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Programs receive excellence awards

Two of the University's top programs will become even better thanks to awards announced May 11 by Gov. Richard Celeste.

The departments of chemistry and psychology, both in the College of Arts and Sciences, are the recipients of more than a quarter of a million dollars in Program Excellence Awards, funded by the state legislature to recognize and reward high quality academic programs at state-assisted educational institutions.

The chemistry department, chaired by Douglas Neckers, will receive \$169,000 which will be used to enhance undergraduate research programs and the instructional program in biochemistry. The department also plans to offer an honors seminar for undergraduates on the implications of chemistry for the contemporary society.

The department of psychology, chaired by Donald DeRosa, will receive \$112,000 to purchase specialized equipment and microcomputers to develop laboratory experiences in psychology courses.

Commenting on the University's success in the competitive awards program, President Olscamp said, "To win one award is good, but to receive two awards is outstanding."

Bowling Green received two of 22 Program Excellence Awards, created with a \$3 million appropriation from the state legislature as part of the 1983-85 biennial budget. The awards program was coordinated by the Ohio Board of Regents.

Of 131 proposals for funding submitted by the state's universities, Bowling Green had five entries among the final 39. In addition to chemistry and psychology those finalists included the accounting department and the creative writing and elementary teaching programs. The University had submitted seven programs for possible Program Excellence Awards.

Among the factors considered by the regents in making the awards were program quality, including the quality of the curriculum, students, faculty and supporting resources and services, and external assessments of program quality, such as performance of graduates on tests in major fields and follow-up studies of graduates conducted by the institution.

The department of biological sciences also had been among 24 semifinalists for one of nine \$500,000 Ohio Eminent Scholars Program grants funded by the legislature. Recipients of the Eminent Scholar awards also were announced May 11 by the governor.

Statewide, Program Excellence Awards were granted to the University of Cincinnati (4), Cincinnati Technical College (1), Hocking Technical College (4), Kent State University (2), Miami University (3), Ohio State University (2), Ohio University (3) and Wright State University (1).

The Eminent Scholar Awards went to the University of Akron (1), University of Cincinnati (3), Ohio State University (4) and Ohio University (1).

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees paved the way for more extensive use of computers by students, faculty and staff at its May 11 meeting.

The board approved allocating funds to equip eight residence halls with microcomputer centers for the coming academic year and authorized the University to participate in a Microcomputer Purchase Plan for faculty, staff and students.

The board approved the installation of \$10,000 in computer equipment in each of Kohl, Founders and Harshman residence halls; \$52,500 in equipment in Kreisler Quadrangle; \$22,500 in equipment in both McDonald and Rodgers halls; \$19,500 in equipment for Conklin Hall and \$36,800 in equipment for Offenbauer towers.

The funds will come from residence hall reserves.

Through the purchase plan authorized by the trustees, microcomputers will be available for purchase at a sizeable discount for personal use by faculty, staff and students. Purchase agreements are to be negotiated with both Apple and IBM for specific hardware and software which the vendors will supply at a discount.

Additional vendors may be added to the list if agreements can be negotiated.

In other business the trustees approved emeritus appointments for three faculty in the College of Education who will retire before the beginning of the 1984-85 year: Stewart Berry, educational foundations and inquiry; Joyce Myles, educational curriculum and instruction, and Jim Ruehl, health, physical education and recreation and director of the Ice Arena.

The board also granted tenure to 23 faculty and approved promotions in rank for 37 faculty. Also approved were miscellaneous auxiliary budgets for 1984-85 totaling \$9.2 million.

Board officers for the current year were re-elected to a second term. Robert Ludwig of Marion continues as president; M. Shad Hanna of Bowling Green begins a second year as vice president, and Philip Mason, assistant to the president, continues as secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The trustees commended Charles E. Shanklin of Milford Center for his 15 years of service to the Board. The May 11 meeting was his last as a member of the Board.

Noting Shanklin's long affiliation with Bowling Green which began when he enrolled as an undergraduate in 1947, Ludwig said, "Chuck Shanklin is an institution all by himself at this University."

The President's Report. . .

President Olscamp told members of the Board of Trustees May 11 that summer session registration appears to be slightly higher than that of a year ago.

Registrations as of May 4 totaled 3,965, compared to 3,595 on that same date in 1983.

Dr. Olscamp also told the trustees that the enrollment outlook for fall remains optimistic. The estimated size of the new freshman class is 3,235. Approximately 400 new transfer students also are expected to enter the University this fall.

The number of graduate student applications received as of April 30 was up two percent from the same date in 1983.

The 1984-85 budget situation also was outlined for the trustees by Dr. Olscamp, who said budget planning will not be completed until after the state legislature acts on a capital appropriations bill.

"Late in May, the Ohio General Assembly will consider a capital appropriations bill which is expected to include an allowance for instructional equipment," he said. "University budget planning for 1984-85 has assumed funding from the legislature for vital equipment needs. If equipment needs are not met by

the General Assembly, present tentative budget recommendations for 1984-85 will have to be reconsidered to provide for the most critical equipment needs within expected income levels."

Dr. Olscamp added, however, that if the governor does not sign a capital bill in June, the University "will be forced to bring forward a budget based upon our assumptions about what the bill will finally contain."

He noted that he has received budget recommendations from the University and Faculty Senate budget committees and is in the process of reviewing those.

Commenting on the Role and Mission Statement recently approved by Faculty Senate, Dr. Olscamp said, "The statement will be presented for consideration by the full Board of Trustees after the necessary 15-class day waiting period. I fully support it because I believe it is the most important and well-justified policy change in the academic sphere for this University in the last 15 years."

Dr. Olscamp also told the trustees that the University has continued to hold its National Direct Student Loan default rate to 2.27 percent, despite a national average of 10.5 percent and a state average of 16.8 percent.

He noted that renovations are underway again in West Hall. Asbestos removal work has been completed on the first, second and third floors of the building. All asbestos is expected to be removed from the basement by the end of May.

He also reported that work on a new 174-foot microwave transmission tower behind the WBGU-TV studio is nearly complete. The \$120,000 tower was built by the Ohio Dept. of Administrative Services and the Ohio Educational Broadcasting Network and will serve as a major link in a statewide data transmission network in addition to upgrading OEBNC's educational television network, of which WBGU-TV is a member.

Faculty & Staff Presentations

Harold Rowe, educational administration and supervision, was the keynote speaker and a consultant for a one-day seminar sponsored by the Behavior, Attitudes and Self-Concept programs March 22 in Dallas, Tex. His keynote address was entitled "The Keeper of the Dream."

Steven Russell and Ellen Williams, special education, presented "Teachers of the Behaviorally Disordered: Discrepancies between Training and Perceived Needs" at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association April 25 in New Orleans.

Undergraduate Council

Undergraduate Council continued its discussion of general education requirements at the May 2 meeting.

As a point of clarification it was noted that the approved University policy will be to require a minimum of one course in each of four functional understandings (humanities and the arts; natural sciences; social and behavioral sciences; foreign language and multi-cultural studies), with a total of eight courses required from the recently approved general education core.

Council went on record as recommending, however, that students complete a minimum of two courses from each of the four functional understandings.

The recommendation will be conveyed to all incoming students, although Faculty Senate must vote upon the requirements early next fall before they can be

mandated University-wide.

In other business at the final meeting of the academic year, Eloise Clark, vice president for academic affairs, said the Council's request to amend the charter concerning selection of a Council secretary has been routed to the Senate Executive Committee and to the Senate's Amendments and Bylaws Committee. It has been requested that the Council secretary be a non-elected, non-voting person.

The first summer meeting of Undergraduate Council was scheduled for June 13 in the Taft Room of the University Union. Evron Collins, library, co-chair of the Undergraduate Education Subcommittee of the Role and Mission Committee, will coordinate a presentation on the goals set by that subcommittee for undergraduate education at the University.

Classified Staff Advisory Committee

The Classified Staff Advisory Committee commended the University for its recognition of employees who have accumulated 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service when the CSAC met May 9.

A memo from Karl Vogt, vice president for operations, dealing with the CSAC's recommendation that the University's

Supplemental Retirement Program be extended to classified staff also was reviewed. CSAC has recommended that classified staff who retire before the age of 70 be given the option of working 59 days each year until they reach age 70 as a supplement to PERS retirement benefits. Dr. Vogt has requested input from area directors on the merit and cost-effectiveness of the proposed retirement program.

CSAC also discussed the current procedure for filing an employee grievance. A subcommittee chaired by Iva Hillard, custodial services (2-2162) is currently reviewing the grievance procedure. Recommendations have been made to more clearly describe the process and include appropriate forms in the *Classified Staff Handbook*. Additional input on the grievance process should be directed to Hillard.

Diane Whitmire, public relations (2-2716), reported on progress made in obtaining a benefits package for permanent part-time employees. A proposed package mutually acceptable to the CSAC subcommittee which she has chaired and the Office of the Vice President for Operations will be forwarded to the president's Administrative Council for consideration.

It was noted that a separate subcommittee is currently revising the CSAC bylaws, which will be distributed to all classified staff in the fall.

Several vacancies on the CSAC also must be filled by fall. New members will be selected to serve three-year terms from among applicants submitting letters of interest this summer. The vacancies and procedures for application will be posted in *MONITOR* later this summer.

Monitor is published weekly for faculty and staff of Bowling Green State University. The deadline to submit material for the next issue, Monday, May 28, is 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 22.

Employment Opportunities

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Indicates that an internal candidate from the department is bidding and being considered for the position.

NEW VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date: 5 p.m. Monday, May 28, 1984

5-28-1 **Clerk 1**
Pay Range 2
Plant Operations and Maintenance

5-28-2 **Maintenance Repair Worker 2**
Pay Range 5
Student Recreation Center

CONTINUING VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date: 5 p.m. Monday, May 21, 1984

5-21-1 ***Cashier 1**
Pay Range 3
Bursar's Office

5-21-2 **Custodial Worker**
Pay Range 2
Ice Arena

5-21-3 **Secretary 1**
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Library Science

Faculty/Staff Positions

The following faculty positions are available:

Firelands: Instructor, manufacturing/machine design technology. Contact Algalee Adams (93-229). Deadline: May 29, 1984

Management: Instructor. Contact Chan Hahn (2-2946). Deadline: June 15, 1984

Mathematics and Statistics: Assistant professor. Contact Vijay Rohatgi (2-2636). Deadline (extended): Jan. 21, 1985

Physics and Astronomy: Visiting assistant professor. Contact Robert Boughton (2-2421). Deadline: June 15, 1984

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Athletics: Assistant basketball coach. Contact chair, Search and Screening Committee (2-2401). Deadline: June 8, 1984. Also, head women's basketball coach. Contact chair, Search and Screening Committee (2-2401). Deadline: June 15, 1984

In Brief

COMPUTER BITS

University Computer Services now has an APPLE Macintosh available in 128 Math-Science Bldg. for use by any faculty, staff and graduate students. The system can be accessed from noon Monday to 8 p.m. Thursday each week.

The Macintosh can also be reserved for individual at-home use at no cost on weekends during the summer. The system can be picked up in 128 Math-Science between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Friday and returned between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Monday. A University I.D. must be shown when the system is picked up. MacWrite and MacPaint software are available for use with the system.

To reserve the Macintosh contact the on-duty consultant in 128 Math-Science, 372-2102. No one may reserve the system for more than one weekend during the summer.

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 30

The Memorial Day holiday will be observed on campus on Wednesday (May 30). Classes, however, will meet as usual on that day.

Only offices which absolutely must remain open should be staffed, and then only at minimal levels. Classified staff required to work will receive, in addition to holiday pay, special compensation for time worked according to holiday pay procedures.

Because of the holiday, the work hours for Friday (June 1) will be 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This schedule, combined with the normal summer work hours Monday through Thursday, will provide full-time classified staff with 32 hours of work and eight hours of holiday pay for the week of May 28.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE SET

The Office of Personnel Support Services has issued a reminder of the holiday schedule for the remainder of 1984, which is as follows:

July 4 (Wednesday) — Independence Day

Sept. 3 (Monday) — Labor Day

Nov. 12 (Monday) — Veterans' Day

Nov. 22 (Thursday) — Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 23 (Friday) — Reassignment of Presidents' Day floating holiday

Dec. 24 (Monday) — Reassignment of Columbus Day floating holiday

Dec. 25 (Tuesday) — Christmas Day

It should be noted in the above schedule that holidays which occur on a Sunday are observed the following Monday. Holidays which occur on a Saturday are observed the preceding Friday.

PAYCHECKS LATE

Because of the Memorial Day holiday to be observed on Wednesday (May 30), classified staff paychecks to be issued on Friday (June 1) will not be available for pick-up until 11 a.m. that day.

SENATE OFFICE SETS HOURS

The Faculty Senate office will observe the following summer hours, which deviate slightly from University summer hours:

Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, 7-11 a.m.

LIBRARY GUIDE AVAILABLE

A comparative guide to the Library of Congress and Dewey Decimal classification systems is now available through the cataloging department in the Jerome Library.

The 30-page guide, arranged by subject, covers a broad range of numbers in both classifications. It can be used in cataloging, collection assessment and as a reference tool.

The guide can be purchased for \$2.50 (to cover the costs of printing and handling) by contacting Gail J. Junion, cataloging department, Jerome Library. Checks should be made payable to the BGSU Library.