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Bowling Green State University
Ryan family’s gift is boon to biology, entrepreneurship program

Two areas of the University have received a significant boost through the generosity of loyal alumni. Patrick L. and Debra (Scheetz) Ryan visited campus Jan. 15 to present $500,000 to Bowling Green. Half of the gift will double the Patrick L. and Debra Scheetz Endowed Professorship in Biology, which they established in 2001. The other half will help develop the entrepreneurship program in the College of Business Administration.

In accepting the Ryans’ gift to the biology department, Donald Nieman, arts and sciences dean, commented that there are several characteristics of great universities: talented faculty who can challenge and inspire students and who are on the cutting edge of research; bright, talented students; a dedicated staff who foster an environment conducive to learning, and “engaged alumni whose support allows us to achieve excellence.

“This is especially true now in the early 21st century, as state support diminishes. Private support is essential in our aspirations to excellence,” Nieman said. “The Ryans have felt a commitment to give back to the University for the experiences they treasure.”

The Ryans, of Wadsworth, Ohio, are both 1974 BGSU graduates. His degree is in accounting and hers is in biology. They have remained active with the University. Patrick is treasurer the BGSU Foundation Board and is assisting with the University’s national Comprehensive Campaign, and Debra serves as a College of Arts & Sciences advocate.

Biological sciences enhanced

Their gift to the biological sciences department will enable the University to recruit and retain the best faculty, which will in turn allow BGSU faculty to interact with other outstanding colleagues, and students to study with top scientists in their fields, Nieman said.

George Bullerjahn, former department chair, commented in thanking the Ryans that the additional gift will keep Bowling Green on the same upwards trajectory it has followed over the last 15 years. The hiring of Scott Rogers as department chair was one recent step in the process, he said, and the new gift will aid in both recruiting a full-time neurobiologist next year and in planning for the planned new biological sciences building.

Maiiesha Hicks, a freshman microbiology major, also thanked the Ryans for their continuing commitment to the department. “Your endorsement helps me and students like me to succeed. I speak on behalf of the hundreds and possible thousands of students whose lives will be impacted by your generous gift,” she told them.

Patrick Ryan described the department as one of the University’s “centers of excellence” and said he and his wife are pleased to be a part of the external resources that help continue the tradition.

Entrepreneurship program strengthened

The second half of the Ryan gift will build the entrepreneurship minor offered by the College of Business Administration for all students at BGSU, regardless of major. Funds will go toward supplementing the salary of faculty to increase their teaching capability in entrepreneurship, said Dean Robert Edmister. “We want to build a cadre of faculty who have the capacity to teach in this area,” he said. “We expect students in the thousands for these courses.”

The program has already generated much excitement, said Nancy Merritt, marketing faculty and associate dean of the college. Two courses this semester closed out at 44 students each, which was more than ideal, but “students are banging on our doors for these courses,” she said.
The Ryans' gift will help expand entrepreneurial programming and opportunities for students, and help ensure the program's financial independence as well, Edmister added.

Patrick Ryan commented that it was important to the couple that the minor be open not only to business majors but to BGSU students in all disciplines. "It is important to mix the academic and the real-life worlds," he said, adding the couple challenges the college to make the program "another center of excellence, just as is biology."

Craig Jarrett, a biology/chemistry/math major who plans to go on to medical school, explained that he is also pursuing the minor in entrepreneurship because, should he open his own medical practice someday, it will be important to understand the business side of being a doctor. "It's so important in today's world for people to understand the role of the entrepreneur," he said at the reception.

The cross-disciplinary possibilities are great, Merritt said. For example, two new collaborations are being developed, between entrepreneurship and the theatre department and entrepreneurship and technology.

Other entrepreneurship advocates are lending their support as well. Also on hand at the event were David Francisco, former president of Sky Bank, who will serve as "executive in residence" for the program, and alumna Larry Davenport, a BGSU Foundation Board member referred to by Edmister as "the founding father" of the entrepreneurship program at BGSU.

Davenport, a partner in Ernst and Young LLP who oversees that company's entrepreneurship division, said he has long been eager to see Bowling Green graduates employed in start-up companies, and for those companies to see the University as a good place to recruit employees.

"It's not just about creating entrepreneurs, but about preparing students to work in these kinds of businesses," in which the culture and mindset are very different from the corporate world, he said.

"I see a terrible need in the marketplace for people with this kind of background," he said.

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Campus environment comprises a spectrum of services

Student safety, health and well-being are of top importance in sustaining a positive educational environment. BGSU Board of Trustees members heard in December about some of the services the University has to ensure these three indispensable aspects of a successful campus.

Campuses must promote inclusion, encourage involvement, build community and promote safety, he said. Two areas of the University that work closely together are the campus police, headed by James Wiegand, director of public safety, and the Student Discipline Program, led by Jill Carr, associate dean of students.

Promoting safety
Chief Wiegand said it is the philosophy of the BGSU police that a high level of training is important to good policing. With the support of the upper administration, the campus safety office has instituted a comprehensive training program for its officers, which has been very successful, he said.

BGSU also benefits from close relationships with the Bowling Green Police Department and the Wood County Sheriff's office. In addition, BGSU safety officers meet with city and county leaders twice yearly through the "BG Connection," Chief Wiegand explained, to collaborate on issues of concern.

The University's community-oriented policing program promotes "proactive problem solving," heading off potentially serious situations, he added. In 1995, a significant step
forward was taken when the Student Code of Conduct was established, holding students responsible for their behavior off campus. This has proved effective in helping reduce some off-campus crime. "The decrease in those statistics is very positive," he said.

"Theft is the predominant crime on campus," Wiegand told the board. To help deal with this, campus police meet regularly with city detectives to share information. Vandalism, a typical problem in areas adjacent to college campuses, has been reduced in recent years through the "COPS" program, which uses trained volunteers who walk through wards 1 and 2 three nights a week as "an extra set of eyes and ears," the chief said.

In addition, the campus safety office has a strong relationship with the Student Discipline Program.

Carr, who directs that program, informed the board of a relatively new group, the Community Coalition for Youth and Family, to which she and Whipple were invited by Bowling Green City Schools Superintendent Hugh Caumartin. The coalition works with the local junior high and high school to decrease drug and alcohol use.

Student discipline
On campus, Carr said, there are two arms to the student discipline area—the residential level and the University-level Student Discipline Program, which handled 30 percent of all discipline cases in 2002-03.

Of the 2,268 total cases reported in 2002-03, residential-level incidents surpassed alcohol-related offenses for the first time. "We have an excellent mechanism for dealing with these minor, first-time offenses," Carr said. "The hall directors can get to them very quickly. Most involve violations of the published policies on community standards."

The number of cases that reached the University level was down this fall, with 462 cases handled by the Student Discipline Program through mid-November, compared to 747 at the same point in fall semester 2002. These represent more severe or repeat offender cases, Carr said. "Students know we're serious and they're accountable," she said of the decrease. However, the number of cases of off-campus arrests and citations was up last fall, as reported by Bowling Green city police. Carr continues to work with city police and the courts to reduce the incidence of these cases and to resolve issues.

Student crisis and emergency services
During 2002-03, Carr's office received 242 contacts involving student crises or emergencies. Many involved illnesses or deaths in the family. When dealing with these types of needs, the emphasis is on referrals, she said. Her staff will also help communicate with the necessary individuals—from faculty to advisers—should a student need assistance, she said. They are also there to help students when fires occur in off-campus residences, contacting the Red Cross and helping arrange for replacement books and clothing.

When student deaths occur, the office has a specific protocol for aiding the family, sending a University representative to the funeral and providing follow-up attention.

Counseling Center
The University has increased its services to students recently, Counseling Center Director Craig Vicio told the board. According to Vicio, President Ribeau helped support funding for added staffing, enabling the center to enhance its response to growing numbers of student emergencies while also expanding consultation and outreach activities. Vicio reported that staff members are devoting increasing amounts of their time to consulting with faculty members, staff, parents and others about student mental health concerns.

Outreach services have also expanded, he said. The center has become more proactive in addressing problem areas, offering workshops on topics such as stress, depression, anxiety, health and men's issues.

There is now a part-time on-site psychiatrist who can prescribe medication, as well as a psychologist who serves as a liaison to residence life. In addition to emergency services, consultation, psychiatric services and outreach programming, the center staff provides
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individual, couples and group counseling. Last year, more than 4,400 counseling sessions were held.

In a new initiative, BGSU has created a professional, pre-doctoral internship program for students in psychology. The pre-doctoral internship represents a one-year capstone experience for graduate students in professional psychology programs. The addition of two or three full-time interns will expand the Counseling Center staff which in turn will enable the center to provide cost-effective, high-quality services designed to meet the increasing mental-health needs of students, Vickie said.

Wellness Connection Prevention Program
The Wellness Connection is the educational arm for health and wellness issues, Health Promotion Coordinator Barbara Hoffman told the board. It houses the Coalition Against Sexual Offenses (CASC) and several other awareness and prevention programs, including one called “No Means No” for students. These programs often utilize peer educators, she said, since “for students, hearing a message from one’s peers is very powerful.”

The Wellness Connection also has a strong focus on preventing drug and alcohol abuse, Hoffman said. The University is fortunate to have a 30-hour alcohol/chemical dependency counselor, Carrie Belair. Programs through the Wellness Connection and the University Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs Issues partner with faculty, student groups and the community to raise awareness of alcohol-related issues. One of these, “Party Smart,” points out the consequences of hosting parties at which underage drinking goes on.

Given the effectiveness of peer education, the center has increased its peer programming from 107 programs in the 2002 academic year to 136 in fall semester 2003. Six new peer educators were added in fall 2003 and another 22 have signed up for this spring. “These peer educators have an impact on campus around the clock,” Hoffman said.

BGSU Charitable Campaign marks successful debut
The University launched an ambitious new effort this year to help area needy people and organizations. The BGSU Charitable Campaign reached almost 90 percent of its goal, and the amounts given by the campus community were significant—nearly $83,000 on main campus, and another $3,334 at Firelands.

Travis Chapin, coordinator of the campaign’s Core Committee, and Linda Dobb, executive vice president, said many thanks are owed all those who donated to the campaign and those who organized special fund-raising events for additional support.

In addition to its new name, the 2003 BGSU Charitable Campaign introduced two new elements to the traditional United Way fund drive. First, Northwest Ohio Community Shares came on board as another option to which gifts could be directed. This encompassed Wood, Lucas, Ottawa and Fulton counties and brought an additional 23 health and welfare agencies into the fold.

Second, the campaign went online, with electronic pledge cards instead of the standard paper pledges. Employees could make their pledges from their desktop computers, directing their gifts toward specific programs or agencies if they wished. United Way administered the collection and division of funds.

Undesignated dollars raised through special events will be divided proportionately between United Way and Community Shares, said Tim Tegge, Wood County United Way director.

Firelands’ campaign was solely through United Way and went to Erie County programs.

The Core Committee is reviewing the results of the campaign and looks forward to an even more successful venture next year, said Chapin. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the 2004 Steering Committee should contact him at tchapin@bignet.bgsu.edu or 2-2837.

The committee will hold a final organizational meeting in March.
Acclaimed maestro to conduct at BGSU ‘s New Band Music Reading Clinic

The man widely regarded as the leader of the wind ensemble movement in the United States will be at the University Jan. 22-24 for the 46th annual New Band Music Reading Clinic, hosted by the College of Musical Arts.

Frederick Fennell, who founded the Eastman Wind Ensemble in 1952, remains one of the world’s most active maestros at age 89. A professor emeritus at the University of Miami, he is principal guest conductor of the Dallas Wind Symphony and principal conductor of the Tokyo Kosei Wind Orchestra.

The Cleveland native, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on July 2, will be a guest conductor at two free, public concerts during the New Band Music Reading Clinic, which is expected to bring about 800 high school students, directors and guests to campus.

Fennell and Thomas Duffy, director of bands at Yale University, will be guest conductors for a Jan. 23 concert by the BGSU Symphonic Band. Directed by Bruce Moss, director of band activities at the University, the band will perform at 8 p.m. in Kobacker Hall of the Moore Musical Arts Center. BGSU faculty members Charles Saenz, trumpet, and William Mathis, trombone, will be featured soloists.

On Jan. 24, also in Kobacker Hall, Fennell will join Carol Hayward, director of the BGSU marching, athletic and University bands, as guest conductors at a 2 p.m. performance by the BGSU Concert Band, directed by Hubert Toney Jr.

Fennell earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the Eastman School of Music, where he subsequently taught and, in 1988, received an honorary doctorate. The Fennell/ Eastman Wind Ensemble recording of Percy Grainger’s "Lincolnshire Posy" was named one of the "Fifty Best Recordings of the Centenary of the Phonograph, 1877-1977" by Stereo Review.

In 1978, Fennell was conductor of the Cleveland Symphonic Winds when he made the first symphonic digital recording in the United States for Telarc Records.

He has conducted numerous orchestras, including frequent appearances with the Boston Pops, and been principal guest conductor at the Interlochen Arts Academy. Medals of honor from Interlochen and the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic are among his many awards, and in 1990, he was inducted into the National Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame for Distinguished Band Conductors.

In 1994, Fennell received the Theodore Thomas Award from the Conductors Guild, Inc., for outstanding achievement as a conductor and extraordinary service to colleagues. Leonard Bernstein has also been among the 13 recipients of the award.

Duffy, who is deputy dean of the Yale School of Music, will also conduct the concluding concert at the BGSU event, along with Thomas Dvorak, director of bands at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. They will lead the high school Honor Wind Ensemble and the Honor Concert Band in a free 3 p.m. performance Jan. 24 in Kobacker Hall.

Duffy, also a composer and holder of a doctorate from Cornell University, was named Outstanding Music Educator of the Year in 1996 by the Connecticut Music Educators Association. Dvorak, meanwhile, received an Outstanding Secondary Educator of America award in 1974 and has been a five-time recipient of the National Band Association’s Citation of Excellence.

Roughly 90 schools will be represented at the clinic, including three with bands that will headline its two opening concerts. For a complete schedule of events, contact the BGSU Band Activities Office at 2-2186.
Awards given to top thesis and dissertations

Since 1995, the Graduate College has awarded the Distinguished Thesis Award and the Distinguished Dissertation Award to students whose work, in the judgment of a committee of scholars, represents the finest in master's- and doctoral-level scholarship, respectively, at BGSU.

This year's Distinguished Thesis Award was presented to Amy Wachholtz of Newburgh, Ind., for her thesis entitled "Is Spirituality a Critical Ingredient of Meditation? Comparing the Effects of Spiritual Meditation, Secular Meditation, and Relaxation on Spiritual, Psychological, Cardiac and Pain Outcomes." Her thesis has been submitted as BGSU's nomination to the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools' Distinguished Thesis Award competition.

Kenneth Pargament, formerly of the psychology department and Wachholtz's thesis adviser, commented that "she came to Bowling Green, drawing on her rich background, and established an innovative and important program of research, one that represents a 'cutting edge' for the field and one that has already garnered considerable national interest among researchers who focus on the mind-body connections."

Wachholtz earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from DePauw University in 1997 and her master's degree in psychology from BGSU in December 2002. She is pursuing her doctoral degree in psychology at the University of Wisconsin.

Because of the excellent quality of the nominated studies, the Distinguished Dissertation Award Committee has awarded two applicants the Distinguished Dissertation Award. Michael Kimaid of Toledo and Jennifer Rudolph of Sunbury, Ohio, are the recipients of the 2003 Distinguished Dissertation Award.

Kimaid was selected for his dissertation entitled "West of the Line Extended: Cartography and Conflict in Post-Revolutionary North America." He earned his doctoral degree in history last August from the University.

Scott Martin, a history faculty member and Kimaid's dissertation adviser, commented that "A major strength of Michael's dissertation is the prodigious amount of archival research on which it is based. Michael conducted a great deal of research on maps and cartography, exploring not only the documents themselves but the conditions and assumptions that guided their creation. His extensive archival work took him all over the United States, and to London and Barcelona. I have no doubt that the book that will result from his dissertation will make significant contributions to the history of cartography, 18th-century imperialism, and the early American republic."

Rudolph was selected for her dissertation entitled "Pathways of Well-Being: Adolescent Girls and Their Sexual and Pregnancy Experiences." She earned her doctoral degree in sociology in last August from the University.

Monica Longmore, a sociology faculty member and adviser on Rudolph's dissertation, stated that "Jas Jennifer demonstrates in her thorough review of the literature, to date, past research has not adequately demonstrated whether girls who engage in sexual activity versus those who do not truly fare worse with respect to their social psychological well-being. What Jennifer does in her dissertation, which is one of her primary contributions to the sociology of adolescence, is to compare the social psychological well-being of adolescent girls who have different 'degrees' of sexual experience."

Kimaid and Rudolph's dissertations were selected from among five nominated. Other students nominated for the 2003 Distinguished Dissertation Award were Ginger Bihn, communication studies; Ilana Nash, American culture studies, and V. Jane Rosser, higher education administration.
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

IN BRIEF

Illinois chancellor to address diversity issues

Nancy Cantor, chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will examine diversity issues in "Exploring the Human Experience: Beyond Differences" when the President's Lecture Series resumes Jan. 26. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Cantor is a specialist in the fields of personal and social psychology, personality and cognition. A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, she is also a member of the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences. She is a recipient of the Distinguished Scientific Award for an Early Career Contribution to Science from the American Psychological Association, and the Woman of the Year Award from the Anti-Defamation League.

Cantor recently served on the Congressional Commission on Military Training and Gender-Related Issues. She chairs the board of directors of the American Association for Higher Education, and is a member of the National Advisory Board of the National Survey of Student Engagement. She has also served on numerous other committees and boards at the national level.

Before becoming chancellor at Illinois, she was provost and executive vice president of academic affairs at the University of Michigan. Also at Michigan, she served as dean of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and vice provost for academic affairs. Earlier in her career, Cantor was chair of the psychology department at Princeton University.

"Leadership and Civic Engagement in the Information Age" is the theme of this year's President's Lecture Series, which is coordinated by University Libraries. The series will continue March 2 with author and teacher Erin Gruwell, who will discuss overcoming adversity in academic achievement.

The environment and civil rights to be topic of panel program

"The Environment and Civil Rights: Race and Class" is the topic of the 2004 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute Program, presented by the University Libraries' Multicultural Affairs Committee.

A panel of University and community members will explore environmental racism, poverty/urban poor/socioeconomic levels, and environmental justice policies. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday (Jan. 21) in the Pallister Conference Room in Jerome Library.

Moderated by Jeannie Ludlow, undergraduate coordinator for the Women's Studies Program, and Marcus Ricci, Center for Innovative and Transformative Education, panelists are Carolyn Council, BGSU philosophy graduate student; Holly Myers-Jones, Environmental Programs director; Michael Szuberta of Intercity Land Reclaim Activities, and Rick Van Landingham, an environmental community activist and legal consultant.

The program is part of the Multicultural Affairs Committee's series, "Issues in Cultural Diversity 2003-Diversity and the Environment." Each program in this series will explore how governmental and national and international corporate policies and practices impact the environment, the world and its inhabitants. Participants will discuss how these policies and practices interact with issues of multicultural concern such as nationality, race, class, gender and age. Sessions will conclude with practical strategies and suggestions for ways in which people can individually help facilitate change and impact these policies and practices.

For more information, contact Mary Wrighten, multicultural services librarian, at 2-7897.
CALENDAR

Tuesday, Jan. 20
Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Assembly Room.
Movie, "School of Rock," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by University Activities Organization.

Wednesday, Jan. 21
Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m., 316 Union.
Brown Bag Lunch, "March for Women's Lives," by Mary Krueger, Women's Center, and Jeannie Ludlow, women's studies, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.
Faculty Artist Series, flute and piccolo concert by Leonard Baingartner, creative writing, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Friday, Jan. 23
Women's Swimming vs. Marshall, 5 p.m., Cooper Pool.
India Film Viewings, 7-10 p.m., 318 Union. Sponsored by the India Student Association.
Movie, "School of Rock," 11 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by UAO.

Saturday, Jan. 24
Gospel Choir Collegefest, 4 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union. Sponsored by BGSU Gospel Choir.

Sunday, Jan. 25
Movie, "School of Rock," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by UAO.

Monday, Jan. 26
President's Lecture Series, "Exploring the Human Experience: Beyond Differences," by Nancy Cantor, chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 3 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union.

Continuing Events
Through Jan. 28
Art Exhibit, 3D stone, oil, photography and ceramics, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays, Union Galleries.

Jan. 22-23
Theatre Production, "Yellow Man," 6:15 p.m., Union Theater. Directed by Imelda Hunt, popular culture. Sponsored by the popular culture department.

Jan. 22-24
University Performing Dancers, "Crossroads," Jan. 22 and 23 (8 p.m.), Jan. 24 (2 and 8 p.m.), Eva Marie Saint Theatre, University Hall. Admission is $10 for the general public and $7 for students and senior citizens. Call 2-6918 or 2-6905 for more information.

Jan. 22-24
New Band Music Reading Clinic, hosted by the College of Musical Arts. For a schedule of events, contact the Band Activities Office at 2-2186.

Through March 5
Planetarium Presentation, "The Wright Way to Fly: How the Wright Brothers Invented the Airplane," showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturdays Jan. 31 and Feb. 21. $1 donation suggested.

Jan. 19-Feb. 18
Art Exhibit, student enameling exhibition, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands.