:30 p.m., 95 Overman Hall.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Public Policy Briefing, "Conservation and the Loss of Farmland," featuring the research of Robert Vincent, geology and faculty research associate at the Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service, 8-9:30 a.m., Mileti Alumni Center.

Affirmative Action Direction Series, "Rate It X," video discussion of the ongoing barriers to gender equity, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Trombone Ensemble, noon, Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Administrative Staff Council, 1:30-3 p.m., Field House Conference Room.

Literacy Serve & Learn Reception, 3-4:30 p.m., 101A Olscamp Hall.

Retired Faculty and Staff Holiday Tea, 3:30-5 p.m., Mileti Alumni Center.

Psychology Department Colloquium, "Complementary Mechanisms for Spatial Mapping in the Hippocampal Formation," with Pat Sharp of the University of Illinois, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 112 Life Sciences Building.

International Film Series, "Aleksandr Nevsky," 1938 Russian film by director Sergei Eisenstein, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

World Percussion Night, featuring performances by the Kusuma Sari Gamelan and Afro-Caribbean

Ensemble, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, Dec. 8

Economics Colloquium, "Rationality, Autonomy and Basic Needs," presented by David Copp, philosophy, 3:30 p.m., 4000 Business Administration Building.

Master Class with pianist Andre Watts, 4-5:30 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Open to all.

Graduate Jamboree, for faculty, staff and graduate students, 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Kaufman's at the Lodge, 1628 E. Wooster St. Tickets are \$10. Call Beth Lashaway, 2-2646.

4th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration, 6-8:30 p.m., Perry Field House. Tickets are bursarable and include a soul food dinner buffet. Prices are \$5 for students; \$8 for non-students and \$2 for children aged 10 and younger. Call 2-2642.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Operation: Parent Relief, activities for children ages 5-12, from 1-4 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center. The cost is \$8 per child. Reservations due by 5 p.m., Dec. 6 in the SRC main office. Contact Jenny Nagle at 2-2711 or jnagle@bgnnet.bgsu.edu.

Festival Series, Andre Watts, piano, in the Lois M. Nitschke Memorial Concert, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Ticket prices are \$38, \$30 and \$22. Call 2-8171.

Sunday, Dec. 10

Bowling Green Philharmonia and University Choral Society, 3 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Call 2-8171.

Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m., McBride Auditorium, BGSU Firelands. A nonperishable food donation is requested.

Gospel Choir, 7-10 p.m., 101A-101B Olscamp Hall.

Monday, Dec. 11

Mothers and Other Parents Series, "Grandparents as Parents," presented by Laura Landry-Meyer, family and consumer sciences, noon, 107 Hanna Hall.

Board of Trustees, 1 p.m., BGSU Firelands.

Continuing events

Dec. 5-Feb. 1

Art exhibition, "The Lopsided Grin," a collection of visual farces and satires on contemporary art, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Dec. 9-10

University Theatre Production, "The Emperor of the Moon." Shows are at 8 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 9) and at 2 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 10). Tickets are \$10 for adults, seniors and students and \$5 for children under 12. Call 2-8171.

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FACULTY

HMSLS. Assistant professor. Contact Marilyn Dewyre, 2-7234. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2000.

VC & TE. Assistant/associate professor. Call Chuck Spontelli, 2-7579. Deadline: Feb. 16, 2001.

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

CLASSIFIED

(Employees wishing to apply for these positions may request a "Request for Transfer" form.)

Deadline for employees to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

Administrative Assistant 2 (C-172-Va)—Graduate Studies in Business. Pay grade 10.

Cook 1 (C-146/148-Sa)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 3. Nine-month, part time. Listed on and off campus.

Data Systems Coordinator (C-170-Sa)—College of Health and Human Services. Twelve-month, part time. Listed on and off campus.

Secretary 1 (C-168-Sa)—First Year Experience Program. Pay grade 6. Ten-month, part time.

Secretary 2 (C-169-Va)—Computer Sciences. Pay grade 7.

Secretary 2 (C-171-Va)—Geology Department. Pay grade 7.

Secretary 2 (C-173-Va)—Graduate Studies in Business. Pay

grade 7.

Secretary 2 (C-167-Va)—Office of the President. Pay grade 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Editor (M-136)—Popular Press. Administrative grade 12. Deadline: Dec. 8.

Assistant Director of Cooperative Education (M-138)—Office of Cooperative Education. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: Dec. 15.

Co-op Coordinator/Job Developer (M-137)—Office of Cooperative Education. Administrative grade 12. Deadline: Dec. 15.

Community Educator (M-141)—Office of Cooperative Education. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: Dec. 22.

Coordinator of Community Education (M-140)—Women's Center. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: Dec. 22.

Victim Advocate (M-139)—Women's Center. Administrative grade 13. Deadline: Dec. 22.

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

From the top

President Sidney A. Ribeau is preparing to launch his own newsletter to the BGSU community. President's Perspective will debut later this month. In keeping with the title, Ribeau will use the publication to give an inside view of topics of interest to the community and of higher education issues being discussed on a state and national level, as well as to recognize those who personify the University's core values.

Ribeau will also answer questions each month. To submit a question, send it by email to saribeau@bgnnet.bgsu.edu or by fax to 2-2617.

Holiday plant sale

The University grounds department's annual holiday plant sale features poinsettias and other plants priced at \$2.85 to \$30. The sale runs through Dec. 22.

The selection includes ivy wreaths, azaleas, holiday cacti, cyclamens and poinsettias in various sizes and colors. Departments may purchase plants only by using a BGSU area/org number.

For more information, call Frank Schemenauer at 2-7649.

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in memory

M. Lee Geisbuhler, 78, died Nov. 27 in Oregon, Ohio. He had been an electrician at the University.