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Preview Orientation and Registration on June 21

The University's annual Orientation and Registration Program begins June 24 when the first group of new students arrives on campus.

Through July 25, BGSU will host approximately 10,000 guests—incoming students and their families.

There are some new faces in the program this year. Jodi Webb, formerly the director of the First Year Experience Program, now directs the reorganized Orientation and First Year Programs, and Janet Foldenauer, who recently received her master's degree in college student personnel, is interim coordinator of orientation.

In the ongoing effort to improve the orientation process, several changes and improvements have been made. The BGSU community is invited to a kick-off breakfast on June 21 to receive an overview of this summer's Orientation and Registration program. The continental breakfast, new this year, will be held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. To attend, RSVP by June 18 at 2-2843 or oreg@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

The breakfast precedes the annual preview, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. for those who wish to hear more detailed information.

"Orientation and Registration is everyone's program," Webb said. "We welcome everyone to the kick-off breakfast to learn more about the program and meet the Student Orientation Leaders."

Last summer, the Orientation and Registration program underwent program review, which resulted in several recommendations for improvement. A University-wide committee was formed comprising some of the "key stakeholders," Webb said, to give them a wider view and to obtain their input.

A consensus was that more emphasis was needed on the University's academic expectations for incoming students and, in turn, to let them know what to expect from BGSU.

This heightened academic influence will now be a cornerstone of the Orientation and Registration Program, Webb said. The first session attended by both parents and students will help set the stage for what

is to come, and the academic component will be reinforced throughout their visit and through special programs planned during students' first year on campus.

As the last step in the recruitment process, Orientation and Registration is an important time for the University to build relationships with first-year students and their parents. The two-day program is students' first real taste of college life, Webb said.

"We want them to walk away from this experience feeling they made a good choice in selecting BGSU," she said.

To strengthen the connection with incoming students, each of the 24 Student Orientation Leaders will stay with a group of about 20 students over the course of the two-day program. They will escort them from place to place, lead breakout discussion groups and hold lunch meetings.

But their commitment doesn't end there. "The Orientation Leaders will also bridge to the Welcome activities in the fall,



Janet Foldenauer (left) interim coordinator of orientation, and Jodi Webb, director of Orientation and First Year Programs, in their new office in Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

and continue to work with their groups throughout the fall semester in the First Year Success Series," Foldenauer said.

The revamped program offers a "unique leadership opportunity" for the "diverse, enthusiastic group of students" chosen as leaders, Webb said.

Many Orientation and Registration events will be centralized in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, where the Orientation and First Year Programs office is also housed. Olscamp Hall will also be heavily utilized, while other events will be located in the colleges.

Students often turn to spirituality for comfort in times of romantic distress, study finds

The image of a college student coping with a troubled romantic relationship or breakup might bring to mind a scene that includes a box of tissues and a sad love song playing in the background.

Yet a groundbreaking study conducted by BGSU doctoral candidate Gina Magyar found that the power of spiritual belief has emerged as a prominent coping mechanism when students' romantic relationships are in trouble.

"Spirituality in general is something that college students are leaning on to get them through romantic troubles.

They experience strong levels of sanctity in their relationships and consequently, the betrayals, or desecrations, of these relationships have significant consequences—many times leading to the call for help from a higher power," Magyar said.

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion honored Magyar's thesis with the Student Paper Award at its annual conference in 2001. Her work is credited in the psychological community as a benchmark

study of the linkage between desecration in relationships and the effects of spiritual coping mechanisms.

Magyar surveyed 360 male and female college students at BGSU who had had experience in a romantic relationship. Ninety-six percent of the students indicated that they had experienced hurt or betrayal in their romantic relationships, and many students reported a significant impact to their mental and physical health when the sanctity of their relationship was violated.

Desecration in romantic relationships can be of sexual, emotional or physical nature and includes behaviors such as lying, cheating on a partner and physical abuse, the researcher said.

"In serious cases of betrayal, students reported depression or signs of post-traumatic stress syndrome, an emotional reaction to a disturbing episode which is re-experienced. Other effects included avoiding friends or loved ones, missing work or skipping a great deal of classes," Magyar said.

Males and females were

affected equally by troubled relationships.

Magyar found that the students in the study turned to tools such as prayer and meditation to find solace.

Through prayer, the students reacted to their troubles in several ways. Some students chose to lean on God for strength only in coping with their problem while others prayed for their God to solve the problem in its entirety. Other students viewed their predicament as the will of God.

When students utilized the act of meditation, they were seeking to transcend, or surpass, their negative experiences in an effort to focus on the positive experiences that lay beyond their troubles.

"My research is important because it provides counselors and psychologists with greater insight on young adults dealing with the popular problem of romantic trouble—how they are processing the event. This comes at a time when many counselors and psychologists don't necessarily have a strong

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Enjoy Monitor online all summer

Faculty and staff members who are planning to be away from campus this summer can keep up with the news by reading Monitor online.

Posted weekly at www.bgsu.edu/faculty_staff/, the Web version contains all the articles and photos in the print Monitor, plus additional stories and information from time to time.

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Central Stores/Warehouse to close briefly for inventory this month

Central Stores/Warehouse will close for its annual physical inventory on Friday, June 21, and will reopen Monday, June 24. During this time, departments will be unable to order or receive supply items. Orders for Monday, June 24, delivery will need to be in no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

If there are questions, email rlsmith@bgnet.bgsu.edu or call 2-2370.

Buckeye Boys State marks its silver anniversary at Bowling Green

For the 25th year in a row, BGSU is hosting Buckeye Boys State, the largest event of its type in the nation. Sponsored by the American Legion, the nine-day event gives participants hands-on experience in how the democratic form of government operates. Boys State will be on campus through June 16.

Approximately 1,400 boys from around the state are participating in mock elections at each level of state government, visiting local offices and agencies for a firsthand view of civic activity, and attending informational sessions.

This year's speakers include Governor Bob Taft and Ohio Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moyer. BGSU Executive Vice President Linda Dobb, Bowling Green Mayor John Quinn and Ohio Sen. Randy Gardner were scheduled to participate in the opening ceremonies June 8.

ASC representatives announced

Administrative Staff Council has announced the election of representatives for 2002-05. They are: Kim Grilliot, College of Education; Bahram Hatefi, internal auditor, Terry Herman, continuing education; Deborah Knigga, family and consumer sciences; Susan Kozal, School of Art; Joe Luthman, ITS; Rachel Melchiorre, athletics; Emily Monago, multicultural and academic initiatives; Ron Skulas, language lab; Cindy Smith, continuing education, and Nicole Voorhees, Upward Bound.

ASC Chair-Elect and Secretary for 2002-03:
Chair-Elect: Robin Veitch
Secretary: Deborah Fleitz

Executive Committee for 2002-03:
Technology: Wayne Colvin
Academic Departments: Jim Dachik
Academic Support: Ann Betts
Athletics: Brady Gaskins

Institutional Support—Sandy Miesmer
Student Support: Sue Lau

ASC representatives to University Standing Committees for 2002-05:
Health, Wellness and Insurance: Emily Monago
ITC: Carol Hague
Equal Opportunity Compliance: Dawn Burks

Students often turn to spirituality

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belief in a higher power and many young adults do. It helps them relate," Magyar said.

Kenneth Pargament, psychology, who is Magyar's doctoral adviser, speaks highly of the research.

"This study finally lends deserved attention to the link between spirituality and the impact of tragic life events. Her

research will help make a difference in the way some psychologists are handling their young adult patients," Pargament said.

Magyar, who expects to earn her doctorate from BGSU in August of 2004, earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her master's degree from BGSU.

BGSU is an AA/EEO educator and employer.

job postings.....

FACULTY

Music Performance. Visiting assistant professor. Call Christopher Scholl, 2-2287. Deadline: June 21.

Music Education. Visiting assistant professor/Instructor. Call the dean's office, 2-2188. Deadline: June 24.

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

CLASSIFIED

(Employees wishing to apply for these positions may request a "Request for Transfer" form.)

Deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, June 14.

Food Service Worker (C-45-Sc)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 1. Nine-month, full time.

Public Inquiries Assistant 1 (C-46-Sc)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Pay grade 7. Twelve-month, part time.

Secretary 1 (C-47-Sc)—President's Leadership Academy. Pay grade 6.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Audio-Visual Manager (V-037)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Administrative grade 13. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Director (S-036)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Administrative grade 19. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Head Women's Swimming and Diving Coach (02-054)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Deadline: June 12.

Third Assistant Men's Basketball Coach (02-053)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Deadline: June 12.

Coordinator, Geriatric Education Center (02-060)—College of Health and Human Services. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: June 21.

Grants Coordinator (02-058)—Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: June 28.

campus calendar.....

Monday, June 10
Summer Music Institute (SMI): Brass Camp Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, June 12
Public Skating, 8-10 p.m., Ice Arena. Admission: age 13 and over, \$3.50, skate rental \$2.50; under 13, admission \$3, rental \$2; BGSU students, admission \$2, rental \$1.

Thursday, June 13
SMI: Brass Camp Finale

Concert, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, June 15
SMI: Vocal Arts Camp Finale Concert, 11 a.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

SMI: Brass Camp Finale Concert, 1:30 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Monday, June 18
SMI: String Camp Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Lend a hand at University picnics

University Dining Services is recruiting volunteers for the Convocation Picnic, on Sunday, Aug. 25, and the annual Welcome Back All-Campus Picnic, on Friday, Sept. 6.

Volunteers may sign themselves up for the time that works best with their schedule by going online at <http://dining2.bgsu.edu>. Or contact Lisa Chiapetta, University Dining Services, at 2-2891 or email clisa@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

in memory

Karen Wiechman, 49, died May 27 in Woodville. She was a publication specialist with the Popular Press for the past 10 years.