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Faculty Awards honor achievement, service

The University celebrated the achievements of some of its most distinguished faculty at the Faculty Recognition Dinner Oct. 24, and honored those with 15 or more years at BGSU, as well as those who have recently retired.

Among the honorees was Vernon Wolcott, who has been with the music performance studies department for 40 years. Another eight faculty members were recognized for 35 years of service to BGSU.

For a complete list of faculty years-of-service honorees, see Monitor online.

Also honored that evening was Janet Parks, human movement, sport and leisure studies, who was named a Distinguished Teaching Professor by the BGSU Board of Trustees last May in recognition of her outstanding, 37-year classroom career at the University.

Olscamp Research Award

This year's winner of the \$1,000 Olscamp Research Award is Michael Ogawa, a professor of chemistry and member of the Center for Photochemical Sciences. The award goes to faculty for outstanding scholarly or creative accomplishments during the previous three-year period.

"As a successful researcher with an established national and international reputation, Dr. Ogawa has enhanced the research profile of the department and the Center for Photochemical Sciences," said Arts and Sciences Dean Donald Nieman.

Young Scholar Award

Also presented to a member of the chemistry faculty was the Young Scholar Award, which went to Felix Castellano. Established in 1996 and administered by the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (SPAR), the award comes with \$1,000 in cash plus a \$1,000 credit to the winner's discretionary research account in the SPAR office.

As a specialist in inorganic and physical chemistry, Castellano's research interests include biophotonic and lifetime-based sensing applications of luminescent inorganic dyes, long-range photo-initiated electron- and energy-transfer processes, and molecular-level photonic devices. He is an active collaborator with scientists at other universities as well as at BGSU, further expanding the scope of the center.

Faculty Distinguished Service Award

Two longtime faculty members were chosen to receive the Faculty Distinguished Service Award. Edmund Danziger, Distinguished Teaching Professor of history, and M. Neil Browne, Distinguished Teaching Professor of economics, split the \$1,000 award.

Both men are well known on campus for their many years of intense involvement in student and faculty life and University initiatives.

President's Awards for Academic Advising of Undergraduate Students

The winners of the President's Awards for Academic Advising of Undergraduate Students were Capt. Calvin E. Fish, military science, and Peter Shields, telecommunications.

For the full story on all the winners, and photos, visit Monitor online.

Irina Stakhanova named 2002 Master Teacher

In recognition of her efforts far beyond her prescribed duties, Irina Stakhanova, German, Russian and East Asian languages, has been named the 2002 Master Teacher.

The Master Teacher Award is sponsored annually by the University's Student Alumni Association and is considered one of the highest honors for faculty because students choose the recipient. It includes a \$1,000 cash award and a plaque in the winner's honor.

The award was presented at the Faculty Recognition Dinner. In addition to excellence in teaching, the Master Teacher Award recognizes a caring attitude toward students. Stakhanova, who joined the faculty in 1990, demonstrates a strong dedication to her students. A lecturer in the Russian program, she is the undergraduate adviser and Russian Club adviser.

As one of her nominators wrote: "She demonstrates an interest in her students' lives and welfare, inside the classroom and out of it. She encourages many extra-curricular activities for students to develop a more rounded knowledge of different aspects of Russia and its culture."

She directs the summer and semester education-abroad programs at St. Petersburg. She also models strong professional values, continuing to pursue and present her own research and introducing innovative means of student assessment.

"Irina demands from her students what she knows they're capable of, causing them to strive toward their full potential," a nominator wrote. "She is at the same time very encouraging and always has more information to give on any subject."

Gaston Kaboré brings Africa to BGSU

It's a long way from Bowling Green to the West African country of Burkina Faso, but the messages in film director Gaston Kaboré's movies are as relevant here as in his hometown of Ouagadougou.

The winner of a French César and an Etalon de Yennenga award, Kaboré is filmmaker-in-residence this semester in the ethnic studies and romance languages departments, where he has been teaching graduate-level seminars in which he is showing his own work and that of other Burkina Faso directors. Kaboré has directed four award-winning feature films, seven documentaries and four short fictional films.

"For a movie to be made, you have to be touched," he says, indicating his heart. "The 'cognito' is not enough."

This feeling of being touched by an image he couldn't shake was the impetus for one of his best-known films, "Zan Boko," released in 1988. The title of the film is the Mossi term for the place in which one's placenta is buried and which represents one's ties to the land from birth onward. When visiting a European-style villa on the outskirts of Ouagadougou in preparation



Gaston Kaboré

for renting it as office space, Kaboré walked out on the balcony, where he beheld directly below him a farm plot smack up against the villa's property. He could watch the farmers going about their business of gardening and sheep raising.

The image of the incongruity and juxtaposition of urban and rural life "didn't leave me until I started writing the script," he said.

In his 1982 film, "Wend Kuuni," and its sequel, "Buud Yam," made 16 years later, Kaboré explores the lives of a young boy who tragically loses his parents and the family who adopts him. The story is one of self-discovery that deals with the sense of exclusion and isolation that everyone feels to some extent, and with the

importance of gaining perspective and a wider view. For a people whose history includes the domination of a colonial system, the film is a parable about taking control of one's life and building one's own heritage despite a troubled past.

In addition to directing his own films, Kaboré has held numerous leadership roles in the field of cinema. He has served as head of the Panafrican Federation of Filmmakers and as a juror on many film festivals. He was also director for 12 years of the Film Board of Burkina Faso. He has taught at universities in Burkina Faso, the United States, Belgium and France, among others.

Kaboré's unplanned entry into the world of film came through the doorway of history. As a Ph.D. student at the Sorbonne in Paris, where he earned degrees in history and geography, he became interested in how Africa was being represented in the illustrated press and in documentary film. To fully understand film, he began taking classes in it, and—true to his professor's prediction—never returned to history.

"I believe it is as important to tell stories as it is to record history," he said.

campus calendar.....

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Monday, Oct. 28

University Libraries Tech Day, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., main floor of Jerome Library. Demonstrations of Electronic Reserves, Electronic Notices, ILLiad, Chat Reference, and digitizing and scanning technologies of microform materials and materials housed in the Historical Collections of the Great Lakes and the Popular Culture Library. A Technology Month event.

Dissertation Defense, "An Investigation of Collaboration, Culture, and Care Among Third-Grade Teachers," by Diana Garver, School of Leadership and Policy Studies, 10 a.m.-noon, 113 Education Building.

Horror Film Series, "The Sixth Sense," 9 p.m., Union Theater.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Self-Defense Workshop for Women, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall. To register, call Behavioral Connections at 419-352-9504, ext. 3542.

Open Forum, Academic Planning Team, 7:30-9 p.m., 314 Union. Campus-wide participation encouraged.

Concert, Jazz Guitar Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

UAO Movie, "Signs," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Open Forum, Academic Planning Team, 7:30-9 a.m., 314 Union. Campus-wide participation is encouraged.

Brown Bag Lunch, "The Silent Witness Re-shrouding," marking the end of Domestic Violence Month, noon-1 p.m., McFall Center Gallery.

Technology Presentation, "The Future of Wireless Communications," by IBM representatives, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 314 Union. Sponsored by CIO Bruce Petryshak.

Dissertation Defense, "Role of Glutamate Receptor and NFKB signaling in Circadian Rhythm Entrainment Pathway," by Lujian Liao, biological sciences, 2:30 p.m., 330 Life Sciences Building.

Faculty Artist Series, Matthew Ardizzone, classical guitar, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

Horror Film Series, "The Others," 9 p.m., Union Theater.

Thursday, Oct. 31

Partnership Support Grant Presentation Series, "Senior to Senior: An Intergenerational Approach to Mobilizing and Sustaining Technological Literacy for Older Adults," noon-1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

Dia de los Muertos, 3-10 p.m., Smith Multicultural Gallery, Union. Sponsored by the Latino Student Union.

Encourage students to attend job fair

The BGSU Career Center is hosting a Government, Non-Profit Organization and Volunteer Job Fair from 5:30-9 p.m. on Nov. 6 in 101 Olscamp Hall.

Faculty may want to encourage students from every academic major to participate in this job fair to identify opportunities for full-time careers, internships, student employment and volunteer experiences. More than 30 organizations will participate.

For more information, call the Career Center at 2-2356 and see Monitor online.

International Film Series, "Macario" (1958, Mexico), directed by Roberto Gavaldon, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Concert, "Tubaween," featuring the Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

Horror Film Series, "Thirteen Ghosts," 9 p.m., Union Theater.

Friday, Nov. 1

Dissertation Defense, "Existence, Mechanism, and Significant Effects of Trace Metal-Fe Limitation on Phytoplankton (Cryptomonads)," by Li Xia, biological sciences, 11:30 a.m., 204 Life Sciences Building.

President's Lecture Series, "Technology: With It You Can Touch the Future," by M. James Benson, board chairman at Minnesota Technology Inc. and president emeritus of Bemidji State University, 3 p.m., Union Theater. The theme of the 2002 series is Technology, Society and Humanity.

UAO Movie, "Signs," 11 p.m., Union Theater.

Dissertation Defense, "Groups of o-Automorphisms of o-Groups of Finite Archimedean Rank," by Ramiro H. Lafuente-Rodriguez, mathematics and statistics, 11:30 a.m., 459 Math Science Building.

Sunday, Nov. 3

UAO Movie, "Signs," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Continuing Events

Oct. 31-Nov. 3

Firelands Theatre Production, "Beguiled Again: The Songs of Rodgers and Hart," 8 p.m. Oct. 31-Nov. 2, and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 3, McBride Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$6 for senior citizens and BGSU Firelands faculty; \$5 for students, and \$3 for Firelands students. For reserved seats, call 2-0747.

Nov. 1-3

BGSU Theatre Production, "Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill." Performances at 8 p.m. Nov. 1 and 2, and at 3 p.m. Nov. 3, Kobacker Hall, MMAC. A joint production of the College of Musical Arts Opera Theater and the Department of Theatre. Tickets are \$12, \$10 and \$8. To reserve, call 2-8171.

Through Dec. 13

Flu shots, available to faculty and staff from 8-10 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, Student Health Service. No appointment needed, cost \$15 with BGSU ID.

Key: MMAC- Moore Musical Arts Center.

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in brief

Health care contributions to rise

Effective Jan. 1, 2003, both employees' and BGSU's contributions to medical, dental and prescription coverage will be increasing as a result of the rising cost and utilization of medical and dental services and prescription drugs. The increases are as follows:

- Employee-only or Single coverage—from \$15 to \$17 a month
- Employee plus 1 dependent coverage—from \$55 to \$62.50 a month
- Family coverage—from \$70 to \$80 a month.

The amounts of individuals' monthly and per-paycheck contributions and BGSU's contributions will be enclosed in the packet of open enrollment material employees will receive in November.

Site visitors seek comments on program

The BGSU master's degree program in communication disorders is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. A team of three site visitors will be visiting the program on Nov. 4 and 5. As part of this process, members of the community are invited to a public meeting on Nov. 4, from 4:15-5 p.m. in 252 Health Center. The site visitors will be interested in perceptions of the academic program and/or the services of the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

job postings.....

FACULTY

There were no listings for the week of Oct. 21.

Please contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr.

CLASSIFIED

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

The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1.

Food Service Coordinator 2 (C-91 and 92-5c)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 6. Two 12-month, full-time positions.

Recreation Facilities Manager 2 (C-94-5c)—Student Recreation Center. Full time.

The following positions are advertised on and off campus:

Vehicle Operator 2 (C-78-80-Vc)—Shuttle Services. Pay grade 6. Three nine-month, part-time positions. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1.

Cashier 1 (C-89 and 90-5c)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 3. Two 12-month, part-time positions. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

Account Clerk 3 (C-95-Vc)—Office of Development. Pay grade 7.

Full time. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

Food Service Worker (C-88-5c)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 1. Nine-month, part-time position. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

Secretary 2 (C-96 and 97-Vc)—Office of Development. Pay grade 7. Two full-time positions. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

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.

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

Director of Educational Outreach (02-095NF)—Office of Educational Outreach, BGSU Firelands. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: Nov. 15.

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