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Master plan designed to streamline move-in process

As any parent who has ever taken his or her child to college knows, move-in day can be a logistical nightmare. To avert the traditional four-mile back-ups on I-75 and long waits in line, BGSU is implementing an extensive master plan to move traffic smoothly and organize the process. Move-in weekend is Aug. 25-26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Approximately 6,100 students are expected to arrive over the two-day period. To alleviate some of the crowding, fraternity and sorority leaders are being allowed to move in on Friday, which subgroups about 700 students from the total. Athletes, band members and several other groups are on campus already.

Key to the plan is that cars may only enter campus from I-75, no matter from which direction they are coming, said Jeff Waple, associate director of residence life for Greek affairs, one of the architects of the plan. Last year, he and Bryan Benner, associate vice president for finance and administration, observed the move-in and decided the process needed improvements. They have worked all year on revising the plan.

The result is a color-coded series of five routes tied to the respective residence halls that drivers will follow, aided by a large contingent of University and city police and state highway patrolmen. At the halls, 1,200 University volunteers from the Greek organizations, the Gospel Choir, the First Year Experience Program, the SMART Program, the UPAS Program, faculty and staff, will help move students into their rooms.

"There will be a one-way traffic pattern in which routes will never cross," Waple said. This is an important factor in avoiding the gridlock and some of the resulting hostilities that have arisen in the past, he said. Officers using walkie-talkies will regulate the flow of traffic onto campus.

Several street closings and one-way-only changes are included in the plan. Merry Avenue will be closed between Thurstin Avenue and North College Drive. The remainder of Merry Avenue and Stadium Drive will be one way going west.

At the residences, volunteer crews will help unload cars and whisk arriving students’ belongings up to their floors, where they will check in. Parents will then park their cars in specially designated, close-by lots and return to help with setting up their students’ room.

What does all this mean for University employees who must work that weekend? First, there will be no parking in the lots designated for moving-in families. Cars parked there will be towed, Waple said. Instead, the planners are asking that employees park in lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 12 and 16, and A and G. Shuttle service will be provided to get employees to work.

These two days are not about us, they’re about making parents happy and making it as easy as possible for them to move their children in. We should be willing to put up with a bit of inconvenience on these days for their sake," Waple said.

Volunteers will be given meals throughout the day, provided by University Dining Services. Water and beverage stations will be set up in each hall as well for thirsty movers.

Report phone moves, changes

The University’s new telephone switch has arrived, and beginning Friday (Aug. 24), information will be programmed into the switch in preparation for the transition to the new phone system Oct. 11-14.

The campus community can help ease the process by reporting any known telephone moves or changes to Cathy Lowry (279-2263) as soon as possible. This includes any phone moves or changes that are planned after the freeze date of Sept. 5 and prior to the Oct. 11 start date for the transition to the new phone system.

Moves or changes that are received before Sept. 5, and related to buildings and offices that have already been wired by the infrastructure project, will be programmed into the new switch before the October cutover.

Move or changes reported (Continued)
**Farewell to retirees**

A number of valued University employees have retired since the end of last year. The University wishes them much happiness in their future lives.

- Classified staff who left the University in January are: Ilia White, finance department, hired 1976; Tina Martini, Registration and Records, hired 1973; Nancy Myers, theatre department, hired 1968; Joan Conrad, American culture studies, hired 1976; Joan Eckhardt, hired 1972 and Della Spangler, hired 1979, both Libraries and Learning Resources.

- Retiring in February were: Judy Johns, WBGU-TV, hired 1966; Josie Vollmar, dining services, hired 1974; Janet Swartzlander, geology; hired 1961; Christine Sexton, Tucker Center for Communications, hired 1966, and Raymund Yhanes, facilities services, hired in 1972.

- Those who retired in March were: Jacqueline Instone, College of Musical Arts, hired in 1976; Barbara Close, dining services, hired in 1968, and John King, Libraries and Learning Resources, hired in 1973.

- Retiring in April were: Kyung-Soon Yoon, biological sciences, hired in 1979; Joanna Gillian, Marketing and Communications, hired in 1985; Rita Sigler, University Bookstore, hired in 1989, and John Castner, facilities services, hired in 1978.

- In May, those leaving included: Linda Rolf, College of Business Administration, hired in 1969; Nancy Heyman, hired in 1980, and Gail Wachtler, hired in 1979; both dining services, and Michael Malene, facilities services, hired in 1969.


- In July, retiring were: Ruth Ann Veysgerm, Division of Teaching and Learning, hired in 1984; James Hughes, Libraries and Learning Resources, hired in 1966; David Tracey, facilities services, hired in 1980, and Elaine Brents, Family and Consumer Sciences, hired in 1970.

- In August, those retiring are: Donna Johnson, dining services, hired in 1984; Doris Raye, space assignments, hired in 1976; Pamela Dunn, hired in 1988, and Donald Romaker, hired in 1971, both facilities services; Mary Ann Roach, biological sciences, hired in 1971, and John Parce, College of Arts and Sciences, hired in 1971.

- Several administrative staff members also retired.

- William Leutz, chief engineer at WBGU-TV, retired in January.

- John J. Buckennay, director of the University Bookstore, retired in May.

- Derek Dickinson, associate director for Field House operations, recreational sports, retired in June, as did E. Granbart, director of the Language Lab.

**Space assignments changes its name and expands its services**

The former Office of Space Assignments reports two changes, both related to its expanded role and slightly different focus when the renovated Bowen-Thompson Student Union opens in January.

First, it has a new name: Event Planning and Reservations.

Second, two people have been hired in place of Doris Rahe, former coordinator of space assignments, who retired this month.

Alice Fortney and Karen Weber are the union's new event planners. In addition to helping people reserve a space for meetings, conferences or other events in the union or in Ochse Hall, the two will consult with clients...

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**Job postings**

**FACULTY**


Contact Human Resources at 372-8931 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. Fridays. 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24.

Food Service Worker (C-71/72-Sb) — Dining Service (two positions). Pay grade 1. Nine-month, full time.

**Police Sergeant (C-70/VB)** — Public Safety (internal promotion). Pay grade 11.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**


Marketing Coordinator (S-01/070)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Administrative grade 12. Review of applications will begin Aug. 31 and continue until the position is filled.

Program Coordinator (S-01/069)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will begin Aug. 31 and continue until the position is filled.

**Phone changes**

Phone changes after Sept. 5 will be programmed into the switch as soon as possible. However, they may not be added until after Oct. 16, possibly with an accompanying interruption of phone service.

Additional moves or changes reported the week of Oct. 15—after the transition to the new phone system—will be tracked and programmed as the switch begins Oct. 22. This will allow for resolution of any issues that arise from the phone switch transition before resuming normal telephone service where moves or changes have occurred.

Efforts will be made to meet any requests for additional telephone wiring that result from requested phone moves or changes. However, completion cannot be guaranteed before the October cutover.