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Cedar Point Center receives architecture award

The Cedar Point Center at BGSU Firelands was among six projects recognized at the 2003 Design Awards Program of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The center received an award in the category of Educational Architecture (built). Overall, 76 projects were under consideration for this year’s design awards, and the Cedar Point Center received the only award in its category.

Collins Gordon Bostwick Architects designed the $8 million classroom and conference facility, the first new building added to the campus since 1972. Forming the southern edge of the campus, this two-story, 30,000-square-foot building features a spacious, 40-foot-high atrium carefully composed to embrace the pastoral views of the James H. McBride Arboretum.

"The Firelands campus, with the McBride Arboretum, is a beautiful place, and we were very pleased to be able to add a significant, new building to the school," commented Robert Bostwick, principal for design at Collins Gordon Bostwick Architects. "The Cedar Point Center provides both essential new classroom space and also creates very inviting outdoor areas that add so much to an academic community and a vital campus experience."

"I’ve been here three years and in that time, it’s been remarkable to see what was once a sketch on paper turn into the marvelous facility we have now. The community has embraced the construction of the Cedar Point Center just as passionately as they embraced the construction of the Firelands Campus in the 1960s," added BGSU Firelands Dean James M. Smith. "With the addition of the Cedar Point Center, we have the best resources to educate a new generation of students in the communities we serve."

John Pommersheim, BGSU Firelands associate dean, joined several members of the project team from Collins Gordon Bostwick Architects to accept the honor at the Nov. 14 design awards ceremony held at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens.

The Cedar Point Center celebrated its grand opening on Sept. 12.

Good parent/child relationships produce social skills, friends

A BGSU researcher says a good relationship—secure attachment, mutual trust and good communication—between children and their parents enhances the ability of youngsters to make friends.

Priscilla Coleman, co-coordinator of the human development and family studies program, conducted research with 67 fifth- and sixth-graders at a rural elementary school in Tennessee. She looked at gender, attachment to the mother, and attachment to the father in relation to children’s social self-efficacy beliefs, peer attachment and victimization. Her research results were published in the October issue of Infant and Child Development.

According to Coleman, the study showed that "children who had a good relationship with their mom had a more intimate bond with their friends."

Being attached to the father has a more indirect effect on peer relationships. Children who have secure relationships with their fathers, compared to children with less secure relationships, develop better knowledge of appropriate social behaviors and confidence in themselves as social partners, skills which are transferred to their relationships with peers.
Jill Carr, Maureen Wilson recognized by student affairs organization

Two BGSU employees were recently honored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Region IV-East.

Jill Carr, associate dean of students in the Office of Student Life, and Maureen Wilson, higher education and student affairs, were recognized at the association's regional conference in Milwaukee in November.

Carr was chosen to receive the NASPA IV-East Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional Award. This award recognized individuals who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the profession and who have contributed to programs that address the needs of students. Recipients must be experienced in creating campus environments that promote student learning and personal development.

In her letter of nomination for Carr, Wanda Overland, assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students, wrote: "In her capacity as associate dean of students, Jill has worked closely with me in developing and enhancing a student experience at Bowling Green State University that supports student learning and encourages students and staff to pursue their dreams and life goals. ... Jill provides leadership in a variety of other ways. She supervises the parent and family program as well as the management of the student life office. Jill is frequently asked to present to various groups on student issues, classroom behavior, parent and family concerns, as well as student crisis and emergencies. Her relationship with city officials has furthered the collaborative relationship between the city and the university. It is not uncommon for the judge or city prosecutor to call Jill to discuss a situation. The communication channels and level of respect, trust and credibility could not be stronger. ... While Jill’s list of accomplishments and achievements is impressive, I believe her greatest contribution to the profession has been the mentoring relationships that she has developed and nurtured with undergraduates and graduate students and staff. Jill utilizes an ethic of care that extends beyond her professional role. She role models wellness and life balance and encourages students and staff to make that personal commitment for themselves."

Wilson received the NASPA IV-East Outstanding Contribution to Student Affairs through Teaching Award. The award is given to an outstanding college student personnel professional preparation faculty member who has made a contribution to the profession through the development of professionals, through research and publication and through active involvement with professional organizations.

Wilson was nominated for the award by her former student Michael Hevel. In support of her nomination, Michael Dannells, interim chair of higher education and administration, wrote: "... her course preparations are thorough and scholarly, and her classroom instruction is superb. Students complain about the amount of work she expects, but they rave about how much they learn and how much they appreciate her style. Her work on students'
Patriot Act threatens balance between security, privacy: Neal

James Neal takes a clear position on what has become the most controversial legislation that arose from the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"The (USA) Patriot Act, I believe, can be the nail in the coffin of the values important to us in the higher education community," the Columbia University librarian told a President's Lecture Series audience Dec. 2 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Adopted by Congress in October 2001, the law was meant to enhance federal authorities' ability to track potential terrorists. But in the process, argue its critics, the Patriot Act gives the government excessive power to violate individuals' civil liberties and invade their privacy through such means as interception of electronic communications.

Neal, also vice president for information services at Columbia, said the law erodes intellectual freedom, which he called "the core of what we are" in higher education.

Colleges and universities should be concerned about a number of related issues, including confidentiality of library and Internet use, privacy of student records and "burdensome" record keeping about international students. Citing a specific example, he said institutions can be asked to collect, and share with authorities, information about someone's email and Web activity.

Of more general concern is the law's expansion of surveillance, warrant and subpoena powers in concert with reduced judicial checks and balances, according to Neal.

He characterized higher education's initial response to the Patriot Act as "timidity"—not unlike what he experienced when he spoke at a First Amendment breakfast in Manhattan in December 2001. The Columbia administrator said he has never been "so (verbally) beat up" as he was that morning by the 250 journalists who heard him recite higher education's reservations about the law and similar legislation.

But that was still too close to Sept. 11, acknowledged Neal, who had moved to New York only one week before the terrorist attacks. With the passage of time and the passage of time's come increasing vocal questioning of the law in higher education and other circles, he noted, saying he would like to think that journalists—normally defenders of First Amendment rights—would react differently now to his December 2001 comments.

He had thought that a "sunset" clause in the Patriot Act "provided hope," but whether that will happen is in doubt, Neal added, urging his higher-education colleagues to become more active in the legislative advocacy arena.

"Let our patriotism be reflected in the creation of confidence rather than crusades of suspicion," he said, quoting from a November 1961 speech by President John F. Kennedy.

Neal was the second speaker in this year's President's Lecture Series, whose theme is "Leadership and Civic Engagement in the Information Age." Coordinated by University Libraries, the series will continue Jan. 26 with Nancy Cantor, chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who is scheduled to discuss diversity issues in "Exploring the Human Experience: Beyond Differences."
BGSU wins top honors at 2003 Crystal Awards

The University received nine top awards at the 2003 Crystal Awards Program on Nov. 20 at Toledo’s Seagate Convention Centre.

The awards ceremony, hosted by the Toledo Chapter of the Association of Women in Communications, honors the achievements of those in the communications profession from northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

Eight of BGSU’s winning entries were produced by or in association with the Office of Marketing & Communications.

The University won Crystal Awards in the categories of single-shot photograph, sports photo, business-to-consumer direct mail campaign, magazine cover, non-profit local 30-second TV spot, non-profit local 60-second TV spot, non-profit billboard and special-purpose interactive media. Merit Awards were received in the single-shot photograph, magazine, non-profit TV campaign and student media categories.

Entries submitted by the Office of Development and created in collaboration with the Office of Marketing & Communications received Merit Awards in the non-profit annual report and fund-raising campaign categories.

In addition, WBGU-PBS won a Crystal Award in the TV documentary category for its 60-minute special program, “The Hines Farm Blues Club” produced by Matthew A. Donahue, popular culture, and Marlene Harris-Taylor, a public affairs producer at WBGU.

Workshop to offer information on small business research funding program

Faculty interested in exploring possible funding for their research projects with an eye to eventually taking them to market are invited to a one-day workshop on the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program.

Hosted by the BGSU Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) housed in Jerome Library, the workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 16 in the library’s Electronic Reading Room. The $30 cost includes a box lunch.

This workshop is designed to enlighten northwest Ohio businesses and research institutions on opportunities the SBIR program offers to fund research and development efforts of a high-risk nature that have high commercial potential.

Topic highlights and speakers:

The State of Ohio’s SBIR Program Overview.
Dennis Gaddis, manager of the Technology Business Assistance Office in the Technology Division of the Ohio Department of Development, will speak on how his office helps Ohio’s small businesses take advantage of SBIR opportunities by assisting with topic selection, proposal preparation and post-award support through one-on-one consultations, regional workshops, statewide conferences and a comprehensive Web site.

The Department of Defense (DOD) Technical Information Center (DTIC) is the defense department repository for research, development, test and evaluation information. Debie Francis, from the DTIC Midwestern Regional Office, will provide a hands-on demonstration of how to access DTIC’s databases and other DOD research and development information sites that can help researchers become more successful. DTIC’s information can help you stay current with defense department research in your technology area.

1 Drafting a Winning Business Plan. Greg Stewart, program manager, EISC Inc., will help with writing a sound business plan.

SBIR is a federally funded program that awards more than $1.8 billion annually in grants
and contracts to small technology companies to conduct high-risk research and development in support of agency missions. It stimulates technological innovation in the private sector by strengthening the role of small business concerns in meeting federal research and development needs, increasing the commercial application of federally supported research results, and fostering and encouraging participation by socially and economically disadvantaged persons and women-owned businesses in technology innovation. The Small Business Technology Transfer Program further expands the goals through cooperative research and development carried out between small business concerns and research institutions.

Fully successful SBIR research efforts move through three phases:
Phase I—Feasibility Study: Assessment of the scientific, technical and commercial feasibility of innovative concepts.
Phase II—Development: Successful Phase I efforts may result in contracts for research, development and prototype production.
Phase III—Commercialization: A product, process or service developed in Phase II is marketed outside the SBIR Program. Small firms achieve Phase III success by private sector commercialization or through non-SBIR government follow-on contracts.

Participation is limited to 20 people. Registration ends Dec. 15 or as soon as the maximum is reached. Fax or email registration to the PTAC office at 2-0101 or 2-9257, or to rancher@bgnet.bgsu.edu. Payment can be made on the day of the workshop, and all registrants not in attendance will be billed.

Blowin’ in the woodwinds: Bassoon Day planned at BGSU

The College of Musical Arts presents a “Bassoon Day” on Saturday (Dec. 13) at the Moore Musical Arts Center.

Hosted by Katherine Freudigman, a visiting assistant professor of bassoon, the free event will feature special guest Robert Williams, principal bassoon of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Williams and Freudigman will not only perform, but will also offer master classes throughout the day for all interested musicians. The day begins at 9 a.m. with check-in and concludes with a bassoon choir concert at 2:30 p.m.

Williams, who joined the Detroit Symphony in 1974, formerly was solo bassoonist with the Winnipeg Symphony, Winnipeg CBC Orchestra, Colorado Philharmonic and Tucson Symphony.

He currently performs with several ensembles and has served on the music faculties of the Aspen Music School and Festival, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and the Utah Music Festival.

Freudigman holds a master’s degree from the University of Michigan. She regularly tours Europe as a member of the American Sinfonietta and plays second bassoon in the Des Moines Metro Opera. Her professional career began in high school, when she played second bassoon with the Wichita Symphony. She has served as principal bassoon with several orchestras, operas and ensembles, and has played in the orchestras of many major music festivals including the National Repertory Orchestra.

Bassoonists of all ages and levels—as well as their parents and teachers—will be given opportunities to perform in master classes and in the final bassoon choir concert. Music will be made available upon registration and all interested performers are asked to bring their bassoons, reeds and accessories with them.

Anyone interested in attending the event is encouraged to contact Freudigman at 2-2524 or kofreud@bgnet.bgsu.edu.
IN BRIEF

Celebrate the season with the Ribeaus

President and Mrs. Sidney Ribeau invite all faculty, staff and students to join them for a multicultural holiday reception.

The festivities will be held from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday (Dec. 10) in McFall Gallery.

Displays on Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year and Los Posados will highlight the diverse holiday traditions celebrated by the University community.

BGSU Charitable Campaign extended

The BGSU Charitable Campaign core committee is extending the campaign until Dec. 15. Donations directly benefit those served by United Way and Northwest Ohio Community Shares.

When using the new electronic pledging system, it is necessary to scroll down to the "confirm" button to complete the pledge process.

Donors may designate their gift to one or both of the two agencies—United Way and Northwest Ohio Community Shares. More information about them and the programs they support is at the bgcharity.bgsu.edu Web site. Pledges may be made through payroll deduction or check.

BGSU has a long history of caring for the community, and the Charitable Campaign provides an opportunity to demonstrate that care once again.

For safety's sake, follow decoration and heater/lamp policies

As cold weather and the winter holidays are upon us, students, faculty and staff are reminded of BGSU's Fire Safety Decoration Policy. The University community is also reminded of the prohibition of portable heaters and halogen lamps. Please review this information. If you have any questions, call Environmental Health and Safety at 2-2171.

www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhslfire/decorate.htm
www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhslfire/heater.htm

Test scanning hours extended for finals

Information Technology Services will extend the test scanning hours for finals exams to include Saturday morning, Dec. 20, from 8 a.m. to noon. Participants should bring their National Computer System answer sheets to 301 Hayes Hall.

The window at 301 Hayes is open during the noon hour Monday-Friday. During finals week, the window will be open until 8 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Support BGSU in 2003

More than half of BGSU's faculty, staff and retirees support the University through charitable giving. Year-end is a traditional time for many of us to review our charitable giving plans. With some planning, your giving can have a very positive impact on your tax situation. To make a gift, visit the online giving Web site at https://foundation.bgsu.edu. To review gift planning options, visit the development Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/development/giverssociety.html.

For more information, contact the Office of Development at 2-2424 or email develop@bgsu.edu.
CALENDAR

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Kwanza Celebration, 6-9 p.m., Ballroom, Union. Featuring a soul-food buffet and entertainment. Tickets, available at the Multicultural Affairs office in 424 Saddlemire, are $10 for general admission, $7 for students and $5 for children ages 3-12, and can be bursared. Call 2-4826.

Wednesday, Dec. 10
Brown Bag Lunch, "Women’s Rights, Roles and Responsibilities in Islam," by Hala Al-Jibouri, Muslim Student Association, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Thursday, Dec. 11

Friday, Dec. 12
Hockey vs. Findlay, 7:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

Saturday, Dec. 13
Bassoon Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.
37th Annual Competitions in Music Performance Finals, 10 a.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. A $10 donation, to be used for the establishment of a new music scholarship, is suggested.
Brunch with Santa, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Union.
Call 2-6951. This is a community event with a small fee charged for the brunch and a picture with Santa. Intended for young children.

Women’s Basketball vs. Oakland, 1 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Sunday, Dec. 14
Benefit for Care and Share. Admission is a free ticket and two non-perishable food items. Tickets are available at the BGSU Firelands Bookstore. For more information, call Sandy DiCarlo, 2-0648.

Continuing Events
Through Dec. 10
Art Exhibit, student prints exhibition, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands.

Through Dec. 14
Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Through Dec. 19
Ceramics Exhibit, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, Union Galleries.

Through Dec. 21
Planetarium Presentation, "Secret of the Star: A Show for Christmas," showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. $1 donation suggested.

Through Jan. 18
54th Annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition, featuring a special tribute to the art of Tracy Ruhlin (1957-2003), Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Gallery will be closed Dec. 15-Jan.13 for winter recess.

JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

Deadline: Jan. 31.

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

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

Secretary 2, Alumni Affairs. Pay grade 7. Ten-month, full-time position.

ADMINISTRATIVE


Staff Internal Auditor (R-077)—Internal Auditing and Advisory Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications will begin on Dec. 15 and continue until the position is filled.

Director of Gift Planning (V-048)—Office of Development, University Advancement. Administrative grade 18. All applicants will receive full and fair consideration until the position is filled.

Major Gift Officer (V-068)—Office of Development, University Advancement. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

WBGU Major Gift Officer (R-071)—Tucker Center for Telecommunications. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

OBITUARIES

There were no obituaries this week.