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New library dean comes to BGSU by way of South Africa

Lorraine J. Haricombe, associate dean for the public service division of Northern Illinois University Libraries, has been named dean of libraries and learning resources. The appointment is effective at the end of June.

As dean, Haricombe will oversee 23 full-time faculty, 80 full-time staff members, 250 part-time student staff members, and collections totaling to more than two million volumes.

Haricombe has served as associate dean at Northern Illinois since 1998. The prior six years she was head of the circulation department at NIU and was involved in library and statewide initiatives to prepare libraries for emerging changes in the profession, including initiatives to serve regional distance education centers. From 1973-86, she was library director at Peninsula Technikon in the Republic of South Africa.

Haricombe received a bachelor’s degree and a graduate degree from the University of the Western Cape in the Republic of South Africa and a diploma in higher education from the University of South Africa. She earned both her master’s degree and doctorate in library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.


Leadership society inducts new members

Two alumni—one a BGSU staff member and the other a county official—a faculty member and a number of students have been tapped for membership into the BGSU circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the most prestigious collegiate leadership honor society in the nation.

They were inducted during ceremonies held April 6.

The new members include BGSU alumni Alan Mayberry, Wood County prosecuting attorney; Janet Parks, student manager; and Paul Krebs, director of intercollegiate athletics.

Mayberry received his bachelor’s degree in political science at BGSU in 1975 and his law degree at the University of Toledo in 1978. He was named Wood County assistant prosecuting attorney in 1980 and was promoted a year later to chief assistant prosecuting attorney; a position he held until being elected to his current post for the first time in 1988.

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Latino Issues Conference looks at nation

New York Daily News columnist Juan Gonzalez, winner of the 1990 George Polk Award in journalism, will keynote the seventh annual Latino Issues Conference to be held Thursday (April 23) in 101 Olscamp Hall.

Gonzalez will discuss “A History of Latinos in America.”

The day-long event will feature lectures and panel discussions related to the theme “A Profile of Our America.”

Sponsors of the conference include the Latino Student Union, University Activities Organization, Multicultural Activities, Latino Cultural Arts Committee, JUNTOs, Sigma Lambda Delta international fraternity, Office of Student Affairs, the Latino Networking Committee and Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority.

Admission is free but there is a charge for lunch. For reservations to attend, call 2-2642. See Monitor online for more details on the conference.

Transformation Project team members Michelle Clossick, center, project coordinator, and Deidra Bennett (right), victim advocate, meet with Women’s Center Director Mary Krueger (left).

Transformation Project begins

Victim advocate to serve students, staff

BGSU’s Transformation Project, aimed at stopping violence against women, has taken two big steps forward with the recent addition of two staff members. Michelle Clossick is the project coordinator, and Deidra Bennett is the victim advocate. Within a few weeks the third person in the project, the community educator, is expected to be in place as well, said Mary Krueger, director of the Women’s Center.

Bowing Green’s project is the only one in Ohio and one of 20 nationwide to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Justice this year to address violence against women on college campuses. BGSU is also unusual in that it is the only project committed to providing equal attention to employees as students, according to Krueger, the author of $400,000, two-year grant.

“I believe this project has the single biggest potential of any initiative to change the climate for women at BGSU with the exception of the creation of the Women’s Center,” Clossick said.

Overall climate change—a change in the ingrained culture of fear and the threat of violence against women—is the transformation the title refers to, the three said. The goal is to change individual lives through education and intervention, to hold perpetrators accountable and to help guide institutional policies.

Education will focus on stopping the “blame the victim” attitude that still prevails even among young women. Krueger said, and emphasizing accountability in the form of male offenders and appropriate consequences for them.

Krueger said the Office of Human Resources has given “incredible support” for the project. Rebecca Ferguson, assistant vice president for human resources, and BGSU Police Officer Anthony Detson have participated in the quarterly training required by the grant.

In her role as advocate, Bennett is available to any student or employee who has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking at any time, whether immediately after the incident or years later. A licensed social worker, she has a strong background in victim advocacy, having worked as a clinical therapist with victims of violence and with the YWCA Batterer’s Wife and Children in Toledo and at a number of other agencies.

It is important for women to know they need not be interested in bringing charges against their assailant or in getting involved in the legal system to use her services, Bennett said. She is available for everything from crisis intervention in the aftermath of an assault to simply talking with victims. For those who do choose to pursue legal or civil avenues, she will accompany them as they desire. She is very familiar with all the legal and medical resources available to victims and works closely with Behavioral Connections in Bowling Green to provide advocacy for their clients who are affiliated with the University. Confidentiality is strictly maintained, she said.

Contact Bennett at 2-2190 or deidrab@bgsu.bgsu.edu. Her office is in 103-A Hanna Hall.

Clossick, a social worker, is already familiar with the Bowling Green campus, having been an instructor in family and consumer sciences and coordinator of the Partnerships for Community Action project called Peace, a domestic violence study; She has also worked in marriage and family therapy.

Contact her at 2-7253 or mclclose@bgsu.bgsu.edu. Her office is in 106 Hanna Hall.
Monday, April 9
Board of Trustees, 2:15 p.m., McFall Assembly Room. Pre-
ceded by reception for faculty
awarded tenure and promotion.
1:30 p.m. in McFall Gallery.

Tuesday, April 10
Affirmative Directions Se-
rices, "Defending Diversity as an
Education Value," with Patricia
Gurin, psychology and women's studies
at the University of
Michigan, 1:30 p.m., Pullister
Conference Room, Jerome Li-
been.

Center for Teaching, Learn-
ing and Technology Workshop,
"Teaching as Scholarship: What
Counts as Evidence," 3-4:30
p.m. To register contact Jane
Thompson at 2-6098 or jcthomps@bgne.bgsu.edu.

BSU Graduate String
Quartet, 8 p.m., Bryan Rectal
Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, April 11
Conference, "Envisioning
Local Responses to Violence
Against Women," 8 a.m.-4 p.m.,
101 Olscamp Hall. Sponsored
by the Center for Policy Analysis
and Public Service, Partnerships
for Community Action, the
Criminal Justice Coordinating
Council and the history
department.

Wednesday, April 11
BSU Student Concert, 8 p.m.,
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore
Musical Arts Center.

BSG.U Graduate String
Quartet, 8 p.m., Bryan Rectal
Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, April 12
Student Composers' Forum,
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and conducted numerous re-
search projects in the areas of
sexist language, gender issues in
sport, and career development and
job satisfaction in sport
management.

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