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Advice of task force heeded

University’s updated policy on smoking explained

A new policy that will limit smoking on campus has passed, thanks to President Olscamp. The policy was made after consultations with the Health Promotion Task Force, which has urged a smoke-free environment at the University.

The policy, which went into effect July 1, prohibits smoking in all residence hall eating, common and lounge areas. A policy in the University Union eating areas will be debated until Olscamp meets with the Union Advisory Committee in August.

In addition, Olscamp told working environment committees will be formed in major campus buildings this fall to consider extending smoking/non-smoking regulations to individual faculties.

As a result of the committee’s recommendations, Olscamp said he expects more buildings will have smoke-free environments, joining the nearly 1.4 buildings that already have no smoking policies. Several other buildings have restricted areas for smokers and non-smokers. "The choice will be made by the building occupants and I would hope that the working environment committees will contain a representation of faculty, administrative staff and classified staff," he said.

In addition to the no smoking order in residence hall dining, common and lounge areas, there is another major change in residence hall smoking regulations. The current policy that presumes smoking is not permitted in all residence hall rooms has been reversed. "Previously, students had to request a non-smoking room. Under the new policy all rooms will be non-smoking ones and students wanting to smoke will have to request smoking rooms," he said, adding that since surveys show the vast majority of students do not smoke, the change seems logical.

Permitting those students who smoke to request smoking rooms effectively meets the primary objection that students raised last spring, said Olscamp. A major student concern with the smoking ban proposal was that those students who did smoke could not do so in their rooms.

Last spring Undergraduate Student Government and Faculty Senate rejected a University-wide no smoking policy. The policy was approved, however, by Classified Staff Council and Administrative Staff Council. "Not everybody agreed last spring that a campus-wide no smoking policy was a good idea. However, there was agreement smoking represents a health hazard to non-smokers and the purpose of the new policy and the working environment committees is to meet those concerns but be more flexible about it," Olscamp said.

"If it were possible to have smoking areas in buildings, we would have them; but the air circulation and filtration systems do not permit that. The air circulating smoke is recirculated which results in non-smokers breathing smoke-filled air. We did not have the option of setting aside smoking areas," he explained.

"Bowling Green is dedicated to providing a safe and healthy environment for faculty, students and staff. The evidence shows a second-hand smoke and lung cancer. The purpose of this policy is to address the concerns of non-smokers, who represent the majority of people on campus, from smoking area," said Olscamp.

In addition, he pointed out, less smoking in campus buildings will help preserve operation of last year’s elevator fire caused by a lighted cigarette in Conklin Hall.

Olscamp said the new policy is intended to respect smokers but that the University views smoking a workplace health problem and wants to give special consideration to non-smokers whenever it is clear that they are being exposed unnecessarily to smoke.

The president asked for willingness understanding and patience from the campus community. "If we work together, we can make a major statement in our concerns about the health and safety of students, faculty and staff," Olscamp said. "I think it is worth doing and I invite everyone to join me in these efforts."

EDP Auditor suggests methods to prevent computer theft, data loss

Rich Peper is perplexed. He knows people lock their cars to protect them from theft but can’t understand why they don’t show the same concern for their computer systems and data files which may be even more valuable than a car.

"I walk by an office, the door is open, no one’s around and there’s a computer sitting on a table in plain view. Computers are heavy but I could take one with little trouble," said Peper, electronic data processing auditor for internal auditing. "As computer technology advances, systems get smaller which means they’re more portable and—more expensive to replace." While more than 25,000 non-university-owned computers are on campus, worth between $850 and $10,000 each, began to take notice when the number of computer thefts increased at the University last winter. While theft may not be immediately visible, the risk can be reduced.

As Peper pointed out, "Why not figure out how to protect these computer rather than how to replace it?"

His tips for reducing the risk of computer theft include the following:

—Keep computers out of public view by moving them to locked windows and normally open doors. Also, restrict public access to areas of the office with microcomputers by using counters or portable partitions.

—Physically secure personal computer systems. Office Services will provide and install a cable security system for $20. "This will not stop thieves but it will slow their attempt to break your decision is yours," said Peper.

—If the area it contains several microcomputer systems. Alarm systems may be costly but they offer the most reliable security, according to Peper.

—Make sure all items over $500 are marked with an inventory tag so they are insured correctly. The University’s centrally-funded insurance program.

—Practice good general security procedures. Lock doors when the office is temporarily vacant and check and secure windows and doors at the end of the day. Not only computers are at risk, however. Computer data may be lost in one of three ways—thief, accidental damage or mechanical mishap—and may be much more difficult to return than the computer itself.

"People become complacent about data," said Peper. "They put in their floppy disk, the computer reads it and everything goes right day after day. That doesn’t mean it will go right tomorrow."

—The risk of data loss can be reduced by following the steps Peper has suggested.

—Back-up (copy) data files and use the work copy for daily use. "Any time you have accumulated more data than you can afford to lose, back it up," said Peper.

—Back-up copies separately from work copies, in a different office, preferably in a different building.

—Have a listing of the files stored on each disk to avoid erasing a disk with important data.

—Peper also reminds computer users about University policy prohibiting reproduction of copyrighted and/or licensed software.

—Prohibit use of software products and associates supporting software creators are more actively targeting for copyright and license agreement violations," he said.

Dean announces appointments of new chair

Two new chair has been appointed in the English and psychology departments by Dr. Richard Gebhardt, an English professor and assistant academic dean at Findley College, has been appointed chair of the English department, announced Dr. Andrew Kerr, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Gebhardt received his doctorate from Michigan State University. He joined the Findley College faculty in 1989 and has since held that. The English department chair is a key position on the University’s College of Arts and Sciences.

The editor of the journal College Composition and Communication, Gebhardt also has served as editor of the English Language Arts Bulletin and on the editorial board of the Journal of English Language and Literature. His memberships in professional organizations include the National Council of Teachers of English, the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts and the College English Association.

Gebhardt is the author of numerous publications in such areas as rhetoric and rhetoric, literary, literature and academic issues and administration. In 1978 the National Council of Teachers of English presented him with the Richard Braddock award for his article, "Balancing Theory with Practice in the Teaching of Writing Teachers."

In addition, Dr. Charles J. Cranney, psychology, has been named chair of the
Book focuses on communication

Two University professors and a graduate student have written the lead chapter for a new book on Communication Processes: Original Essays. The book is the first anthology of articles written on intrapsychic communication, which is the communication that occurs within people. Dr. Howard Cotrell, interpersonal and public communication, Howard W. Cooper, Instructional Media Services, and Marcia Bailey, a former doctoral student who was teaching at Hope College, wrote the lead chapter (18 pages), included in the volume. Weaver said that the term "intrapsychic communication" first appeared in communication literature approximately 25 years ago. At that time, the focus was on self-talk - the way people talk with themselves as they reason and reach decisions. Since that time, he said, the focus has broadened and now numerous researchers are analyzing the ultimate seat of communication activity - the mind and internal communication networks of human communicators. Other parts of the book include sections on cognitive approaches, psychophysiological approaches, characteristics and causes of affective states, nonconscious and conscious processes and the nature of communication. In the introductory chapter entitled "Imago: Precursor to lnventio." the three authors attempted to define and clarify the domain of intrapsychic communication. Weaver said they began by tracing the roots of current conceptualizations of intrapsychic communication processes during the past 100 years. Their historical argument refocuses the modern conceptualization of rhetorical theory by putting back into the translations of ancient texts the concept of mental activities that have been erroneously left out, Weaver said. In addition, the chapter develops the theme that creativity has somehow been lost from the original conceptualization of the rhetorical process. To represent the imagery, visualization and other mental activities associated with idea creation, the writers invented the word "imago" and propose it as the first canor of rhetoric to precede the traditional five: inventio, disposicio, elocutio, memoria and pronuntiatio. The authors claim that the inclusion and encouragement of imago is a natural, obvious and important part of rhetoric because it emphasizes the role that people's mental processes play in generating ideas. Intrapsychic Communication Processes: Original Essays was published by Spectra Incorporated, New Orleans, and distributed by Gorsuch Scarisbrick of Scottsdale, Ariz. It was edited by Charles V. Roberts and Kittie W. Watson.

Plant to shut down

The heating plant will conduct its annual shut-down the week of Aug. 12. The campus will be without steam for approximately one week. Decorators and chairs should note that in 1980 the heating plan shut-down will be during spring break, March 17-25. Keith Pogan, associate director of plant operations and maintenance, said this is a change and is likely to become the new time period for the shut-down rather than August. The annual shut-down is required to make necessary repairs to equipment, such as boilers and air pollution control devices, that normally operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Obituary

Lowell P. Leland

Dr. Lowell P. Leland, 82, professor emeritus of English, died July 25 in his home in Bowling Green.

Leland, who joined the University's faculty in 1942 and retired after 30 years of teaching in 1976. He had previously taught at Westminster College in Pennsylvania, and before receiving his master's degree he taught in public schools in Maine.

Leland earned his doctorate at Ohio State University in 1940 and his master's degree at the University of Maine in 1933. He received his bachelor's degree in 1929 at Colby College, Maine, where he graduated summa cum laude. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Leland was a member of the Modern Language Association, Phi Beta Kappa, the American Association of University Professors, ACLU, NAACP, the Nature Conservancy, Common Cause and Friends of the Wood County Library.

Leland's wife, Virginia, also a professor emeritus of English, survives.

A memorial service will be announced later. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wood County Library.

Faculty/staff positions

The following faculty positions are available:

- Communication Disorders: Instructor (temporary). Contact Clyde R. Willis (2-8242). Deadline: As soon as possible (to be filled by Aug. 16).

The following administrative positions are available:

- Intermediate Athletics: Head strength and conditioning coach. Also, head women's track coach and assistant men's track coach and cross country coach. Contact the respective search and screening committees (2-2401). Deadline: Aug. 15.

Summer hours end

The Office of Personnel Support Services reminds faculty and staff that the summer work schedule will end Aug. 11. Beginning Monday, Aug. 14, regular work hours will resume. In most cases, offices will be open from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Commencement set

Summer commencement ceremonies will take place at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 12 on the lawn in front of University Hall. Approximately 1,027 students will receive their degrees. In case of rain, the ceremonies will be moved to Memorial Hall.

The commencement speaker will be Dr. Winifred G. Stone, associate dean and director of graduate admissions.

Submit fee waivers

Faculty and staff are reminded to complete and submit employee and dependant fee waivers for fall classes to the bursar's office.

Program to begin

The next Weight Watchers program will begin starting Aug. 24, and will run through Oct. 26.

For sale

Computer Services has for sale to other departments a Canon NP7 printer with a 25 bin sorter for $5,000. For more information, contact Charles Schultz at 372-2911.

The Philosophy Documentation Center has an Epson PS printer and a Dabell 630 printer for sale. Reasonable offers are being accepted. For more information, contact Richard Linebeck at 372-2419.

Student Legal Services, Inc. has for sale a metal executive desk and a dictaphone micro cassette transcriber, model 3362, with three micro cassettes. Interested persons should call Dawn at 372-2951.

Appointments from the front porch

He has served as acting chair since the fall of 1988. Cranney, who received his doctorate from Iowa State University, joined the Bowling Green faculty in 1967. In addition to his position as associate dean, he has worked on various University committees including the graduate council and the committee on academic affairs.

A licensed psychologist, Cranney is a member of the American Psychological Association and the Midwestern Psychological Association. His consultanthships as an expert witness in the field of equal opportunity compliance have ranged from the New York City Board of Education to the Public Service Commission of Canada.

Cranney is the author of numerous articles in professional journals and has made more than 80 presentations at local, regional and national conferences.