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Jobs are not supplanting kids, new study finds

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While Brown and Booth found that satisfaction with work was generally slightly higher than with home, it didn't translate into spouses working longer hours, or even wanting to work more.

The results were the same for men and women, and regardless of their jobs. Brown said. The only exceptions, where people were at work longer, were parents who had teenagers and were especially dissatisfied at work but satisfied at home. But workers who fit that description comprise only 3 percent of dual-earner couples who have children, she added.

The nationally representative data, Brown said, contained "no evidence for the huge cultural shift" suggested by The Time Bomb, in which Hochschild analyzed a "third shift" of emotional management for working mothers. Already coming home to a "second shift" of household chores, they must now also deal with children who are feeling neglected because their parents are spending more time at work, she said.

While Hochschild's argument is "intuitively somewhat appealing," it's probably an oversimplification of the situation, for instance to workplace friendships and a feeling that they were more wanted on the job.

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Black History Month celebrated

The University will mark Black History Month with a number of activities for students, faculty and the community.

The 4th annual Black Issues Conference on Saturday (Feb. 8) is titled "Hip Hop Culture: Imprints on Our Community. Children and Culture." Featured will be keynote speaker Chuck D, former member of the seminal rap group Public Enemy, which, along with Run DMC, created what is today known as hip hop. Unlike hip hop groups of today, Public Enemy, which was active in the late 1980s and early 90s, did not use misogyny or anti-police themes, but focused on issues of consciousness raising for black youth. Its politically charged lyrics spoke of black leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, and encouraged civic engagement by black people.

Chuck D has co-authored a book, Fight the Power: Rap, Race and Reality, published in 1998 by Delta Press, and has spent the past four years speaking on college campuses.

His presentation, at 2:30 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowes-Thompson Student Union, is free.

The conference itself costs $7 for students, $10 for others and includes lunch and reserved seating at the keynote address. Throughout the day, faculty members from the departments of ethnic studies, popular culture and American culture studies will present sessions on various aspects of hip hop culture in American life.

The conference is hosted by the Center for Multicultural Affairs and the University Activities Organization.

For more information or to register, call conference coordinator James Jackson, coordinator of multicultural services, at 2-2642.

On Feb. 21 and 22, the center will host its annual dinner theatre, Seventies Soul Part II. The evening of music, skits from 70s black sit-coms, and dance performed by BGSU staff, faculty and students will feature popular songs from the 1970s.

The Friday evening performance includes hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Tickets are $12. Saturday's performance includes a full dinner buffet and cash bar and costs $22. The doors open at 7 p.m. both nights.

For ticket information, call Yolanda Flores at 2-2642. Tickets are bursarable and offices or organizations may reserve tables through a budget transfer.

Other events during the month include a presentation about "African American Women and Eating Disorders" at a brown bag lunch on Feb. 5 in the Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

On Feb. 19, "African Foodways and Cultural Identity" will be the topic of a presentation by Antoine Ngou Okhan Kabwasa. His talk will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. in the Bowes-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Conductor's life is multifaceted experience for Emily Freeman Brown

If January is any indication, 2003 promises to be a stellar year for Emily Freeman Brown, director of orchestral activities and conductor of the Bowling Green Philharmonia.

Brown was installed as president of the Conductors Guild at its annual conference in New York City Jan. 2-5. The term is two years, bracketed by two years as president-elect and another two as past president. As leader of the 2,000-member organization, she will oversee all guild activities. The guild encompasses orchestral, choral, opera and band conductors and includes some international members.

"We're a very diverse organization," Brown said.

Next, she was off to Lowell, Mass., to the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Northeastern District 45th annual Orchestra Festival on Jan. 11. For four days, she worked with advanced high school music students in rehearsal for their concert.

Then, the guild's activities built to a climax on Jan. 18 when, as a U.S. cultural ambassador on behalf of the U.S. State Department, Brown conducted an all-American program with the National Symphony Orchestra of Latvia. The concert attended by the ambassadors of the United States and Israel, was broadcast on television and radio, and included an interview with Brown. She also was interviewed by five newspapers and three television stations.

The program included Leonard Bernstein's Symphony No. 1, "Jeremiah," which featured one of Latvia's most famous sopranos, Inese Galente; the overture to "The School for Scandal," by Samuel Barber, and Aaron Copland's celebrated Symphony No. 3.

"They are an excellent orchestra. The whole experience was a lot of fun and the concert was a big success. They played extremely well," she said.

The visit was part of a cultural exchange in which the host country requests the artist's participation. The American Embassy arranged for her to also be in residence at the Music Academy in Riga, where she

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campus calendar

Monday, Feb. 3
President’s Lecture Series, “The Social Transformation of Networks,” David Paasche, Pennsylvania State University, 7:30 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by the President’s Office.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Assembly Room.

Wednesday, Feb. 5
“Brown Bag Lunch, “African-American Women and Eating Disorders,” with Oseea Williams, University of Michigan, noon-1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

Diversity Celebration Concert, “Moscow and Back,” 12:30 and 5:30 p.m., Central Lounge, North Building.

Psico -sponsored by the President’s Office.

Thursday, Feb. 6
Arts and Sciences Forum, Stanley Knoler, author of Abuse of Power, will discuss the Nixon tapes. The $6.95 lunch is at noon, free lecture at 12:30 p.m., Multi-purpose Room, Union. Reserve by calling 2-8171.

As a way of illustrating the extent of abuse of power, the forum will feature a screening of the documentary film, Watergate, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Continuing Events
Feb. 7-April 25
Planetsarium Presentation, “Star-Spangled Banners,” showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays. $1 donation suggested.

Through Feb. 7
Art Exhibit, “Direct Pressure: A Collective of the Princt Society of BGSU,” Union Art Gallery, open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through Feb. 9

Friday, Feb. 7
Affirmative Action Event, “Defending the Promise of Brown,” with Miranda Massie, lead counselor for the student defendant intervenors in the University of Michigan lawsuit, 3:30-11 p.m. Union Theater.

Saturday, Feb. 8
Diversity Celebration Art Exhibit, “In Our Family,” 5 p.m.-3 p.m. Fridays.

Sunday, Feb. 9
Concert, by choral students in Richard Hendley’s master classes, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMC.

NCA evaluation team announced

The team of evaluators who will be visiting campus March 3-5 as part of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities re-accreditation process has been finalized. Mark Gronko, vice provost for academic programs, and William Knight, director of planning and institutional research, have announced the two are coordinators of the re-accreditation effort.

The University is involved in a 10-year re-accreditation review. Following its visit, the NCA evaluation team will submit a report, and the NCA commission will take action on BGSUs continuing accreditation status.

Team members are: Celestino Fernandez, professor of sociology, University of Arizona; David Asai, professor of biology, Purdue University; E Chris Garcia, interim provost, University of New Mexico; Sharon Hamilton, Chancellor’s Professor of English, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis; Martin Massengale, director, Center for Grasslands Studies and President Emeritus, University of Nebraska; Thomas McPhil, professor of communication, University of Missouri-St. Louis; Jerry B. Poe, professor of finance, Arizona State University; George Springer, professor of computer science and mathematics, Indiana University Bloomington; Diane Stewart, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, Western Michigan University; and Alice Thomas, coordinator of graduate studies/Department of ED PA College of Education, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

As part of the re-accreditation process, BGSU has completed a self-study, with the theme of “Student Success.” The evaluation team will rely heavily on this document in drawing up its report. The study is available online at www.bgsu.edu/offices/nca_slegend/index.htm. Gronko and Knight encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with its major themes in preparation for the team visit.

in memory

Charles Coddington, 77, died Jan. 27 in Bowling Green. The long-esterving University employee, he had worked in facilities service since 1949, most recently as director of utilities.

Deloris Hall, 70, died Jan. 27 in Lexington, N.C. She was retired from a 30-year career in University Dining Services.