Jan Pallister book is a tribute to Canadian author Anne Hébert

A new book of essays edited by Jan Pallister, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Fairleigh Dickinson University, contains essays on Hébert’s work by some of the world’s leading academics and literary critics, writing in French and English. Some deal with individual works and others the themes that permeate the author’s writing. Still others offer comparisons between Hébert and other writers.

Pallister’s other most recent books are French-speaking Women Film Directors: A Guide and The Cinema of Quebec: Masters in Their Own House, published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press.

Spring enrollment figures show growth

Enrollment continues to climb at BGSU, the 15-day headcount for spring enrollment shows. The total headcount for the main and Firelands campuses is 19,245, or 3.1 percent higher than at the same time last year, according to figures from the Office of Institutional Research.

BGSU Firelands has posted its largest enrollment ever, with an undergraduate enrollment of 1,182 and a total enrollment of 1,548, a 2.9 percent increase over spring 2001. “This is truly phenomenal growth,” said James Smith, dean of BGSU Firelands. “Everyone on campus has worked exceptionally hard to achieve such increases.”

There are 133 more students in the main campus and abroad (BGSU students studying outside the country) this spring than there were last spring, a 3.9 percent increase. “Higher spring enrollment is an additional benefit of bringing in a record fall 2001 freshman class,” said Gary Swegan, director of admissions.

Notable growth occurred in students enrolled in BGSU courses offered off-campus. Those showed an overall gain of 7.7 percent. “That is a significant increase,” said Robert Zhang, assistant director of institutional research.

Beth Casey to turn over reins to general education

After 23 years as director of BGSU’s general education program, Beth Casey is stepping down. She will become an adjunct associate professor of English. Casey plans to retire in three years and desires to “spend the rest of my time in the classroom,” she said.

In spite of a demanding schedule as director, she has kept her vow to teach every year, she said, and has taught Canadian and American literature as well as Great Ideas classes. In the next three years, she will devote more time to research and writing. She is working on a book comparing American and Canadian literature along particular cultural intersections.

When Casey came to Bowling Green in 1978 as associate director for curriculum development, there existed no general studies program as we know it today, nor an honors program. She convinced then Provost Mick Ferrari to create a true general studies program at BGSU. Faculty members were supportive and helped develop the curriculum.

“Faculty and chairs have been wonderful to work with,” she said. “Academic enhancement grew and developed and became independent, and the honors program grew and developed and became independent. In general studies, we put in an international requirement, a cultural diversity requirement, and carefully defined the skills and learning outcomes for each knowledge domain.

If I ever doubt that we’ve accomplished anything, I have only to walk out in the hall here in University Hall. I can see the Office of Academic Enhancement at one end and the University Honors Program at the other, and I remember all we’ve done,” Casey said.

A leader in her field, Casey has been president of both the Association for General and Liberal Studies and the Association for Integrative Studies and is a Fellow of the Society for Values in Higher Education. She has organized three national conferences on liberal education and served as a consultant on general education at colleges and universities across the nation.

“Beth has been an imaginative and persistent force in leading the University to value general and liberal education. She’s an excellent coordinator, and she’s among the top four or five figures nationally who keep their finger on the pulse of liberal education in the U.S.,” said Tom Klein, director of the Chapman Learning Community.

“Though it is difficult to focus on general education in a large Doctoral I institution such as Bowling Green, BGSU has really tried to do this,” Casey said.

“As one-third of a baccalaureate degree, general education is truly its foundation,” she noted. “President Ribeau has taken the lead in focusing on general studies’ role in creating principled citizens, which is traditionally exactly what general education is designed to do. We want students to understand events both in their own country and abroad, get them to recognize the global connection, and enable them to participate in the arts and in all aspects of community life.”
Renowned ceramist and friends to visit

Beginning today (Feb. 11), through March 11, the School of Art will host "Peter Voulkos & Friends: A BGSU Interdisciplinary Art Symposium," an event featuring 10 distinguished ceramic artists. Five of these artists are internationally recognized as leaders in the field of ceramics: Peter Voulkos, Jun Kaneko, Rudy Autio, Paul Soldner and Don Reitz, while the other five are acknowledged as the leading artists in the nation: Dan Anderson, Chuck Hinodes, Sadashi Inouzuka, Eva Kwong and Kirk Mangus.

The format of the event is centered on Voulkos, acknowledged as the foremost ceramics artist of this century and the founder of the contemporary clay movement. During the three weeks, Voulkos will create several large-scale pieces of art in the ceramics lab at BGSU and provide a slide lecture that will be open to the public. Throughout the event, the other featured artists will provide demonstrations in ceramics, printmaking, drawing and glassblowing and will provide slide lectures of their work.

For a full schedule of events, see Monitor online, or call Susan Kocal at 2-0107.

Training session set on employee issues

In an effort to help BGSU employees and departments understand illness and injury reporting, workers' compensation and job safety, Environmental Health and Safety and Human Resource will hold a training session from 10-11 a.m. on Feb. 21 in 1 College Park Office Building.

Registration is required to attend the session. To register, call Environmental Health and Safety at 2-2171, or register online at www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/injury_illness/class.htm. For more details on the speakers and topics, see Monitor online.

Offices move to the student union

The following offices have moved into the Bowen-Thompson Student Union:

• Office of Student Life, from Saddlemire Student Services Building to 301 BTSU
• Office of Campus Involvement, from South Hall to 401 BTSU
• First Year Experience Program, from Mosley Hall to 301 BTSU

Learn about the state of the university

"Building on tradition...Believing in opportunity." The campus community is invited to attend President Reitz's State of the University Address.

The address begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in 101 Olscamp Hall.

Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and fellowship.

Job postings

FACULTY
Environmental Programs, Instructor. Call the search committee, 2-8307. Deadline: March 29.
Cooperative Education, Associate professor. Call Jim Knoll, 2-3357. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.
Contact Human Resources at 372-8431 for information regarding the following.
CLASSIFIED
There are no new listings for the week of Feb. 11.

To learn about tax-free graduate tuition benefits for employees, see Monitor online.

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Bowling Green, Ohio
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In brief

Tuesday, Feb. 12
Family Campaign Kick-off. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 228 BTSU. Light lunch served; campus community invited.
Canadian Author Series, with John Hagan, author of Northern Passage: American Vietnam War Resisters in Canada and war resistors, 4:30 p.m., 101A Olscamp Hall. For reservations, call 2-2457.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Science/Music Seminar, "Music as Seen (or Heard) through Scientific Eyes (or Ears)," presented by Melvin Chen, piano faculty, Yale School of Music, 3:30 p.m., Choral Rehearsal Hall, MMAC.
Guest Artists, Don Reitz and Dan Anderson, an illustrated lecture, 7 p.m., BTSU Theatre; Faculty Composers' Forum, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

Thursday, Feb. 14
Guest Artists, Rudy Autio and Jun Kaneko, an illustrated lecture, 7-9 p.m., BTSU Theatre; International Film Series, "Pescadito (1996)," directed by Eduardo Wissecourt, 7:30 p.m., Gah Film Theater, Hannah Hall.
Guest Recital, Melvin Chen, piano. Yale School of Music, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

Friday, Feb. 15
Black History Month Events, "The Life and Work of Audre Lorde - Inspiration for the New Millennium," Film screenings, "A Legacy of Survival: The Life and Work of Audre Lorde," 1-2 p.m., and "The Edge of Each Other's Battles: The Vision of Audre Lorde," 2:15-3:15 p.m. Roundtable discussion to follow, 3:45-4:30 p.m., 107 Hannah Hall.

BGSU Concert Band, directed by Hubert Toney, Jr., and the University Band, directed by Charles Neal, 8 p.m., Kibbecker Hall, MMAC.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Chamber Music Series, concert featuring BGSU College of Musical Arts faculty, 3 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

Continuing Events

Feb. 11-12
Theatre Performance, "The vagina Monologues." All performances begin at 8 p.m., Lenshart Grand Ballroom, BTSU. 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.

Feb. 11-13
Blood Drive, American Red Cross Bloodmobile, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 101B Olscamp Hall.

Feb. 11-22
Art Exhibit, "Bowling Green Ceramics," featuring the work of the BGSU Student Ceramics Organization, Student Art Gallery, BTSU. Hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

Feb. 12-15
Art Exhibit, "Peter Voulkos & Friends," featuring drawing, glass, prints and ceramics, including work by Peter Voulkos, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center.

Through March 8
Planetarium Presentation, "Mars Quest." Showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays. $5 donation suggested.

Key: MMAC: Moore Musical Arts Center; BTSU: Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Calling all Presidents' Day volunteers

Volunteers are still needed to help out with the annual Presidents' Day Open House on Monday, Feb. 18. Volunteers are asked to work in two-hour shifts on this important recruiting day. To find out more, visit the Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/admissions/volunteers/ or contact Susan Macias at 2-7808 or antonim@bgsu.bgsu.edu.