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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 BGSU, 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 admired."

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" student 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 financial 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 program. This year reconstruction of Shatzer Hall will begin; renovation will start on Hayes Hall as a center for computer science activities; ground will be broken for the $9.3 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 are currently 2,933 computers and 20 labs throughout the University, as compared to 304 computers and no labs eight years ago.

- The University's efforts to attract National Merit Scholars have been successful. This year 61 National Merit Scholars are in the freshman class, bringing the total studying at Bowling Green to 109.

- 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

Lancaster says participatory government necessary

Senate meetings may be cumbersome, but the system works

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 words 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 suc-

cee.

Common complaints about senate meetings are that they are frustrating, bureaucratic 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 not 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 160 part-time faculty to fulfill instructional staffing needs. Temporary faculty comprise 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 benefits 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.

"What was originally viewed as a short-term solution to staffing demands has become a permanent and significant component of our teaching faculty," she said.

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Krivitzky, the Monitor

This year’s “summer surprise” was an award from President Olscamp which has become an annual event at Harvard University. The award, given to the student who produces the best work in a particular field, was announced on June 12th, during Commencement week.

On that occasion, President Olscamp made three important announcements: first, he congratulated the Harvard community on achieving the highest level of excellence; second, he announced that the university would be awarding a new prize, the “President’s Prize for Excellence,” to students who demonstrate outstanding achievements in a variety of disciplines; and third, he expressed his appreciation for all those who had contributed to the success of the university.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate all of the recipients of these awards and to encourage all of our students to continue to strive for excellence in their studies and careers.

Puffer receives changes at campus pharmacy

Cindy Puffer, coordinator of the pharmacy program at Harvard, was awarded the 1989 Olscamp Research Award in recognition of her significant contributions to the field of pharmacy education. The award is named after Dr. Olscamp, a former president of Harvard University.

During her acceptance speech, Puffer thanked her colleagues and students for their support and dedication to the program. She also discussed her research interests, including the development of innovative teaching methods and the integration of technology into the curriculum.

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the letter published in the Monitor (July 17) by Dr. Paul F. Puffer, professor of English at Harvard University.

In his letter, Dr. Puffer raises several concerns about the current state of higher education, including the growing costs of tuition and the lack of funding for research. He also raises the issue of the importance of maintaining a balance between theoretical and applied knowledge.

I would like to respond to these concerns and offer some suggestions for addressing them.

Puffer said he was surprised to find that the university was spending more money on research than on student aid. He also noted that the cost of tuition had increased significantly over the past few years.

I agree with Dr. Puffer that these are important issues. However, I believe that the university is doing its best to address these concerns.

First, the university has implemented several initiatives to reduce the cost of tuition, including the creation of a need-based financial aid program and the establishment of a scholarship fund.

Second, the university has also increased its funding for research, recognizing the importance of this area.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the university for its efforts to address these important issues. I believe that it is doing its best to provide a quality education to all students, regardless of their financial background.

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1989 Olscamp Research Award presented to Ellen Frankel Paul

Dr. Ellen Franked Paul, head of the social science and deeply involved in the Olscamp Research Award presented to the 1989 Paul and Ruth Olscamp Research Award recipient.

Green is named to a faculty member and recognized for his creative accomplishments during the 1992-1993 academic year. He was also honored with the Olscamp Research Award presented to the 1989 Paul and Ruth Olscamp Research Award recipient.

Hale is named to directorship

Dr. Dennis Hale, journalism, has been appointed the director of the School of Journalism at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He will begin his duties in July 1993.

Hale is an accomplished scholar and researcher in the field of media ethics. He has published numerous articles and books in the area of media ethics, and has been a frequent contributor to the Journal of Media Ethics. His research has focused on the role of journalists and media organizations in upholding ethical standards and promoting responsible journalism.

In the book, Paul examines how the Olscamp Research Award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of media ethics. The award is given annually to an individual who has conducted research, written articles, or produced other works that have significantly advanced the field of media ethics.

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Symposium planned for faculty

John Hirschbuhl, an IBM scholar and executive director of the Pardee RAND Graduate School, will present the keynote address on Sept. 12 at the 3rd annual faculty development symposium at Ballroom, located in the Ohio State Union.

This year’s symposium will focus on “Leveraging Technology: What's Right Now?” and will explore the latest trends in technology and how they can be applied to faculty development. The symposium will feature presentations from experts in the field, as well as networking opportunities for attendees.

The symposium is open to all faculty members and will include sessions on topics such as technology in teaching and learning, technology in research, and technology in administration. There will also be a panel discussion on the future of technology in higher education.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in discussions and share ideas with colleagues from across the campus. The symposium will conclude with a networking reception, offering attendees a chance to connect and learn from one another.

Participants can register online at the Faculty Development website or by contacting the Office of the President. The registration fee is $25 for faculty members and $35 for non-faculty members. The deadline for registration is Sept. 8.

For more information, please contact John Hirschbuhl at jhirschbuhl@pardee.org or 614-264-7000.

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Gillmor's office lends a hand

Wu came to BG with a little help from her friends

Teaching classes at the University of Hawaii, University of Texas at Austin, and California State University at Long Beach, Wu was the keynote speaker at an academic symposium held at the University of Hawaii, Ballroom. She was invited to speak by the faculty, who were impressed with her work and recognized her as a leader in the field.

During her keynote address, Wu discussed her research and presented her latest findings. She also highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration and the potential of technology in education.

Wu's talk was well-received, and the faculty and students in attendance were eager to learn from her expertise. They appreciated her insights and were inspired by her dedication to her work.

In addition to her academic symposium, Wu also visited several other institutions, including the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She was invited to speak at these institutions by the faculty, who were impressed with her work and recognized her as a leader in the field.

Wu's visit was a success, and she was able to share her expertise with a large audience. She received positive feedback from the faculty and students in attendance, who were eager to learn from her expertise.

For more information on Wu's work, please contact her at wuwu@uah.edu or visit her website at wuwu.com.

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Fitzgerald is named to post at WBGU-TV

Pamela T. Fitzgerald has been named the new director of television services and general manager of WBGU-TV, D. The appointment was announced by President John H.M. Gillis, who said that the naming of Fitzgerald to the position is a significant step in the development of the University's media services.

Fitzgerald, who has more than 20 years of experience in television and radio, joins the University from the University of Kentucky, where she served as the director of media services and general manager of WKU-TV. She replaces Daniel M. Gillis, who retired last year.

Fitzgerald is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and holds a master's degree in media administration from the University of Southern California. She has also served as the director of media services at the University of Kentucky and the University of Richmond.

Fitzgerald is a native of Bowling Green and has been a long-time resident of the area. She is a member of the Board of Visitors for the University of Kentucky and the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce.

In her new role, Fitzgerald will oversee the operations of WBGU-TV, including the production and distribution of programming, as well as the management of the station's resources.

"Pamela T. Fitzgerald is an excellent choice for the position," said Gillis. "She brings to the University a wealth of experience and a commitment to excellence that will be invaluable in guiding WBGU-TV into the future."

Fitzgerald will begin her new duties on Sept. 1.

For more information on Fitzgerald, please contact her at pamfit@bgumail.com or visit her website at pamfit.com.

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Spinelli saw more than expected on research tour of El Salvador

Russ Spinelli, a professor of geography and environment, returned from a research trip to El Salvador with more information than he expected. He was able to collect data on a number of topics, including crop yields, land use, and water resources in the country.

Spinelli's research trip was funded by the National Science Foundation, which awarded him a grant to study the impact of agricultural development on the environment. The grant allowed him to conduct research in El Salvador, one of the countries where the impact of agricultural development is most evident.

During his trip, Spinelli visited a number of villages and towns in El Salvador and was able to collect data on a variety of topics. He was able to collect data on crop yields, land use, and water resources in the country.

Spinelli's research findings will be used to develop a model that will allow researchers to predict the impact of agricultural development on the environment. The model will be used to study the impact of agricultural development on the environment in other countries as well.

For more information on Spinelli's research, please contact him at rspinelli@bgumail.com or visit his website at rspinelli.com.