There is an art to tying good knots, just as there is art to learning people together in fruitful and cooperative ways. BGSU’s Partnerships for Community Action has recently been awarded a two-year, $50,000 grant from the State Community; Higher Education and School Partnerships (CHESP) to create a youth grant-making council that will unite area youth, community organizations, and the University to address important issues in their communities.

Titled “KNOTS”, Connecting Northwest Ohio Through Service—the project’s goal is to “transform the notion of youth as objects of philanthropy into youth as partners in philanthropy.” Through KNOTS, youth in Bowling Green, Perrysburg and Sylvania will learn about civic engagement, volunteerism and service learning. Together they will form a council that will be allotted $15,000 to distribute to service-learning opportunities throughout the area, making them active decision makers in the process.

At the University, PCA and the President’s Leadership Academy will be engaged in KNOTS. The school partners are Bowling Green High School, Perrysburg Junior High School and Sylvania Northview High School. The community partners are the Bowling Green Community Foundation, Bowling Green Jaycees and the Perrysburg Heights Community Association. A number of other people from all four areas are also lending their support to the project.

The structure of the KNOTS partnership reflects the empowerment of youth as well. The co-principal investigator and partner- nership coordinator of the grant is Patrick Vrooman, graduate assistant for PCA. The youth advisor for the program is Sarah Stafford, a bilingual, nontraditional BGSU undergraduate who has extensive experience working with nonprofit organizations and youth. The KNOTS is unusual in its service-learning emphasis, according to Kathy Farber, PCA director and principal investigator for the grant. True service learning has a reflective component from which the volunteer benefits as much as the recipient. They develop maturity and a deeper understanding of society and the issues that necessitate their service efforts.

Youth service gives a sense of pride in something they have accomplished,” according to Deb Gasser, president of the Perrysburg Heights Community Association. They can see how they gave birth to something that works, from where there was nothing before. KNOTS youth will participate in training sessions, cultivate relationships with mentors, develop and implement grant-making procedures, award grants, work with the grantees and reflect on their experiences.

The northwest Ohio area is notable for its pattern of communities in which low-income populations are surrounded by affluent populations. KNOTS is particularly interested in the needs and assets of both populations and wants to make youth aware of the needs of their own and bordering communities. “Our goal is to re-imagine leadership,” Vrooman said. “I wouldn’t have joined a traditional leadership program. I didn’t identify myself as a leader. (KNOTS) is interested in diverse youth, including those who show leadership insights and skills in nontraditional ways.”

For more information on KNOTS and its service-learning grant program, visit the PCA Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/pca.
Instructional Improvement grants available

The Faculty Development Committee is accepting proposals for Instructional Improvement Grants. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Feb. 11.

Instructional Improvement grants are awarded in amounts up to $1,000 for projects that lead to a demonstrable improvement in pedagogical skills and have a positive effect on student learning.

Copies of the guidelines are available on the Web at www.bgsu.edu/offices/provost/faculty/grants.html or by calling the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at 2-9939.

Student Union main parking lot is open

There are some changes in the parking lot next to the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, parking services has announced. The lot, named the Student Union Main Lot, is designed to enable visitors to park when attending union events.

Gates have been added at the Thurstin and Ridge street entrances, where drivers will receive a ticket from an automated machine. The exit gate at Thurstin will be staffed from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The fee for parking in the lot is $1 for the first hour and 50 cents for each additional half-hour, or $8 for an entire day. Payment is due upon exit.

Help students make "major" decisions

Faculty are invited to participate in the upcoming "Major Mania" to provide students with knowledge of college majors and career information.

"Major Mania," from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 29, in 101 O'Connell Hall, will offer current BGSU students the opportunity to visit with faculty and students from a variety of majors. In addition, advisers from each college office will be in attendance, as well as representatives from the University's Career Services office. Call Mary Lynn Piekarczyk or Tom Gorman in Academic Enhancement, 2-8943, to participate.

FACULTY

There were no openings posted this week.

Contact Human Resources at 3-7284 or by e-mail at infohr@bgsu.edu for a list of all current postings regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED

(Students wishing to apply for these positions may request a "Request for Transfer" form.) The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28.

Secretary I (C-5-Sc)—Counseling Center. Pay grade 6 (grant funded).

The following positions are listed on and off campus.

Automotive Mechanic 2 (C-2-Vc)—Facilities Services/ Grounds. Pay grade 4.

Food Service Worker (C-3-Sc)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 1. Nine-month, part-time.

ADMINISTRATIVE


Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs for Financial Administration (S-117)—Student Affairs. Administrative grade 17. Review of applications will begin Jan. 25 and continue until the position is filled.


Bookstore Director (M-090)—University Bookstore. Administrative grade 18. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Director of Residence Life (residential neighborhoods) (S-003)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Program Coordinator (S-010)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union (re-advertised). Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

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Monet calendar

MONDAY, JAN. 21

Martin Luther King Day, no classes, offices closed.

3rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, 8 a.m., 101 O'Connell Hall. Tickets are $10; $7.50 with BGSU ID, and $5.50 for children 5 and under. Sponsored by the Black Student Union.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m. McFall Assembly Room.

Guest Artist, BGSU alumni

Benjamin Pierce, euphonium and tuba, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Guest Speaker, David Orr, environmental studies at Oberlin College, presents "Greening the Campus," on putting environmental responsibility on campus.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute Program, "Disabilities and Civil Rights," a panel discussion moderated by Barbara Waddell, director of Disability Initiatives, 10 a.m.-noon, Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library. Sponsored by Libraries and Learning Resources.

Brown Bag Lunch, "Women's Studies and Gender Studies in Japan and the USA," presented by Shizuhara Osamu, Hiroshima Jogakuen University, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Women's Center. Sponsored by the Women's Center.

Faculty Artist Series, Aaron Keaster, double bass; Marjorie Blood, piano; Andreas Pauliensohn, baritone, and Michelle Keaster, flute, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24


Fiction Reading, featuring Rosellen Brown, author of Half a Heart, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Women's History Workshop, "Teaching and Learning Women's History across the Disciplines," in support of Women's History Month, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

To register, contact Jane Sebest at 2-6989 or jsebest@bgsu.edu.

Film, "Love & Basketball," 8 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall. Sponsored by Black Student Union.

Guest Artist, BGSU alumna

David Viing, tenor, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

Heart Walk, 40 BGSU teams walk in support of research into heart disease, 8:30 a.m., Perry Field House.

Young People's Concert, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Knochaber Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. For ticket information, call 2-8171.

Open Auditions, BGSU theatre production of "Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, 8 p.m., 405 University Hall. Initial try-outs are for singing only. Call 2-2222.

Through Jan. 25

52nd Annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition, Dorothy Ubo Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Through Feb. 8

Art Exhibits, "Pink Onions: Reflections on the Nostalgic Tenderness and Raw Pungency of Youth," national juried exhibition of work in all media, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays.

* Denotes Black History Month event.

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