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BGSU 'family' joins to support its scholars

The BGSU Family Campaign, an annual giving program for current and former employees of BGSU, kicks off Feb. 12 in the Multi-purpose Room (Room 228) of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. All faculty, staff and retirees are invited to stop in between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. for a light lunch and socializing.

The theme of this year's campaign is "Support a Scholar," and its focus is raising funds for student scholarships. Donors may direct their contributions to the scholarship fund of their choosing or to any of the more than 1,300 accounts in the BGSU Foundation Inc. Any employee or retiree gifts or pledges made between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002 will count toward the campaign.

In 2000-01, the Family Campaign raised more than \$700,000 in gifts and pledges and had a record 45 percent participation rate, a significant increase from employee giving before the annual campaign began in 1999, when BGSU faculty, staff and retirees' annual giving totaled just \$223,000. The rise in gifts and participation is due in large part to the successful work of the Family Campaign volunteers, who graciously donate their time as department representatives

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Nieman book explores ex-slaves' use of new legal and political power

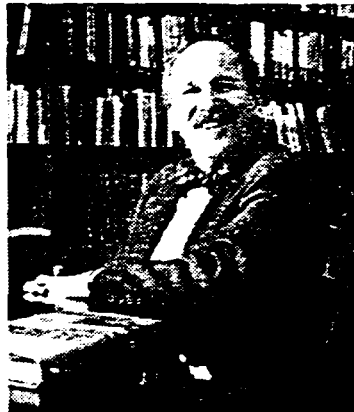
From the standpoint of the 1960's Civil Rights Movement, the Emancipation Proclamation and resulting Reconstruction in the American South might be viewed as a failure in achieving the rights of citizenship they were intended to accord black citizens.

A new book edited by Donald Nieman, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and Christopher Waldrep, who holds the Pasker Chair in History at San Francisco State University, demonstrates that Reconstruction did initially accomplish its goal and that the attainment of civil rights was a seismic event in the lives of African Americans. In fact, during the period of Reconstruction, black people made excellent use of their newfound legal and political power to establish economic success. *Local Matters: Race, Crime and Justice in the Nineteenth-Century South*, published recently by the University of Georgia Press, contains nine essays on the intersection of law and race relations as drawn from local court records from counties throughout the South. Taken together, they underscore the reality that political power is necessary to make the legal system responsive.

Local Matters reveals some larger themes and highlights some unexpected findings.

First, Nieman noted, he was surprised to discover the "assertiveness and sophistication with which African Americans used the legal process to defend their rights and expand their freedom."

An important aspect of this was their participation on juries, he added, which gave them



Donald Nieman

much more influence in their communities. Another key aspect was their large-scale participation in the political system and the extensive political infrastructure they created.

The nine case studies emphasize the connection between political power and the rights of citizenship. "What we see is that the law alone can be a pretty weak reed in protecting rights,"

Nieman said. "But when you can elect your county sheriff, he will be much more likely to defend your rights. African Americans became very adept at using political power to expand the meaning of freedom and its consequences."

Another surprising finding was that black leaders tended to be former slaves, Nieman said, and not the few educated black people. "They were extraordinarily courageous leaders who faced violence, assassination and terrorism," he said.

It is perhaps a testament to the budding success of former slaves that they were viewed as such a significant threat to whites that whites responded by forming terrorist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan. "Violence and terrorism finally brought about a closed system in which African Americans were not able to exercise their Constitutional rights," Nieman said.

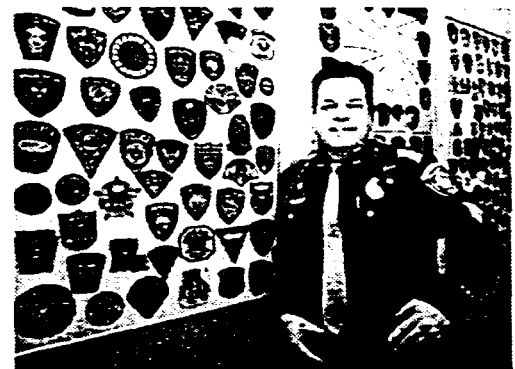
BGSU police officer to provide security for Winter Olympics

When the Olympians ascend the dais to receive their medals in Salt Lake City this month, they can feel secure knowing they are well protected by a strong security force of police and Secret Service agents. One of those policemen will be Sgt. John Shumaker of the BGSU police.

Shumaker will spend Feb. 4-27 at the Winter Olympics, where he has been assigned to the medals pavilion. He explained that this year's medal presentation process will be different from previous Olympics.

"Instead of the hockey team, for example, receiving their medals right there on the ice after the games, this time there will be a large presentation ceremony every night in the medals pavilion, with fireworks and a show by top-flight entertainers," he said.

Shumaker's primary job is to provide security at that site, but



BGSU Police Sgt. John Shumaker has more than 500 uniform patches from law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. He is taking patches from the University police force to the Olympics to swap with other volunteer officers there.

he has also been assigned to work with the Secret Service, which he assumes will mean providing a uniformed presence when needed. As a certified law enforcement officer, he will have full powers of arrest.

Another change this year is that the police team will be armed. Shumaker also worked at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, for which he was not required to carry his gun.

However, the scarcity of police officers in the state of Utah and recent national and

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Black History Month events planned

The University will mark Black History Month with an extensive series of events continuing into March, culminating on March 22 with the Africana Studies Student Research Colloquium. Films, lectures, discussion groups, special menus in the dining halls and music will be featured.

A highlight of the month is the four-day visit of the Voices of Africa group, Feb. 5-8. VOA is made up of five women who present a cappella songs and traditional African drumming from across the African diaspora. They will give a family concert in Kobacker Hall and work with BGSU classes and area school and church groups to share the rich culture of Africa and its descendants around the world.

See the Monitor calendar for a full listing of February events and further events in March.

campus calendar.....

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Monday, Feb. 4

Firelands Diversity Event. "Identity Issues in Latino Cultures," presented by Alberto Gonzalez, vice provost for academic services, 1:30 p.m., 115 West Building.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Ethnic Studies Presentation. "The City Is the Black Man's Land": James and Grace Lee Boggs, Revolutionary Leadership, and the Emergence of the Black Power Movement, 1963-66," presented by Stephen Ward, candidate for assistant professor, 2-3:30 p.m., 242 Shatzel Hall.

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

Music Performance. Marcus Weiss, saxophone, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Sponsored by MidAmerican Center for Contemporary Music at BGSU.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Brown Bag Lunch, Voices of Africa joins the BGSU Drumming Circle for Peace, noon-1 p.m., the Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Firelands Diversity Event. "Can We Talk?" by the Millennium Project, a panel discussion on race issues, 12:30 p.m., East Lounge, Foundation Hall.

President's Lecture Series. "Common Fire: Leading Lives of Commitment in a Complex World," presented by Cheryl Keen, author and professor of society and culture, and Jim Keen, director of Antioch Summer Peace Institute, Antioch College, 3-5 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theatre. Book signing to follow.

Faculty Artist Series, Velvet Brown, tuba, and Robert Satterlee, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Assisting on the program will be Rosemary Williams, horn, and Benjamin Pierce, euphonium.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Arts & Sciences Forum. "Alzheimer's Disease: From Animal Models to Human Treatments," with Kevin Pang, psychology, noon-1:15 p.m., 201A Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Lunch will begin at noon and is \$6.95. The free lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Fiction and Poetry Reading, featuring J. Gabriel Scala, poetry, and Nina Orechwa, fiction, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Visiting Scholar in Ethnic Studies, "The Roots of Racial Tensions: Urban Ethnic Neighborhoods," presented by William Julius Wilson, Harvard University, 7:30-9 p.m., 202B Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Community Concert, Voices of Africa, a cappella ensemble, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, Feb. 8

Saddlemire Lecture, "Taking Responsibility for Student Learning That Lasts," with Marcia Mentkowski, psychology faculty and director of educational research and evaluation, Alverno College, 10 a.m., 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. For more information, call 2-2147.

NEH Presentation, "Food in Film," discussion and viewing of "Like Water for Chocolate," 6:30 p.m., Women's Center Lounge, 108A Hanna Hall. Includes community potluck supper and presentation by Carole Counihan, anthropology/sociology; Millersville University.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Provost Lecture Series, "Girls, Zines, and the Miscellaneous Production of Subjectivity in an Age of Unceasing Circulation," by Janice Radway, Duke University, 7:30 p.m., 191 Oiscamp Hall.

Continuing Events

Feb. 4-8

Art Exhibit, "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. Closing reception 7-9 p.m., Feb. 8.

Feb. 6-7

Firelands Diversity Event, "Sojourner Truth," a first-person interpretation of the noted abolitionist and advocate for women's rights by Annette E. Jefferson, 6:30 p.m., Central Lounge, North Building on Feb. 6; 8:30 a.m. Feb. 7, same location.

Feb. 10-12

Theatre Performance, "The Vagina Monologues." All performances begin at 8 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Tickets are \$5 for BGSU students, seniors and military; \$8 for BGSU faculty, staff and community, and \$15 for patrons. Tickets on sale at the box office, 407 South Hall, or call 2-9616. Proceeds go to the Survivor Emergency Fund.

in memory

Melvin Jones, 83, died Jan. 19 in Bowling Green. He was a retired lieutenant with the BGSU police department, and also headed the University parking and traffic division for many years. Jones worked at BGSU from 1964-86.

BGSU is an AA/EEO educator and employer.

Family Campaign — 'Support a Scholar'

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and cabinet members, as well as to the strong supportiveness of the campus "family."

Everyone is encouraged to come out on the 12th and show support for BGSU's student-scholars.

• A reminder to all department representatives: The repre-

sentative training dates are this Wednesday and Thursday (Feb. 6 and 7) from 11-11:45 a.m. or 4-4:45 p.m. in the Family Room (Room 208) of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Representatives need attend only one of the four offered sessions.

Shumaker to provide Olympic security

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international events prompted the governor and the International Olympic Committee to ask the 620-member auxiliary force to be armed, Shumaker said.

Security will be very high, extending out 150 miles from the city itself to the sites of some of the events, such as the skiing competitions. A seven-block area downtown will be closed to vehicles, and magnometers and other security measures will be used, he said.

Shumaker will be housed at Camp Williams, about 10 miles south of town, he noted.

Will he get to attend any of the games? He's hoping to, he said. His wife and daughter will visit for three days, and he hopes to join them for some of the figure skating and snowboarding competitions.

Here in Ohio, his Olympic service has made Shumaker almost as much a celebrity as the athletes he is assigned to cover. Newspapers, television and radio stations from around the state have interviewed him, and he will give live interviews from Salt Lake for one TV channel. "The response has just been overwhelming," he said.

job postings.....

FACULTY

College of Business Dean's Office. Associate dean for undergraduate studies in business. Call James Sullivan, 2-2747. Deadline: Feb. 25.

Human Services. Instructor/Social Work. Call the department, 2-2326. Deadline: March 15.

School of Art. Instructor (five positions). Call John Balistreri, 2-7764. Deadline: April 5.

Contact Human Resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

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(Employees wishing to apply for this position may request a "Request for Transfer" form.)

The following position is listed on and off campus. The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8:

Cashier 1 (C-8-Sc)—University Dining Services. Academic year, part time. Pay grade 3.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs for Financial Administration (S-117)—Student

Affairs. Administrative grade 17. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Director of Residence Life (residential neighborhoods) (S-093)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Bookstore Director (M-096)—University Bookstore. Administrative grade 18. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Managing Editor (S-01/069)—Social Philosophy and Policy Center. Administrative grade 12. Deadline: March 1.

Program Adviser (S-006)—Student Support Services. Administrative grade 12. Deadline: Feb. 15.

Program Coordinator (S-01/069)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union (re-advertised). Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

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