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Course transfer system expands

With the help of a \$25,000 grant from the Ohio Board of Regents, BGSU will soon be able to expand its course applicability system (CAS), an online transfer-evaluation program, with new transfer-articulation software.

The University is one of nine institutions in the state to be awarded funding to expand its CAS system, said Sue Lau, associate director of records, registration and records. Bowling Green first received CAS funding in 1999, and entered Phase III of the program last summer.

Using CAS, students, both on and off campus, can determine whether their courses taken at another college or university will transfer to BGSU, view course descriptions and get information about academic programs at participating colleges and universities, maintain a list of their courses and grades and store their own planning guide. CAS can also help them plan their course schedules to insure that courses will apply should they decide to transfer, from a two-year to a four-year institution, for example.

"It gives students a lot more information to track as a prospective transfer student," said Rachel Schaeffer, assistant director of records for transfer evaluation.

Registration and records will arrange CAS training for University academic advisers as well as high school guidance counselors, who work with students taking post-secondary enrollment options program classes.

The funding will pay to implement the new software, which will automate some of the processes involved in putting course equivalency information online. It will also purchase some needed hardware and pay for training for employees who use it.

For schools with course equivalency information available, CAS will also save students' time coming to the office as they can simply log on to their computers for the information.

ITS will partner with registration and records in installing the new software, Lau said.

Lau predicted CAS will be a good recruiting tool as it enables students to see what Bowling Green has to offer and how its programs articulate with courses they may already have. It also should help students stay on track to graduate in a timely manner. This is becoming increasingly important to BGSU since so much of its state funding now comes in the form of Success Challenge grants, which are tied in part to timely graduation rates, she added.

Union opening is just around the corner

The opening of the new Bowen-Thompson Student Union is in sight, and preparations are proceeding on schedule, its coordinators say.

"We're looking at a Dec. 28 completion date, with occupancy sometime in early January," said Senior Project Architect Ray Buckholz, project manager for the union. Inspections by the fire marshal's office and other agencies are expected to begin this week. Buckholz anticipates an occupancy permit for early January, followed by the moving in of new furniture and equipment.

The openings of the various food operations will be phased in, including the first-floor café, pubs and food court. The order of opening has not been determined as yet, but "there will be dining options when the union opens," said Wanda Overland, assistant vice president and dean of students.

No one is more excited than the union staff itself, said Dave Crooks, union director. "We're looking forward to moving in."

Event planning and reservation staff Alice Fortney and Karen Weber have been taking reservations for union facilities beginning in mid-January, with back-up spaces arranged through February, Crooks said.

The renovated building will be nearly double its former size and will feature meeting rooms, an array of retail services, a post office, ATMs and banking services, several lounge areas, a movie theater/auditorium, ballroom and offices for student organizations and services.

It will be a contemporary gathering place and learning environment that will also provide new meeting space and programming options for businesses and community gatherings.



(Left to right) Betsy Bunner, Amy LaGesse and Jeanne Wright, all College of Health and Human Services, lead Bowling Green's AIDS/HIV education and training-evaluation projects.

BGSU leads state in AIDS/HIV education

For the last 12 years, the University's College of Health and Human Services has led the effort in educating Ohio's college and university students about HIV and AIDS. The goal of "AIDS Education in Ohio Colleges and Universities" is to encourage other colleges and universities to provide students with relevant information about AIDS and the role of higher education. The effort is one of prevention and empowerment: to reduce the risk of HIV among students and to ensure their appreciation of their role in fighting AIDS.

Funded in part by a \$36,290 grant from the Ohio Department of Health, the project was the brainchild of HHS Dean Clyde Willis, who was prompted to action by the alarming statistics on young people infected with HIV.

"The Ohio Department of Health was interested in developing programs to help prevent the spread of infection and were impressed with the class that Bowling Green had developed for its students," Willis said.

Willis was the principal investigator for the grant, which was awarded to develop educational materials such as model curricula and videotapes. The materials are made available to each Ohio institution of higher education, free to public institutions and for a nominal fee to private ones. They are disseminated via one coordinating institution for each of the five regions in the state.

The University has a long history of leading-edge AIDS education. Its first course on

HIV was offered in 1989, which was unusual at the time. Class speakers then and now include individuals who are HIV positive. Soon thereafter Willis began pooling resources with other Ohio universities that offered some sort of AIDS education program, and the statewide project was born.

But the road has not been entirely smooth. Program Director Betsy Bunner said, "Getting the general university population concerned about HIV has its challenges. There is no cure for HIV, but new treatments and slowing death rates have people thinking you just need to get treatment and you'll be okay. Though it is not the death sentence that it once was, living with HIV is not easy—physically, emotionally or financially. Most students who take one of our courses on HIV see things differently afterwards."

Since its inception, the program has completed three distinct stages, in which materials were produced, conferences were held and a videoconferencing network was established. In recent years, the project has hosted a statewide conference on HIV prevention education for nurses, social workers, counselors, health educators, chemical dependency counselors and educators.

"This grant has resulted in the expansion of our HIV/AIDS programming. Betsy Bunner, Jeanne Wright, Lisa Reece and Amy LaGesse are now involved in a new grant to develop and implement an evaluation plan

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campus calendar.....

Tuesday, Nov. 27

CDFR Speaker Series, "What Kind of Race and Ethnicity Data Should We Collect?" with David Harris, University of Michigan, 11:30-12:45 p.m., 1011 Business Administration Building.

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

Literary Caravan, three Asian-American authors conduct readings of their work, 115 Olscamp Hall.

Jazz Lab Band II, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Open Forum, Code of Student Conduct, discussions for faculty, staff and students, 9-10 p.m., 219 Olscamp Hall. Another session will be held Dec. 5. Read the code at www.bgsu/offices/sa/judicial/code.html.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Passing the Gift: The Heifer Project," helping communities overcome poverty through the gift of farm animals, noon-1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

ICS Presentation, "Building an Interpretive Repertoire in the Visual Arts," with ICS Fellow Rosalie Politsky, art, 5-5:50 p.m., 1101 Fine Arts Building.

Speaker, attorney Rebecca Kiessling on abortion rights from the perspective of one whose conception resulted from an assault, 7 p.m., 1007 Business Administration Building.

Faculty Artist Series, Kevin Schempf, clarinet, and Laura Melton, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Presentation, "The Songs of Sappho," with Paula Saffire, Butler University, 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., 217 Olscamp Hall. Sponsored by the Department of Romance Languages.

PCA Presentation Series, "Virtual News Six," presented by Pat Booth, NWOET Foundation, Tanya Dumova, School of Communication Studies, and Judith Lee, Grand Rapids Elementary, noon-1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

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

Workshop, "Sexual Harassment Prevention," 1:30-3 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library. Pre-registration is not necessary. A sign-in sheet will confirm attendance. Spon-

sored by the Office of Equity, Diversity and Immigration Services.

International Film Series, "Brat (Brother)," (1997, Russia), 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

Poetry Reading, Richard Messer reads from *Murder in the Family*, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel. Sponsored by the Creative Writing Program, Mid-American Review, and the English Department.

Jazz Lab Band I, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, Nov. 30

Mini-conference, "Communication Students Confront the Crisis," showcasing student work about Sept. 11, 2:30-5 p.m., 121 West Hall.

Holiday Concert, with the Collegiate Chorale, Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus, directed by Mark Munson and William Skoog, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Young People's Concert, "All Dem Bones," featuring the Trombone Choir, 11 a.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, available at the door.

Sunday, Dec. 2

Opening Reception, 52nd Annual Faculty/Staff Art Exhibition, 3-5 p.m., Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. The show will run Dec. 4-Jan. 25, 2002.

Continuing Events

Through Dec. 2

BGSU Theatre Production, "The Skin of Our Teeth," Dec. 1 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 2 at 2 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. For reserved seats, call 2-2719.

Through Dec. 4

Planetarium Show, "Lunar Odyssey: The Moon for One and All," at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 7:30 p.m. on Sundays, BGSU Planetarium. \$1 donation suggested.

AIDS/HIV

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for all ODH-funded HIV-prevention projects in Ohio," Willis said.

BGSU received \$50,000 in 2000 to begin work on this project, another \$100,000 this year, and anticipates an additional \$150,000 in 2002 to complete the evaluations.

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General Studies Writing Program. Instructor (10 positions). Call Donna Nelson-Beene, 2-7885. Deadline: Jan. 11, 2002.

Graduate College. Dean. Call Clyde Willis, 2-8243, or Sue Green, 2-9904. Deadline: Feb. 1, 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, Nov. 30.

Administrative Secretary 1 (C-161-Sb)—Student Affairs. Pay grade 8.

Automotive Mechanic 3 (C-149-Va) Facilities Services/Grounds. Pay grade 10.

Custodial Worker Team Leader (C-159-Sb)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Pay grade 4.

Custodial Worker (C-152-Sb)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union (seven positions). Pay grade 2.

Custodial Worker (C-160-Sb)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Pay Grade 2. Twelve-month, part time.

Secretary 1 (C-164-Sb)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Pay grade 6.

• Deadline for employees to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7:

Mover 2 (C-166-Vb)—Inventory Management. Pay grade 5.

• The following positions are being advertised on and off campus. Note the respective deadlines.

Nov. 30, 1 p.m.—
Administrative Assistant 1 (C-163-Sb)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Pay Grade 8.

Cashier 1 (C-141-Vb)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 3. Academic year, part time.

Food Service Worker (C-142/143-Sb)—University Dining Services-Catering (two positions). Pay grade 1. Nine-month, part time.

Parking Facilities Attendant (C-144-Sb)—Parking and Traffic. Pay grade 3. Academic year, part time.

Secretary 1 (C-145-Sb)—Department of Physics and Astronomy. Pay grade 6. Academic year, part time.

Student Services Counselor (C-162-Sb)—Student Financial Aid. Pay grade 7. Twelve-month, part time.

Dec. 7, 1 p.m.—
Account Clerk 2 (C-167-Vb)—BGSU Foundation. Pay grade 6.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Bookstore Director (M-096)—University Bookstore. Administrative grade 18. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Director of Residence Life (residential neighborhoods) (S-093)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Psychologist (S-097)—Counseling Center. Administrative grade 14 for non-licensed and 17 for licensed. Deadline: Nov. 27.

Director of Promotions/Public Relations (M-104)—Television Services/WBGU-TV. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: Nov. 30.

Program Coordinator (S-01/069)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union (re-advertised). Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will begin Nov. 30 and continue until the position is filled.

Manager of Media, Instructional Television and Editor (M-107)—Northwest Ohio Education Television. Administrative grade 13. Deadline: Dec. 14.

Associate Director (M-105)—Center for Applied Technology; Large Format Digital Imaging Division of NISDM. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: Dec. 18.

Laboratory Manager (M-106)—Center for Applied Technology; Large Format Digital Imaging Division of NISDM. Administrative grade 13. Deadline: Dec. 18.

Manager (S-079)—University Dining Services. Administrative grade 12. Review of applications will begin Dec. 21 and continue until the position is filled.

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