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Fee waiver benefit expanded
to include new group of children

The University's fee waiver policy, which provides fee waiver benefits for full-time employees and for their children and for cohabitant spouse after five years of full-time service, was amended at the December meeting of the Board of Trustees to cover employees' children who do not qualify as dependents under IRS regulations but who nevertheless receive support from the employee/parent.

Dr. Richard Eakin, executive vice provost for planning and budgeting, said the change was made to keep the fee waiver policy consistent with recently modified provisions in the University's insurance program.

Only the first paragraph of the "Spouse/Child" section of the policy, which is included in all faculty, classified and contract staff handbooks, has been amended, and the text of that paragraph follows:

Spouse/Child

The CHILD OR CHILDREN AND/OR COHABITANT SPOUSE of a full-time employee, including faculty and Civil Service (or local equivalent of Civil Service), and employees of the Department of Aerospace Studies and Military Science, who has completed five years of full-time service at Bowling Green State University, may enroll without payment of the instructional fee either as a full-time or as a part-time student at the University, on the campus or at any off-campus branch or center, provided that (1) the individual is eligible to be considered a personal exemption under the provision of Section 151 of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) in the case of a NATURAL OR ADOPTED CHILD WHO IS NOT CLAIMED BY THE EMPLOYEE FOR FEDERAL TAX PURPOSES UNDER IRS REGULATIONS, THAT THE EARNINGS OF SUCH CHILD ARE LESS THAN $1,000 IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR AND THE EMPLOYEE/PARENT PROVIDES $1,200 OR MORE OF SUPPORT IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR. AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO CERTIFY IN A NOTARIZED STATEMENT THAT THE ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS ARE MET UNDER PROVISION (2). The general fee and other course fees or charges will be paid by the student.

Eakin stressed that the amendment changes only the fee waiver benefit for employees' children who cannot be claimed as a dependent for federal tax purposes. The benefits for all others remain unchanged.

"We have expanded the fee waiver privilege to include those children who are supported by an employee/parent but for some reason cannot be claimed as a dependent for IRS purposes," Eakin said, adding that those children who receive the expanded fee waiver benefit, however, must have earnings less than $1,000 per year and receive at least $1,200 a year in support from the employee/parent.

Rec Center offers spring memberships

Faculty and staff who have made the resolution to get in shape or stay in shape in 1983 are reminded that spring semester memberships to the Student Recreation Center are available now.

The Rec Center office is open this week (Jan. 3-7) from noon to 5 p.m. daily. The office will observe extended hours the following week (Jan. 10-14) when memberships may be purchased anytime between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. The office also will be open on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A spring semester membership can be purchased for $39, with the spouse then eligible to join for only $19.50. Children under 18 are admitted free under the family plan. The special Limited Fitness Ticket (LIFT) is available for $19.50 for the semester.

Faculty and staff who purchased an academic year membership last fall also are reminded that their cards must be validated in the Rec Center office with a spring semester sticker. All family members' cards should be taken to the office for validation as soon as possible.

Affirmative action officer appointed

Suzanne Crawford has been named to a three-year appointment as the University's affirmative action officer.

Crawford, a staff member since 1974, has been acting director of equal opportunity compliance during the past year.

In her new post, which reports directly to the president, Crawford will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the University's affirmative action plan, strengthening communications between Bowling Green and governmental agencies, and serving as an advocate for women and minorities on campus. She also will prepare affirmative action reports for external and internal use.

Prior to being named to her present position, she served four years as director of the University's Center for Continued Learning.

A 1960 graduate of the University of Illinois, she received a master's degree in guidance and counseling in 1962 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. From 1962-65 she was assistant dean of students at Rhode Island College and served as assistant dean of women at the University of Kansas from 1965-66. She was named associate director of Bowling Green's Center for Continued Learning in 1974.
Staff cited for long-term service

Employees who have completed their fifth, 10th, 15th, 20th and 25th years at the University were honored for their special contributions to Bowling Green at the annual staff awards presentation Dec. 8 in the Strawberry Patch of Harshman Quadrangle.

Receiving 25-year awards, including watches and certificates, were James Adler, superintendent of the electrical shop; Bernard College of Education earns state approval

The College of Education recently won state approval of its teacher-training programs by the State Board of Education based on the recommendation of a review team which visited the campus last May.

The 13-member team issued eight commendations for excellence to the college, which was evaluated to see whether it has conformed with the new Ohio standards for teacher-training institutions which became effective in 1980.

The only citation was issued to the Bowling Green program in the area of field experiences provided in urban school settings. Additional urban sites have been added to the program as a result.

Foundation Board elect new officers

The Bowling Green State University Foundation Inc., which seeks and manages private gifts to the University, has elected officers for 1982-83.

Barry P. Walsh, director of management services at Arthur Young Co. in Toledo and a 1962 graduate of the University, is the new president.

William R. Bittner of Westfield Center, a 1954 Bowling Green graduate, has been elected first vice president, and H. Ann Greene of Bryan, a 1949 graduate, was elected vice president. Bittner is affiliated with CLU & Associates in Medina, and Greene is vice president of Wilco Machine and Tool Co. in Bryan. Elected treasurer was Harold O. Davis of Toledo, a 1956 graduate of the University and vice president-treasurer of the Toledo Blade Co. Richard A. Edwards, vice president for University relations, was chosen secretary.

New members of the Foundation board, who will serve four-year terms, include Richard J. Bauer of Toledo; William J. Lloyd of West Unity; Roger Vail of Bowling Green, and Michael R. Wilcox of Toledo. Bowling Green attorney Evelyn Reddin has been elected to a one-year board term.