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Life-giving donations



Shannon Base of the American Red Cross prepares to draw blood from graduate student Soo Goh's arm during the summer blood drive held at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union July 31. BGSU far exceeded the Red Cross's goal of 30 units of blood. Eight-four people donated, yielding 67 units of usable blood.

Daniel Brahier to deliver summer commencement address

Daniel Brahier, winner of the 2001 BGSU Master Teacher Award, will give the summer commencement address Saturday (Aug. 10).

Graduation will be held at 9:30 a.m. on the lawn in front of University Hall.

Tickets are not required. In the event of rain, commencement exercises will be held in Anderson Arena. Approximately 1,068 students are expected to graduate.

Brahier, who specializes in mathematics education in the Division of Teaching and Learning, also teaches an eighth-grade mathematics class every morning at St. Rose School in Perrysburg.

It is a tradition that the Master Teacher Award winner is asked to be a University commencement speaker. One of the highest honors given to a BGSU faculty member, the award is sponsored annually by the Student Alumni Association. The winner is chosen by the student body.

Brahier, who has taught at BGSU since 1992, is president of the Ohio Council of Teach-



Daniel Brahier

ers of Mathematics, the second largest state-level mathematics teacher organization in the country with nearly 6,000 members. He is also vice president of the Research Council on Mathematics Learning. He has written three books, including *Teaching Secondary and Middle School Mathematics*, which is

used for mathematics methods courses at universities across the United States.

Library support staff attend BGSU-led skills institute

Library support staff members from around the state are updating their skills and learning some important new ones at a three-day institute in Columbus this week.

Organized by Linda Dobb, executive vice president, along with Doug Morrison of the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute at Wooster, the Ohio Library Support Staff Institute is being held through Wednesday (Aug. 7) at Ohio Dominican College. Forty people from public, school, special and academic libraries are attending.

BGSU attendees include technical assistants Linda Babcock, Popular Culture Library; Jason

Center receives NIH grant in recognition of success

A new grant from the National Institutes of Health will help advance research activities of the University's Center for Family and Demographic Research.

The three-year, \$409,000 grant will be used to extend work under way to integrate demography with broader social scientific perspectives. The CFDR effort will focus on high-risk populations and will include research on immigration, health and mortality, adolescent development and family structure.

The BGSU center, founded in 2000, is one of only 18 NIH-funded population research centers nationwide. The grants are intended to strengthen and support these centers.

"In just two years we've been able to build a viable center, one that pulls in participants from across the campus community and results in powerful collaborations," said Center Director Wendy Manning, sociology. "I'm pleased that everyone's hard work is being acknowledged with the NIH grant."

The CFDR focuses its activities on research related to the health, development and security of children, adolescents and families. It is supported by six BGSU departments and involves the work of 30 faculty members. The cross-disciplinary effort has already resulted in a welfare reform conference, research collaborations and the expansion of research agendas.

"With these additional resources we'll be able to increase the scope and impact of the center affiliates' research," said Laura Sanchez, associate director of the center. Sanchez is also a faculty member in sociology. "NIH funding allows the center to further develop our research support services and initiate a faculty development award that provides seed-grant funds."

In addition to original research, another primary function of the center, as a state census data affiliate, is to help researchers and community decision makers interpret census data to identify trends and make informed choices for their constituents.

It also provides valuable training opportunities and resources to Bowling Green graduate students, Manning added.



Wendy Manning



Laura Sanchez

Peslikis, access services, and Nancy Krueger, Northwest Ohio Regional Book Depository.

In addition, Colleen Parmer, head of the government documents division of the University libraries, is offering a class in her area of expertise.

"We need to develop more skilled people in library science," Dobb said. "Many don't have a degree," she said, adding that she hopes that, through their class and networking experiences at the institute, participants may be encouraged to pursue a library degree.

The institute will culminate in a panel discussion Wednesday

on the future of libraries in Ohio and elsewhere. Panelists will include State Librarian Michael Lucas, along with Tom Sanville, director of OhioLink; Carol Roddy, director of the Ohio Public Library Information Network, and Terri Fredericka, director of INFOhio.

"Library support staff do a variety of things. As the world of library services changes and grows, they need to continually add to their skills," Dobb said. "We'll be offering sessions in such newer topics as conducting online genealogical research.

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Northwest Ohio colleges collaborate to advise online about health care careers

High school and college students and people considering career changes often face a bewildering array of options when it comes to careers in health care.

Now Bowling Green will partner with three other northwest Ohio colleges and universities to make it easier for people to learn about health care fields by developing an online health career-advising program with a \$332,641 grant from the Ohio Board of Regents.

The new technology project, titled the Virtual Health Professions Advisor, is among 38 initiatives that were funded by the regents under their Technology Initiatives program.

The Medical College of Ohio was awarded the grant and will coordinate the technical development of the user-friendly Web site, which will contain up-to-date, reliable information on what it takes to become a physician, nurse, physical therapist, physician assistant, dental assistant, dietitian, clinical laboratory scientist and hundreds of other health occupations.

The site will allow people to gather information provided by MCO, BGSU, the University of Toledo and Owens Community College by accessing one Web site. Students can learn about the schools' health care educational programs and curricula, obtain application forms and find out the names, email addresses and telephone numbers

of people to contact.

The Web site is under construction and expected to go live this fall. For links to each institution and for more information, go to www.virtualadvisor.org.

Plans also call for the four institutions to hold live weekly videoconferences that will allow potential students to ask questions about health careers and get answers from faculty members or health care professionals in real time.

The conferences will be delivered to videoconferencing workstations at Toledo Public Schools, the Northwest Ohio Computing Association, branches of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and the Center of Science and Industry.

Dr. Christopher Bork, dean of the School of Allied Health at MCO and director of MCO's Center for Creative Instruction, says he hopes the site, which he calls a "simplified gateway to health career counseling," will expand students' career vistas.

"Bowling Green State University is delighted to join its sister institutions in this collaborative effort to increase the workforce in the health professions. The history of joint programming involving BGSU, MCO, UT and OCC is impressive, and we are excited to add the Virtual Health Professions Advisor to the list," said Clyde Willis, former dean of BGSU's College of Health and Human Services, who was involved in the project's creation.

Library support staff attending skills institute

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online reference searching and maintaining a Web site. We'll also have classes in some traditional topics such as book repair, along with teaching databases and file management."

The institute is funded by a \$15,000 grant from the State Library of Ohio, with additional support from the Academic Library Association, the Ohio Council of Library and Information Service organizations and several vendors. Some of the vendors, including Ebsco Inc., are supporting scholarships for participants. In addition, numerous volunteers from all over

Ohio are assisting with classes.

"We've had wonderful support," Dobb commented.

Dobb formerly served as dean of Libraries and Learning Resources and currently oversees the libraries, along with the divisions of continuing education and Information Technology Services.

"The institute really brings together these three strands," she said. "It's part of the continuum of education in library science."

Bowling Green is a site for the Kent State University master's degree program in library science, is developing an online bachelor's degree completion program with an emphasis in information science and has many librarians who are active in state and national professional organizations.

in memory

Carla Smith, 54, died July 11. A professor of psychology, she had taught at the University since 1985. She directed the industrial-organizational doctoral program from 1993-98 and had served as co-director of the occupational health psychology graduate program since 1998.

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in brief

Kick off with free football game tickets

Beginning next Monday, Aug. 12, every faculty and staff member is invited to go to the ticket office in Memorial Hall and receive four free tickets to the Aug. 29 football game against Tennessee Tech.

This is the home opener of what should be a very exciting football season. The deadline for ticket pick-up is 1 p.m. on Aug. 29. Be sure to bring your BGSU ID. Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night is sponsored by the President's Office, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and University Advancement.

Sign up to take part in Technology Fair

Get ready to join campus technology providers and local businesses in showcasing your services to the public at this year's BGSU Technology Fair.

The fair will be held from 1-5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, in 101 Olscamp Hall. Groups from all over campus as well as representatives from numerous outside companies will be displaying their services and highlighting new innovations that will soon be benefiting faculty, staff and students.

Some features included in this year's fair will be hourly drawings for various computer-related items and demonstrations of new technical media. Further information will be forthcoming.

Setup for this event will begin at 10 a.m. Oct. 17. Each participating organization may have one or two six-foot tables, as well as a network connection if desired.

For more information, contact the Student Technology Center at 2-9277 or by email at student-tech@listproc.bgsu.edu. To participate, complete the form available at www.bgsu.edu/offices/studenttech/techfair/signup.html by Sept. 27. Confirmation of your participation will be sent via email.

job postings.....

FACULTY
VCTE. Instructor. Call the department, 2-2437. Deadline: Sept. 20.

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There were no new postings this week.

ADMINISTRATIVE
Director (S-036)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Administrative grade 19. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.
Major Gifts Officer (02-066)—Office of Development.

Administrative grade 16. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Manager (S-049)—University Dining Services (two positions). Administrative grade 12. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

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