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Master plan designed to streamline move-in process

As any parent who has ever taken a 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, fraternities and sororities are being allowed to move in on Friday, which subtracts 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 two 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 improvement. 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 (2-7926) 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.

Moves or changes reported
(Continued)

PLA student LaTwila Ainsworth (right) reviews her portfolio with Barbara Toth (left), director of the Writers Lab, academic enhancement. Ainsworth, an incoming freshman from Detroit, Mich., was one of two winners of the Writer's Award for the session. She plans to major in English. "This year's group of students is really wonderful," Toth said after the four-week session.



PLA students get a jump start

The fall 2001 cohort of the President's Leadership Academy recently completed a four-week accelerated summer program on campus. The program is a bridge experience designed to ease the transition from high school to college while acclimating the 15 students to University life. The students attended three classes: writing, math and interpersonal communication—taught by Barbara Toth, Angela Calcamuggio and Alberto Gonzalez, respectively. They participated in community service and read and discussed a leadership book that will serve as the foundation for their leadership experiences at BGSU.

Social activities including trips to Cedar Point and the Detroit Institute of Art were also part of the program. Workshops such as study skills, time management, diversity and ethics were presented by University faculty and administrative staff. During the program, students acquired samples of their written and oral work, which will be used as benchmarks to measure gains in learning and leadership development over the course of their four years.

With the fall 2001 cohort, the total number of PLA students is 83. The inaugural PLA class of 15 seniors will graduate in May 2002.

An invitation to the BGSU community President to discuss shaping the character of learning in Opening Day Address

Educators today have an exciting opportunity to shape not only the intellect of their students, but their character as well. President Sidney Ribeau invites the entire campus community to attend his Opening Day Address on Friday (Aug. 24) to hear more about how we, as a community of learners, can help develop a new generation of citizens empowered by an appreciation for values, engaged by an insatiable intellectual curiosity and guided by a decided seriousness of purpose.

In keeping with his focus on making values exploration a critical component of the Bowling Green experience, President Ribeau will discuss academic and humanistic values embedded in the learning outcomes at BGSU and, in so doing, will explore our efforts to:

- Share uncommon visions
- Graduate critical thinkers
- Develop skilled communicators
- Demonstrate personal character and values
- Prepare principled citizens, and
- Unite in our common cause

Through the exploration of these issues, the president's Opening Day Address will inspire in us reflection regarding how we at BGSU are *Shaping the Character of Learning*, and in so doing, creating for our students what is truly a "higher education."

Come early for coffee and fellowship, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in 101 Olscamp Hall, followed by the address at 10 a.m.

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: Ila 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 1987; Christine Sexton, Tucker Center for Communications, hired 1966, and Raymundo Ybanes, facilities services, hired in 1970.

- Those who retired in March were: Jacqueline Instone, College of Musical Arts, hired in 1976; Barbara Loose, 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; Joann 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 Wachter, hired in 1979, both dining services, and Michael Malone, facilities services, hired in 1969.

- These classified employees retired in June: Danilda Lee, Libraries and Learning Resources, hired in 1964, and James Romaker, facilities services, hired in 1966.

- In July, retiring were: Ruth Ann Von Seggern, Division of Teaching and Learning, hired in 1984; Janet Hughes, Libraries and Learning Resources, hired in 1966; David Tracy, 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 Rahe, space assignments, hired in 1976; Pamela Dunn, hired in 1988, and Donald Romaker, hired 1971, both facilities services; Mary Ann Roach, biological sciences, hired in 1971, and JoAnne Parco, 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. Buckenmyer, director of the University Bookstore, retired in May.

- Derek Dickinson, associate director for Field House operations, recreational sports, retired in June, as did Erik F. Graubart, 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 Olscamp Hall, the two will consult with clients

to determine all their needs, from catering services to instructional media services to how best to arrange the room to facilitate the program.

"They will act as liaisons with all the major service providers on campus," according to Gale Swanka, associate director of the union. "They will guide them through all the steps necessary to plan their event. With the reopening of the union, we will have many services under our own roof, and we want to help people use them."

Until the union reopens, the union office is located in 215 South Hall.

To reserve a space, call either Fortney, at 2-2941, or Weber, at 2-2241, stop by the union office or visit the event-planning Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/union/space/index.html. There, a link will take users to the space request form, which may be filled out and submitted on line.

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campus calendar.....

Friday, Aug. 24

Opening Day Address, by President Sidney Ribeau, coffee and fellowship at 9:30 a.m., followed by the address at 10 a.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.

Sunday, Aug. 26

Convocation picnic for new students, 5-6:30 p.m. in front of Anderson Arena.

Monday, Aug. 27

Fall semester begins.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

Auditions for "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," to run Oct. 5-7, 9 and 20-21. Auditions begin at 6 p.m., 405 University Hall. For more information, call

2-2222. A BGSU Department of Theatre production.

Continuing events

August 21-23

Orientation & Registration for new students, 8 a.m.-11 p.m., campus-wide.

Aug. 28-Sept. 28

Art exhibits, "Personal Space: Twelve Contemporary Painters," Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery; and "Carrie Mac Weems: Mirrors and Windows," Willard Wankelman Gallery; Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

job postings.....

FACULTY

Computer Science. Assistant or associate professor (two positions). Call Julie Barnes, 2-8142. Deadline: Jan. 7, 2002.

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, 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24.

Food Service Worker (C-71/72-5b)—Dining Services (two positions). Pay grade 1. Nine-month, full time.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mathematics Specialist (M-072)—Academic Enhancement. Administrative grade 12. Deadline: Aug. 24.

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 (Continued)

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 into the switch beginning 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 can't be guaranteed before the October cutover.

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