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Three chosen for induction into leadership society

Two faculty members, an administrator and 24 students have been tapped for membership into the Bowling Green State University circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the most prestigious collegiate leadership honor society in the nation.

They were inducted during ceremonies held Dec. 8.

The faculty members are Sherlon Brown, division of intervention services, and John Farver, geology. The administrator is Janna Blais, an associate athletic director and senior woman administrator.

The students, all of whom are either juniors or seniors, were selected on the basis of excellence in one of five categories: creative and performing arts; social, service, religious and campus government activities; scholarship; athletics, or journalism, speech and mass media.

Brown joined the Bowling Green faculty in 1984 after

serving in both faculty and staff positions for five years at the University of Toledo. She is the chair of the University's Africana Faculty and Staff Caucus and

Farver joined the University faculty in 1996. Before coming to Bowling Green, he was a research associate at Brown University.

Author or co-author of more than 15 scholarly journal articles, Farver is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi scholastic and Sigma Xi scientific honor societies. His University involvement includes serving

as chair of the Student Affairs Advisory Board as well as a member of the Materials Science Planning and the Center for Microscopy and Microanalysis Management committees.

Blais joined the University staff in 1999. She serves as a sport coordinator for 15 of Bowling Green's 22 sports and as administrator of the athletic training program. Her responsibilities include supervision and interaction with coaching staffs, community outreach and fund raising and development.

Before coming to Bowling Green, she was the assistant director of athletics for compliance and the senior woman administrator at the University of Hartford for three years. She is a member of the Falcon Club, the Student-Athlete Wellness Committee and the Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University.



Sherlon Brown



John Farver



Janna Blais

coordinator for the Department of Intervention Services Recruitment and Retention Committee.

Honored for her scholarly research as well as advising and teaching excellence, Brown received the Ohana Award from the American Counseling Association in 1995 and the Friends of the University's Libraries and Learning Services' Authors and Artists Award in 1998. She is a member of Pi Lambda Theta International and the Professional Association in Education Honor Society.

Summer study is a student advantage

Beginning in 2001, students who choose to stay on campus can benefit from the "BiG Summer Advantage," according to Executive Vice President Linda Dobb. By taking courses during the summer months, they can not only accelerate their progress toward a degree but are also eligible for a \$200 discount on on-campus housing and, if they are graduating, a rebate on tuition.

Students can also enjoy the smaller classes and increased interaction with faculty summer classes allow, in addition to free career counseling and job-search seminars and special events and social activities.

"On-campus jobs are also plentiful during the summer," Dobb said, adding that any student who wishes to work will receive help from Career Services in finding a job.

"All this helps to make the campus a more welcoming place during the summer," she said.

As a further incentive, all undergraduate students who entered BGSU in 1997 or later are eligible to receive a \$300 rebate on summer classes if they graduate in August.

Research has shown that students who consistently take at least 15 units per semester or who attend at least one summer session are most likely to graduate in four years, Dobb said.

A wider variety of courses can be offered when the summer months are used, according to Judy Donald, director of registration and scheduling for the Office of Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs.

"Our goal is to meet the needs of the students and allow them to progress toward their

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BGSU alcohol campaign showing steady results

When a team of BGSU representatives attended a national conference on "Alcohol and the American Campus" in Washington, D. C. recently, they received affirmation that many of the things the University is doing are on the right track, and also learned some new tactics from the other participants.

The team included President Sidney Ribeau, Jill Carr, associate dean of students for judicial affairs and chair of the University Committee on Alcohol Issues, Eileen Sullivan, executive assistant to the president, Terry Rentner, journalism, who is leading BGSU's "social-norming" campaign, Edward Whipple, vice president for student affairs, student Joe Guyette and John Rightmyer, proprietor of the Junction Bar and Grill in Bowling Green.

Foremost, the team heard that BGSU's efforts toward providing students a correct picture of what truly is the norm for drinking on campus has helped many re-adjust their perceptions of what is expected of college students by their peers. Many

come to campus with inflated ideas of how much students drink, Rentner said.

Rentner has now expanded her research and social-norms campaign to local high schools, making BGSU one of the few universities nationally to do so. Posters are being distributed informing students that fewer than half of first-year BGSU students have been involved in binge drinking.

"There has been a slow but steady decline in students' high-risk drinking" since the first core survey on student perceptions of alcohol-use norms conducted by the University in 1994, Rentner said.

The latest results show a 2.5 percent decrease in the amount of high-risk drinking, and 4 percent fewer students reported feeling that alcohol was central to Greek life. The rate of "bragging" about alcohol consumption was reported to decline by 4 percent, and an additional 3 percent of students said their peers would disapprove if they consumed more than five drinks per social outing.

Students also now have a better understanding of what constitutes high-risk drinking than in the past, which is an important step in encouraging responsible use of alcohol, Rentner said.

BGSU's collaboration with local business owners, community members and the police has also been of much help. The Citizens on Patrol program, in which teams of trained, radio-equipped volunteers patrol the streets Thursday through Saturday nights from 11 p.m. till 3 a.m. as the "eyes and ears" for the police, has helped reduce vandalism in the neighborhoods behind the bars, Carr said.

Conference attendees also heard some suggestions for new strategies, Carr said, such as not practicing "health terrorism," in which students are warned of the dire consequences of drinking. Students tend not to be impressed with this kind of rhetoric, and respond far better to positive messages about alternatives to drinking as well as drinking responsibly in compliance with the law.

campus calendar.....

Monday, Dec. 11

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 12

President Ribeau's Holiday Open House, all members of the University community are welcome to join in the holiday festivities from 4-6 p.m., McFall Gallery.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Brown Bag Luncheon, "When Life is NOT a Holiday for our Animal Friends," presented by the Wood County Humane Society, noon, Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

New Wired University Series, "Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act: A Guide to Understanding and Action," teleconference, 1-4 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library. To attend, call Sandy Riegle, 2-2856.

Monday, Dec 18

Exam week begins.

Continuing events

Dec. 14-16

Firelands Theatre Production, "My Father's Father," a Caryl Crane premiere presentation written and directed by Ronald M. Ruble, associate professor emeritus of speech and theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. Dec. 14-16 and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 17, McBride Auditorium, BGSU Firelands. For ticket information call the box office at 419-433-9969.

Through Jan. 25

51st Annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition, presentations of work by current and emeriti faculty and current staff members of the School of Art, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Through 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. Note: Galleries are closed Dec. 11-Jan. 7 for winter recess.

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Summer advantage

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degrees. More departments are beginning to schedule courses on a yearly rather than a two-semester basis," Donald said. She provides departments a five-year history of summer offerings and student interest to help them plan their schedules.

Using this information, Roger Thibault, associate dean for resources and planning in the College of Arts and Sciences, has identified several departments as the focus of the summer offerings. These include biological sciences, psychology, interpersonal communication, telecommunications and computer science.

"Our goal is to offer a diversity of courses in both the major and non-major areas of these departments," he said. "We want to show students that there are lots of good things happening and lots of good courses during the summer."

In addition, he hopes to recruit faculty to pilot a program

that would allow students to take any of four general education or basic required courses through a series of videotapes and email communication with faculty. The ones he is most interested in for this year are Sociology 101, Philosophy 101, Arts & Sciences 250 and Mathematics 115.

Faculty who participate will receive significant compensation, Thibault said.

There are also potential benefits to BGSU from an enhanced summer schedule. A statewide goal of Ohio for higher education is that students should graduate in a timely manner, and institutions that are successful in achieving this may receive additional funding.

Another boon to the University is that undergraduate summer courses take some pressure off fall course offerings and help the institution better utilize its space during traditionally "off months."

job postings.....

FACULTY

Sociology. Assistant professor. Contact Wendy Manning, 2-2294. Deadline: Feb. 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, Dec. 15.

Library Media Assistant 2 (C-176-Va)—Libraries and Learning Resources. Pay grade 6. Listed on and off campus.

Parking Facilities Attendant (C-174-Va)—Parking and Traffic. Pay grade 3. Academic year, part time. Listed on and off campus.

Deadline for employees to apply for the following position is 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22.

Library Associate 1 (C-175-Va)—Libraries and Learning Resources. Pay grade 7. Listed on and off campus.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant Director of Coop-

erative 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.

Major Gift Officer (M-139)—Office of Development. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: Jan. 22, 2001.

Extended hours set

ITS will extend the test scanning hours for final exams to include Saturday, Dec. 23, from 8 a.m. to noon. Participants should bring their National Computer System answer sheets to 301 Hayes Hall.

The window at 301 Hayes is open during the noon hour every weekday. During finals week, the window will be open until 6 p.m. weekdays.

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President to hold United Way fete

Please join the celebration hosted by President Sidney Ribeau and the BGSU United Way team to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this year's United Way campaign. The festivities will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday (Dec. 13) in the McFall Center Gallery.

The campaign will continue until Dec. 31. Donations can be sent to JoAnn Kroll, campaign manager, 360 Saddleire Building.

Tech grants awarded campuswide

University technology grants have been awarded to about 120 faculty and staff members with creative ideas for using technology.

The grant program is designed to encourage use of the infrastructure being built via BGsupernet.

A listing of grant categories and recipients is on the Web at www.bgsu.edu/bgsupernet, under "Progress Report."

in memory

Sidney Stone, 93, professor emeritus of speech communication, died Nov. 25 in Bowling Green.

He joined the faculty in 1944 and was instrumental in obtaining operating licenses for WBGU-TV. He retired from BGSU in 1976.

Suzanne B. Emery, 55, died Nov. 29 in Bowling Green.

She had taught children's literature and composition at the University for the past 16 years.

A. I. "Ink" Milliron, 67, died Dec. 1 in Perrysburg.

He retired in 1988 as director of management support services after 30 years with the University.