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University is focusing its strengths to move into the next era of achievement: President Ribeau

The greatest colleges and universities never rest on their achievements but are constantly evaluating and seeking ways to improve, President Sidney Ribeau told a crowd of nearly 1,000 on Aug. 23 in his eighth annual opening day address.

Opening day is a valuable opportunity each year to reassess both individually and as an institution, and to ask whether we are doing our best and heading in the right direction, the president said.

Titled "Integrating Knowledge and Performance at BGSU," the speech traced the development of some of the major themes and accomplishments that will guide the University into the next era.

"Being part of the Bowling Green community should make some kind of fundamental difference in the quality of your life," he said. "It must have the potential to ignite the imagination in you and others. We should gain some insight and a sense of community and participation by being here that we didn't have before."

From the Building Community project in 1995 came the creation of the first-year programs, the increased focus on critical thinking and values exploration, and a host of other programs and initiatives designed to bolster student success and shape the University in a conscious way.

"It provided a platform for the future, and from those discussions it emerged that



President Ribeau at his opening day address greets Isaiiah Lawson, a freshman from Detroit and a member of the BG Experience pilot group. The program, which focuses on the critical exploration of values, brought 125 students to campus this summer.

first and foremost are our people. Our faculty and staff are our greatest asset," Ribeau said.

University-wide planning has been an important activity, Ribeau said, as BGSU continues its quest to become the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the nation.

The Campus Master Plan, in which people from across the University have participated, will be a good tool for making decisions about where anticipated new facilities, such as the admissions, theatre and biological sciences buildings, should be located and how the overall physical environment should evolve.

"We need to utilize space effectively to enhance our mission of teaching and learning," he said.

Ribeau showed a number of slides illustrating the University's progress, from enrollment growth

to annual giving and sponsored research to student satisfaction.

"By every benchmark, we're doing well. But that does not ensure our future," he cautioned.

Instead, BGSU must integrate the combined wisdom and experience of the last few years into a focused, vision-inspired plan for the future of the institution, he said.

With this in mind, the president said, he created the Academic Planning Team, convened last spring to unite all available research and identify academic strengths and weaknesses of the University. Using what they find, the team is to set goals for BGSU over the next 20-50 years and identify progress indicators. The team has identified some preliminary themes, and Ribeau urged the campus community to

study them, now available in the campus email and on the Web, and give feedback to the committee.

Ribeau noted that the University's mission statement says it will be "grounded in intellectual discovery," thus setting it apart from business. "What we do is different from what Microsoft does," he said, and is why the University cannot operate based solely upon the "bottom line."

"We are creating the next generation of knowledge," he pointed out.

This is why the "BG Experience," focusing on the critical exploration of values, is so important to our students and to the future of the nation, he said.

"We're not trying to teach anyone values, we're just trying to make them see that they do in fact have values, and those values do affect their behavior.

"We want to help them sort out where their values came from, how they influence their behavior, and how eventually they will influence their professional ethics."

In closing, Ribeau noted that "significant change doesn't take place in a sensational way. Anything we do at BGSU will be evolutionary, not sensational.

"We are poised at this moment to take the next step to make us one of the best universities not just in Ohio but in the nation. Whether we take that step is up to us not only in word, but in deed, in what we are willing to do."

Center for Archival Collections nets a trove of Catholic records

Genealogists, local historians and other researchers have a new source of information thanks to a unique collaboration among the Catholic Diocese of Toledo, BGSU and the Genealogical Society of Utah.

Now preserved on microfilm are sacramental records from 174 parishes in the Toledo Diocese, which comprises 19 counties: Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot.

Records from roughly 30 precursors of parishes, called stations and missions, have also been preserved, as have baptismal records from seven Catholic hospitals. The data dates from the 1830s—nearly 80 years before the diocese was established—and is on 414 rolls of microfilm at BGSU's Center for Archival Collections.

"Nothing like this has been done anywhere in the country," according to center director Paul Yon, referring to the three-way cooperation among a diocese, an academic institution and GSU, a society affiliated with the Mormon

church that collects genealogical records worldwide.

The center coordinated the project, which preserved records of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, mar-

riages, deaths and interments, as well as membership and cemetery records.

Although work didn't begin

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Paul Yon (right), director of the Center for Archival Collections, and Father Thomas Quinn, director of communications for the Toledo Diocese, examine some of the records.



Catholic records netted

(Continued from front)

until October 2000, the idea for such a project actually went back to the 1970s, said Yon, whose interest was both in preserving the information and making it accessible to the researching public.

The Utah society agreed to underwrite one-third of the microfilming cost, and once the diocese consented, the legwork began. Staff from the center picked up, and later returned, records from parishes wherever they went in northwest Ohio, Yon said, noting that only one volume from one parish couldn't be located.

"Bowling Green did a monu-

mental job," said the Rev. Thomas Quinn, the diocese's director of communications, pointing out that the two-year project wrapped up three months early.

Death and interment records extend to the present, but the agreement includes a stipulation that prohibits BGSU from providing access to baptismal and marriage information from the previous 70 years unless researchers are searching for themselves or immediate family. The information may be sought from the appropriate parish or the diocese, Yon said.

Genealogists have already begun using the records, and public libraries are requesting copies for their collections. A complete inventory of the records can be seen at the center's Web site: www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/cac.

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in brief

Pick up free football tickets for Thursday

The deadline is approaching to get your free tickets to the Thursday (Aug. 29) home opening football game against Tennessee Tech. Each faculty and staff member is entitled to four tickets.

The deadline for ticket pick-up is 1 p.m. on Thursday. Be sure to bring your BGSU ID to the ticket office in Memorial Hall. 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.

BGSU vehicle rental no longer available

Beginning Sept. 1, the University will no longer offer rental vehicles to departments and offices, Jane Schimpf, assistant vice president for Auxiliary Services, has announced.

The decision was made by J. Christopher Dalton, senior vice president for finance and administration, in concurrence with a recommendation by Auxiliary Services to discontinue the Vehicle Rental Operation.

The decision was largely driven by the mandate to University departments to reduce operating costs, Dalton said, which in turn reduced departments' utilization of the rental fleet and the revenue it had generated. Safety liability issues surrounding 15-passenger vans and the retirement of Don Coppes, transportation services manager, were factors included in the decision.

Richard Peper, contract manager in the Purchasing Department, has negotiated preferred-provider arrangements with local vendors for service after Sept. 1. He can be contacted at 2-8414 or rpeper@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Peace Cloth to be on display in union

On Sept. 3, BGSU will hold opening ceremonies for its showing of the John Denver Memorial Peace Cloth. Related to the display of the cloth will be nine days of presentations and events devoted to exploring the concept of peace.

The opening ceremonies and reception will begin at 6 p.m. on Sept. 3 in 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union, where the cloth will remain on display until Sept. 12.

The Peace Cloth was originally created to wrap around the United Nations headquarters in New York City to commemorate World Peace Day in 2000. It has evolved to recognize the late John Denver's commitment to the work of the United Nations, which he served as an "Ambassador of Peace and Goodwill." The large, colorful cloth consists of handmade panels, many fashioned from wedding or christening dresses or embroidered with special words and designs, and contributed by people around the country, expressing the themes of peace and diversity.

The Peace Cloth project is sponsored by Graduate Student Senate with support from other University offices and organizations. For more information, contact Shelly Clagg, Graduate Student Senate president, at 2-2426 or GSS@bgnet.bgsu.edu. Visit www.johndenverpeacecloth.com for more about the Peace Cloth.

campus calendar.....

Monday, Aug. 26
Classes begin.

Monday, Sept. 2
Labor Day, classes canceled; offices closed.

Continuing Events
Aug. 27-Sept. 27
Art Exhibit, "Inventing Contemporary Ornament: A

National Invitational Exhibition," featuring the work of 14 jewelers and metalsmiths, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays 1-4 p.m.

Aug. 27-Sept. 25
Art Exhibit, "This Is Not a Photograph," Willard Wankelman Gallery. See above for gallery hours.

job postings.....

FACULTY

Theatre. Assistant professor. Call Jonathan Chambers, 2-9618. Deadline: Dec. 1.

NOTE: Due to the current hiring freeze, interviews may be conducted but no job offers may be extended at this time.

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

CLASSIFIED

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

The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

Custodial Worker (C-66-Sc)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 2. Twelve month, part time.

The following positions are being listed on and off campus. The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

Cook 1 (C-61-63-Sc)—University Dining Services (three positions). Pay grade 3. Nine month, part time.

Food Service Worker (C-64-Sc)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 1. Nine month, part time.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant Director of Residence Life for Educational Initiatives (S-080)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will begin Aug. 30 and 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.

Director of Principal Gifts (02-083)—Office of Development. Administrative grade 20. Review of applications will begin Sept. 1 and continue until the position is filled.

Major Gift 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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Look online for the winners of the new faculty door prizes