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Outstanding classified staff recognized

The University's classified staff members were recognized and rewarded at the annual Classified Staff Council Spring Reception on April 3. The University Bookstore staff was presented the 2003 team award. The team was applauded for its Herculean efforts in moving the bookstore from Saddlemire Student Services Building into the Bowen-Thompson Student Union in less than a week and, in the process, transforming it into a "premier college bookstore," as one nominator wrote. "A winning team that gets things done" was how another nominator described the group. The team will share a $1,000 cash prize and receive a plaque engraved in their honor.

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The leaders agreed to: increase awareness of environmentally sustainable development (defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs); create an institutional culture of sustainability; educate for environmentally responsible citizenship; foster environmental literacy for all; practice institutional ecology; involve all stakeholders; collaborate for interdisciplinary approaches; enhance capacity of primary and secondary schools, broaden service and outreach nationally and maintain the movement.

Also next week, there will be a 5-K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Kids Fun Run on April 26 at the Ice Arena, with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. The run is sponsored by the Environmental Services Building into the Bowen-Thompson Student Union in less than a week and, in the process, transforming it into a "premier college bookstore," as one nominator wrote. "A winning team that gets things done" was how another nominator described the group. The team will share a $1,000 cash prize and receive a plaque engraved in their honor.

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Earth Day is April 22, and a week's worth of events have been scheduled to mark the annual event.

On April 23, the Environmental Action Group (EAG) and Environmental Programs will host keynote speaker John Peterson Myers, senior adviser to the United Nations Foundation, who will speak on "Environmental Potholes on the Road to Progress."

Myers' talk will focus on the alteration of the environment and natural cycles by the proliferation of human activity worldwide. He will address the need to develop new rules for governance and commerce that incorporate these new realities.

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The group produced a report and has committed to meet with the goal of seeing its recommendations implemented. For more information on the report, go to www.bgsu.edu/departments/envi/green campus.htm.

campus calendar

Monday, April 14
Digital Arts Concert Series, Richard Boalanger, electroacous

Tuesday, April 15
How 2 Workshop, Flo Klopfenstein presents "Spring Centerpieces," 6-8 p.m., 314 Union. Required registration; $5 fee. Call 2-2741.

Mock Rape Trial, 7-9 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by the Coalition Against Sexual Offenses.

Concert, Student Composers Forum, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

UAO Movie, "Sealing Harvard," 11 p.m., Union Theater.

Sunday, April 20
Community Easter Buffet, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Lehman Grand Ballroom, Union. Adults, $15.95 plus tax; seniors, $13.95; with BGSU student ID, children 4-12 years, $6.95 plus tax; children under 4 years, free; Golden Buckeye Card patrons, $13.95. Reservations required; call 2-7090.

Philosophy Department Great Debate Series, "Should Students Pay More Toward Education at State Universities?" with Loren Lomasky, philosopher and Peter Haas, economics, 7:30 p.m., 111 Olcamp Hall.

UAO Movie, "Rats of Attraction," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Wednesday, April 16
Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m.-noon, 316 Union.

Brown Bag Lunch, "Sexual Assault: Men's Issues," Mark Krausmeier, Counseling Center, and Heath Huber, Transformation Project, noon-1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall. In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Video Discussion, "What's Up with the Weather?" 7-8:30 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Part five of the "Research Revolution" series.

World-View Self-Defense Workshop, 7-9 p.m., Student Recreation Center.

Affirmative Action Debate, 8 p.m., 111 Olcamp Hall. Sponsored by the BGSU Law Society and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Thursday, April 17
Take Back the Night Rally/March, 7:30 p.m., bell Tower Mall. Sponsored by BGSU Feminist Majority and the Women's Action Coalition.

Arts & Sciences Visiting Writer Series, author Dinny Moore, 8 p.m., Dept of English. Concert, Tabla/Euphonium Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

Friday, April 18
Mathematics and Statistics/Psychology Colloquium, "Three Mahalanobis-Distances and Their Role in Assessing Unidimensionality," by Ke-Hai Yuan, psychologist, Notre Dame University, 3:30-5 p.m., 499 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Concert, University Women' Chorus and Collegiate Choirale, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, MMAC.

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spring semester nearing, all of the 40 cameras are spoken for, said Program Coordinator Kim Fleshman, noting that many of the digital videographers also come to the center to use—and get help with—Movie editing software.

Pointing to the increased popularity of digital video on campus, including its use for classwork, Whimire noted that the number of camera checkouts last fall semester (416) exceeded the number for the entire 2001-02 academic year (364). Some academic areas on campus now require students to digitally record themselves, including student teachers and performing music students.

More than two dozen online tutorials are available to students through StudentTech as well. Some offer how-to information about becoming more technologically savvy; while others guide students through a particular task or application, such as creating an online portfolio.

Fleshman said the center is "a one-stop shop" for the kinds of assistance that faculty and staff receive through the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology and Instructional Media Services.

StudentTech also administers a program in which students who are receiving financial aid can apply for free use of a laptop computer for an academic year. All of the roughly 150 book computers in the laptop program are currently in use, Fleshman said.

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