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# MONITOR

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## Youth are more aware than perceived: Jackson

If you think popular culture is leading young people down a primrose path, you might want to reconsider.

They're not minions of the entertainment media, nor are they as apolitical as widely believed, says David Jackson,

political science, who has written a book about the relationship between popular culture and politics.

*Entertainment and Politics: The Influence of Pop Culture on Young Adult Political Socialization* was published in August by Peter Lang Publishing. Based upon surveys of about 700 first-year students at BGSU and Wayne State University, Detroit, in 1997-98, the book is part of a series on "Politics, Media and Pop Culture."

Young people may be avid consumers of music, movies and television, but they're not "passive, empty vessels waiting to be filled," according to Jackson, who earned his Ph.D. in American government from Wayne State in 1999. They're "critical consumers of pop culture," he says, adding that "they border on the cynical."

As such, these teenagers aren't easily swayed politically by what they see and hear, he argues.

Those who have been socialized by their parents, churches and schools to be more conser-



David Jackson

vative may find offense in entertainment media—reinforcing their beliefs against premarital sex, for example—and pay less attention to it, he says.

Not strongly affected by media messages, either, are more "liberal" teens. Jackson defines them as young people who have been raised to be experimental, or whose parents

haven't told them that something is completely right or wrong.

"Reinforcement is the ultimate conclusion," he says, although efforts to influence young minds, via their eyes and ears, haven't abated.

Popular culture is full of political issues, such as sex, drugs and violence, and when musicians sing about drugs, for instance, millions of dollars of anti-drug advertising become pitted against a billion-dollar popular culture sending other messages, Jackson says.

Youth are also thinking about public consequences of personal moral choices, which he says are in part political choices.

Because repeated exposure to popular culture and peer influences can make a difference, research into political socialization of college students "begs to be continued" beyond their first year, Jackson says. Such research has been less common, he adds, since social scientists settled largely on parents as the dominant influence in their children's lives.



Robert 'Bud' Hurlstone, art (left), embraces Shawn Morin, head of the sculpture department, at a reception in Hurlstone's honor Oct. 2. Morin hailed Hurlstone for his commitment to both his art and to his students in his 24 years at the University.

## Library enhanced by two Bud Hurlstone artworks

Robert (Bud) Hurlstone, School of Art, was honored by The Friends of the University Libraries at a reception Oct. 2 for his significant contributions to the University and the library.

Hurlstone, a nationally known glassblower who has taught at Bowling Green since 1978, recently donated two pieces of his work to the University libraries. "Inner Life," a major work of art, is on permanent display in the second floor lobby of Jerome Library. One of a series expressing the tensions between one's inner and outer selves, the piece is composed of consecutive dark panes of flat glass, their geometric angularity set off by a central round tube "that's full of color and movement," Hurlstone said.

The second piece, specially created for Ramona Cormier, Trustee Professor Emeritus of philosophy, is on display in the Ramona Cormier Faculty Reading Room, which was dedicated in Cormier's honor in 1998. A colorful vessel of swooping curves and vertical planes in happy stripes of strong primary colors and delicate ribbons of

softer pastels, the piece is an homage to Cormier, whom Hurlstone credited with inspiring him as a teacher with her energy and passion.

Hurlstone's work is in the permanent collections of the American Crafts Museum in New York City and the Corning Museum of Contemporary Glass, the nation's leading museum of modern glass art, among others. The artist also created a large marble sculpture titled "Unity," weighing between 2,500 and 3,000 pounds, for the Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg.

At BGSU, Hurlstone was instrumental in developing the glass specialization within the school's MFA program. He also designed and supervised the installation of the glass facilities in the school, which are among the finest in the area.

Among the speakers at the reception were three of Hurlstone's students, who praised his mentorship, describing him as an exacting teacher who is also generous in his patience with their development as artists.

## Record 20,480 students are enrolled at BGSU this fall

The University has started the school year with a headcount enrollment of 20,480 students, the highest in the institution's history.

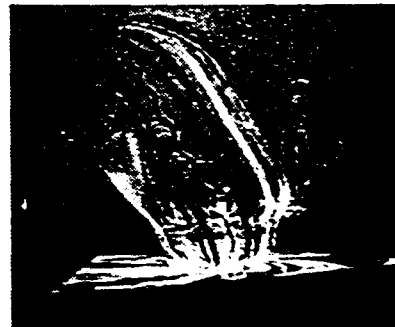
The figure is 1 percent higher than a year ago when 20,276 students were enrolled on the 15th day of classes, the day on which final enrollment figures are tabulated each semester.

BGSU Firelands showed the biggest gain in student registration, with a record headcount enrollment of 1,707 students, an 11.1 percent increase.

BGSU welcomed 4,331 new students this semester to the main campus, including 3,630 freshmen and 701 transfer students.

On the main campus itself there are now 17,741 students; this figure grows to 18,773 when those students taking courses at BGSU extension sites and abroad are added.

The Ramona Cormier Faculty Reading Room is enlivened by the glass vessel created by Bud Hurlstone especially for the space. Cormier has been both a teacher and student of Hurlstone's, studying glass with him after her retirement.



## A note from Human Resources...

Open enrollment for benefits for Plan Year 2003 will begin in November. Stay tuned for more information.

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## campus calendar.....

Monday, Oct. 7

Center for Family and Demographic Research Speaker Series, "Balancing Academic and Policy-Based Research Agendas: An Example from the Ohio Task Force on Family Involvement," with Randy Leite, family and consumer sciences, 12:30-1:30 p.m., 201B Union. Call 2-7279.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Self-Defense Workshop for Women, 7-9 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. To register call Behavioral Connections at +19-352-9504, ext. 3542.

NAACP Talks Workshop, 7 p.m., 315 Union.

Concert, Student Jazz Combos, directed by Russell Schmidt, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Brown Bag Lunch, "Because I Care: Issues Facing Women's Breast Health," with Deb Jordan, American Cancer Society, noon to 1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall. In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Sunday, Oct. 13

Sunday Matinee, "The Night of the Hunter," (1955) directed by Charles Laughton, 3 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Introduction by Anthony Slide, author of *Silent Players*.

Continuing Events

Through Oct. 20

Art Exhibit, "Hidden Japan," featuring 85 black and white photographs by Kijuro Yahagi, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays 1-4 p.m. Closed Oct. 10-14 for Fall Break.

Oct. 7-Nov. 13

Art Exhibit, "Jennifer Bennett: Paintings," Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Through Nov. 24

Planetarium Presentation, "Amazing Stargazing and Saving the Night," showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$1 donation suggested.

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## in brief

### October is Tech Month at BGSU

A series of events that will highlight creative uses of technology on the BGSU campus will take place in various locations during October.

CIO Bruce Petryshak will talk about the upcoming campus contracts for Meeting Maker and the Kronos timekeeping system for student employees from 1-2 p.m. on Oct. 9 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Anthony Short, director of WBGU-TV learner services, will give three presentations on using the new digital video streaming service—from 2-4:30 p.m. Oct. 14 in 1002 Business Administration Building; from 9-11:30 a.m. Oct. 15 in 210 Education Building, and again from 9-11:30 a.m. Oct. 23 in 226 Olscamp Hall.

Connie Molnar, Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology; and Terry Herman, Continuing Education, will also offer demonstrations of the My BGSU/Blackboard Portal.

The third annual BGSU Tech Fair will be held from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 17 in 101 Olscamp Hall, with displays, presentations and prizes.

Additionally, a series of lectures on wireless applications, computer crime, and the Student Tech center will round out the month.

Check the Monitor calendar for exact times, dates and locations. All are welcome to all events. Come celebrate Tech Month at BGSU!

### Flu shots will be available on campus

For the 10th consecutive year, faculty and staff will be able to receive the flu vaccine at the Student Health Service. From Oct. 14 through Dec. 13, the vaccine will be administered to faculty and staff from 8-10 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, with no appointment needed. The cost is \$15. Staff should bring their BGSU ID when they come to the Student Health Service.

According to Dr. Joshua Kaplan, director of the Student Health Service, "Once again, the influenza season looms over North America, and once again I urge all students and staff to get the flu vaccine. This year, my advice is particularly earnest. The last two years we experienced unusually mild flu seasons. This year, the United States Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control is anticipating an unusually severe flu season.

"Influenza is a very unpleasant illness, with high fever, severe muscle aches, cough and weakness. The worst of the illness lasts about a week, and full recovery requires another one to two weeks.

"The vaccine is very safe. It has minimal side effects. It is not expensive. It is highly effective in preventing influenza. Also, for reasons that are not well understood, it has been reported to substantially reduce rates of illness from other winter respiratory infections. I encourage everyone to have it."

### Campus takes a Fall Break

Reminder: Fall Break is coming up this week. There will be no classes Oct. 10-13. Campus offices will remain open.

## in memory

Madonna Marsden, 58, died Aug. 7 in Richmond, Ky. She taught in the English department from 1979-92 and was the wife of Michael Marsden, professor emeritus of popular culture.

Algae Adams, 82, died Sept. 13 in Columbia, Mo. She was the first woman dean of BGSU Firelands, serving from 1977-85.

Carl Holmberg, 53, died Sept. 30 in Bowling Green. A professor of popular culture, he had taught at BGSU since 1982.

## job postings.....

### FACULTY

Musicology/composition/theory. Assistant professor of music theory. Call Gene Trantham, 2-2175. Deadline: Dec. 2.

Telecommunications. Assistant professor. Call Ewart Skinner, 2-8646. Deadline: Dec. 15.

Music performance studies. Assistant professor (two positions). Call Christopher Scholl (voice), 2-2287; Vasile Beluska (viola), 2-2093. Deadline: Jan. 15, 2003.

The University's recent modification to the hiring freeze may allow offers of employment to be extended for some positions. You may check with the Office of Human Resources or the hiring official for information regarding the position for which you are applying.

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Contact Human Resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:  
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There are no new listings for the week of Oct. 7.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant Director of Residence Life for Educational Initiatives (S-080)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. 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.

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

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