Olscamp reviews 1988-89, University is in ‘excellent condition’

In his eighth State of the University address, President Olscamp told faculty and staff at the Aug. 21 opening day festivities that the University is in “excellent condition.”

Please with the progress and reputation of BGU, Olscamp said the University must begin preparing for the next century, only a decade away. “Academic standards, academic programs, learning resources, enrollment, physical plant and the staff have all demonstrably improved over the last few years, and I want to do everything I can to continue these trends,” he said.

“I will work as hard as I can to help and together I know we will prepare the University for the 21st century in ways and with a level of commitment that will continue to be noticed and admired across the country, as our current endeavors have been watched and Envied,”

Olscamp reported on the events of the past year:

—Although tuition increases again outpaced inflation, the budget the University received from the state was better than those received in neighboring states, he said. Bowling Green’s total charges for undergraduate residential students are still the lowest in Ohio.

—“Green sound enrollments,” which I expect to continue, and a solid state economy, which I also anticipate for at least two years, we should be in a good position,” Olscamp said. The budget did not enable us to make all the increases in operating non-salary categories which we would have liked, but we did make some progress, much of which was due to the increase in revenues caused by our successful effort to obtain funding for an additional 1,000 full-time equivalent students.

—Progress also has been made in faculty salary rankings within the state four year system. This year Bowling Green tied with Miami University in having the second highest faculty salary increases in the state, behind Ohio University. “We think we are on track in our three-year program to move into the higher rankings,” he said. “Nationally, we are doing very well, and I invite you to consider those national numbers as they are published in the Chronicle for Higher Education.

—The University continues to make strides in its capital renovation and construction program. This year reconstruction of Shatlet Hall will begin; renovation will start on Hayes Hall as a center for computer science activities; ground will be broken for the $3.3 million Fine Arts Building addition; 1,700 seats will be added to the ice Arena by the start of the hockey season; and the college park office building will be completed by the second week of October.

—A commitment to computerization of the campus continues to grow, Olscamp said. There currently are 2,933 computers and 20 labs throughout the University, as compared to 504 computer users and 50 labs eight years ago.

—The University’s efforts to attract National Merit Scholars has been successful. This year 61 National Merit Scholars are in the freshman class, being the total studying at Bowling Green to date.

—Efforts were not as successful in recruiting minority freshmen as last year, but Olscamp said this academic year will have the second highest minority enrollment in the last five years.

He said a new minority faculty hiring money pool has been established, which has an initial balance of $150,000 and is under the direct control of the vice president for academic affairs, welcomes back faculty and staff at opening day ceremonies Aug. 21 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union. Classes for the 1989-90 academic year began Aug. 23.

In the 1989-90 year, the University’s faculty, staff and students will make “an ongoing commitment to student,” Olscamp said. “We began an ongoing commitment to improving the campus environment, with a special emphasis on the residential experience.”

Lancaster says participatory government necessary

The University’s Faculty Senate should be viewed as a forum where serious issues can be addressed, but its observers and participants should not expect it always to be a neat and tidy process, said Dr. Ann-Marie Lancaster, chair of Faculty Senate, in her report to faculty and staff at opening day festivities Aug. 21.

“The more complex the problem, the messier and more time-consuming the process,” she said. “It will be difficult, even at times unpleasant, to participate in this process. It will certainly be much easier to criticize the process than to work to make it successful.”

Common complaints about senate meetings are that they are frustratingly cumbersome and chaotic, Lancaster said. But in order to gain representation, the University community has to accept a certain level of inefficiency. It’s a trade-off, she said, and the higher the level of efficiency, the more restrictive the means for representation.

However, she does not believe that the great amount of time spent on discussion is always unproductive. Many of the issues and problems addressed in Faculty Senate are complex for which solutions are not easily identified.

Moreover, many problems affect members of the University community very differently,” Lancaster said. “A particular issue may be of interest to me, because my life is not directly affected by it, and I may not know much about it. But a participatory governance system requires a lot of work and carries with it the responsibility to become educated on issues.”

She reviewed some of the topics the senate will be examining during the academic year:

—Child Care. An ad hoc committee established last January has completed a child care needs analysis of the University’s faculty, staff and students. Asked to assess the need for such a facility, to investigate alternative approaches for campus child care and to identify the financial implications of the various approaches, the committee will submit its report early this semester.

—The committee has been coordinating its efforts with the Chamber of Commerce, which has undertaken a similar study among city residents.

—Temporary full-time faculty and part-time faculty, Lancaster said during the past year the University employed approximately 113 full-time temporary faculty and 163 part-time faculty to fulfill instructional staff needs.

—The University now employs approximately 15 percent of the full-time faculty and some departments recruit for 15 or more full-time replacements each year.

At the same time, part-time faculty members receive no benefits. Since instituting a benefit package for part-time faculty on some type of pro-rated scale would have significant budget implications, Lancaster said it would be difficult to implement an immediate solution.

“While we have a first look at the solution, it was an option to consider,” she said. Continued on Page 3
Kosty receives prestigious 1989 Carol Burnett Ethics Prize

For a continuing commitment to professional ethics, Ellen Frankel Paul received the Carol Burnett Ethics Prize from the Ohio State Student Union. The award was presented at the annual Student Union Festival held in Columbus, Ohio.

Paul, a graduate student in the Philosophy Department, is the author of "Doxastic Support for a Credentialed Expert" and has written extensively on the topic of professional ethics. She is particularly interested in the ethical implications of technological change, and her research has focused on the role of experts in decision-making processes.

The Carol Burnett Ethics Prize is awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to professional ethics through their academic or professional work. Previous recipients of the prize include several prominent philosophers, including John Rawls and Harry Frankfurt.

The Ohio State Student Union Festival is a popular annual event that brings together students from across the state to participate in various activities and competitions. The festival is known for its lively atmosphere and diverse range of events, including music, dance, and comedy performances.

Olsamp from the Field

Cindy Puffer receives the 1989 Michael R. Ferrari Award from last year's recipient Richard Conard, director of computer services and telecommunications services. Puffer, a graduate student in the Philosophy Department, is the recipient of the award for her contributions to the philosophy of computer science.

Puffer's research focuses on the ethical implications of emerging technologies, particularly in the areas of artificial intelligence and computer ethics. Her work has been recognized with several awards, including the Michael R. Ferrari Award.

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Puffer is currently working on a dissertation titled "The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence". Her research has been published in several leading philosophical journals, and she has presented her work at numerous conferences and symposiums.

In addition to her academic work, Puffer is actively involved in the philosophy community. She is a member of the American Philosophical Association, and she regularly attends conferences and workshops to stay up-to-date on the latest developments in the field.

In conclusion, the Olsamp 1989 Research Award presented to Ellen Frankel Paul speaks to the importance of ethical considerations in technological change. Puffer's work, in particular, highlights the need for a deeper understanding of the ethical implications of emerging technologies, and her research is making significant contributions to this important area of study.
Cindy Puffer, coordinator of the honors program at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, was the 1989 recipient of the Michael R. Olscamp Academic Challenge Award from The University of Texas at Austin. The award, which recognizes excellence in teaching and scholarship, carries a $1,000 honorarium and intellectual books, and has been presented annually since 1973.

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Symposium planned for faculty

John Henschel, an IBM scholar and former chairman of the Faculty Senate, is planning the third annual faculty development symposium Sept. 7.

His topic will be "What's the Right Technology, Teachers?" and it will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Alumni Room.

Henschel has published more than 100 articles on professional work for computer based technology and teaching and serves as faculty director of the "Interactive Learning Initiative." He has consulted on many computer technology research projects and is currently running research in the areas of North Carolina, Amsterdam, and Japan. In addition, he has developed and published more than 150 series on Research and Statistics and training seminars.

The symposium begins Thursday with an open session in the noon in the Alumni Room. "Who's in Charge" will be held in the Alumni Room at 9 a.m.

Computer Services offers seminars

Computer Services will be offering the following seminars:

"Intro to UNIX," Sept. 8, 9 a.m., 200 University Union.
"Computer Skills," Sept. 15, 9 a.m., 100 University Union.
"Data Encryption," Sept. 22, 9 a.m., 100 University Union.
"Off-site Storage," Sept. 29, 9 a.m., 100 University Union.

For more information, contact Joyce Marold at 360-2101 to register for these seminars, call 372-2100.

Datebook

Monday, August 29

Tuesday, August 30
Frederick, "Skeet," and "Bree," 7:30-9:30 p.m. "The Loose Leaf at Tree." The canine couple from the Press will be on hand.

Wednesday, September 1
"The Student Computer Hardware Seminar," 3:30-5:30 p.m., 200 University Union.

Note holiday

Labor Day.

Library finals, please

All participants in the OSU Health Sciences Center's annual prescription Drug Plan (PDP) course have till Sept. 15 to fill their prescriptions in the pharmacy. Those who do not receive medicine in time are reminded that the next 10 days is filled with examinations. Contact Jean Pikul, 16 Student Health Center, or phone 572-2111.

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Gillerman's office lends a hand

Wu came to BG with a little help from her friends

Teaching classes at the University of El Salvador, BGSU alumnus, Philip Marion, learned how to do them in the UA when he asked a friend the way to go there.

After talking with her husband's friend about how to get to the campus, Professor Wu Xue Wei compared what it took to get there.

"It's very difficult to find on the map," Marion said. "We were lost for most of our first year on campus." Marion attended University of El Salvador for seven years and was named to the faculty in 1989.

Interestingly, Marion and Professor Marion are the only two BGSU students who have been named to the faculty in the same year.

Phelps Marion (left), executive assistant to the president, and Lester Barber, English and director of the University's communications office, are shown with Marion. Marion said he's been thinking the way around to Bowling Green.

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