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'StudentTech' adds color (and technology) to students' lives

When students in Diane Frey's Computers for Apparel Products classes needed to make black and white scarf designs more colorful, she remembered something she had heard from colleagues in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Recalling their mention of BGSU's Student Technology Center, Frey looked up the center on the Web and called to ask about its services. The upshot of her initiative was a hands-on workshop where roughly 35 of her students learned how their designs, created in the AutoCAD drafting program, could be colorized in Photoshop, a photo editing program.

"I think it's a phenomenal help to students," said Frey about the center—the only such facility at a public university in Ohio and one of few nationwide that focuses on academically oriented technology training, according to its director, Duane Whitmire.

StudentTech, as it's often called, moved last fall from Jerome Library—its home from its inception in 2001—to 200 Saddlemere Student Services Building, where it will host a "grand opening" Tuesday (April 15) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The center offers workshops for both small and large groups, such as Frey's students. Its workshop room, for small groups, is equipped for use of VHS tapes, DVDs, video CDs and streaming video from WBGU-TV, in addition to Internet access and display. Workshop topics range from using Web browsers and search engines to avoiding junk email and computer viruses.

StudentTech also provides one-on-one tutoring on various software packages, as well as a separate Personal Technology Trainer program. In that program, a student is paired with one of the center's student employees to "establish more of an ongoing (tutoring) relationship" for software instruction, Whitmire said.

The most popular Student Tech service is its digital video program, allowing students to check out cameras, tripods and lighting kits. With the end of

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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 Saddlemere 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.

Candace Ducat, administrative secretary in the School of



Candace Ducat



The University Bookstore staff won the 2003 Classified Staff Outstanding Team Award for their effective functioning.

Art, was given the Outstanding Service Award. Praised by the North Central Association accreditation team as being critical to the functioning of the school, Ducat was described by a nominator as the "glue that holds the school together." Another wrote that she is the "absolute mold and model" for the award's criteria, which include dependability, innovation, promoting harmony and assisting others.

Ducat will receive \$1,000 and a reserved parking space for a year.

Also at the reception, 14 scholarships valued at \$250 each were awarded. They included five to classified staff members, eight to dependents of staff members and one to a spouse of a staff member.

Concluding the ceremony, incoming CSC Chair Becky Paskvan told classified staff members, "CSC is here for you. It's your sounding board, your listening ear and your direct channel to the administration. We will face all challenges together for 2003-04."

Earth Day spotlights the environment

With the war in Iraq taking most of our attention these days, students, faculty and staff at the University want to remind everyone that it is particularly important now that we continue to pay attention to the environment.

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 govern-

nance and commerce that incorporate these new realities.

His talk, at 8 p.m. April 23 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater is free. A reception will follow in 201A Union.

As part of the campus Earth Day celebration, a number of organizations will have tables in the Union Oval. EAG and the Environmental Health Program's table will focus on the Talloire Declaration, to which BGSU is a signatory.

The declaration provides the methods for universities to play a leading societal role in moving toward sustainable development

Signed by President Paul Olscamp in 1991, the declaration was made by presidents, rectors and vice chancellors of universities worldwide expressing concern about the "unprecedented scale and speed of environmental pollution and degradation, and the depletion of natural resources."

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

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Health Student Group and EAG. For more information, call Gary Silverman at 2-6062.

Last year Provost John Folkins convened a faculty/staff committee to study environmental sustainability on campus.

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

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campus calendar.....

Monday, April 14

Digital Arts Concert Series, Richard Boulanger, electroacoustic music, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, MMAC.

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, "Stealing Harvard," 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 Krauthem, 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., 115 Olscamp 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 Dinty Moore, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Concert, Tuba/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, psychology; Notre Dame University, 3:30-5 p.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

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

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

Sunday, April 20

Community Easter Buffet, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union. Adults, \$15.95 plus tax; BGSU students, \$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 2-7950.

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

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

Monday, April 21

Presentation, "The Undetected Rapist," presented by David Lisak, University of Massachusetts-Boston and director of the Men's Sexual Trauma Research Project, 7:30 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by the Coalition Against Sexual Offenses.

Continuing Events

Through April 22

Sexual Assault Awareness Month, The Clothesline Project, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. April 16-17, Clock Tower Area. Rain site 202 Union. T-shirt making for the Clothesline Project, 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 16 and 22, and 3:30-5:30 p.m. April 17, the Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

April 12-16, 20-25 and April 29-May 4

MFA Thesis Exhibitions, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

April 14-May 9

Art Exhibit, "Annual Student Exhibitions," Little Gallery; BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through April 25

Planetarium Presentation, "Star-Spangled Banners," showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$1 donation suggested.

Key: MMAC- Moore Musical Arts Center.

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in brief

Parents' role is topic of teleconference

Orientation and First Year Programs will host a teleconference on the important role of parents and families in college students' success. "Embracing Parents and Families: Strategies for Student Success" will be held from 1-3 p.m. April 24 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

An expert panel will discuss institutional strategies for developing partnerships with parents and families around three central sets of issues involved in student success—legal, academic and social. The conversation offers suggestions on how institutions can build relationships with families to improve students' college experiences whether they're living in town, out of town, at home, in a residence hall or in off-campus housing.

'Rocket Boys' author Hickam to visit BG

The campus and community will welcome Homer Hickam, one of the original "rocket boys," to Bowling Green May 1 in conjunction with the BG Community Reads project.

Hickam, a retired NASA engineer and co-author of the best-selling, award-winning autobiography *Rocket Boys*, will spend an evening with readers at the public library to cap off the community reading program. The campus and community have been reading and discussing his book since last December. The book has been adapted into the film "October Sky," which has also won awards.

Throughout April, there will be opportunities to take part in book discussions on the BGSU campus and at local coffee shops and the public library.

For more information, contact Colleen Boff at cboff@bgnnet.bgsu.edu or Roger Thibault at rthibau@bgnnet.bgsu.edu.

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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—iMovie editing software.

Pointing to the increased popularity of digital video on campus, including its use for classwork, Whitmire 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, he added.

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 iBook computers in the laptop program are currently in use, Fleshman said.

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