Record-breaking $11.7 million given to BGSU

Employee giving boosts Family Campaign to new highs

Contributions to the University reached a record-breaking $11,755,457 during the fiscal year that ended June 30. That figure compares to $9.4 million donated to the University in fiscal year 2003.

Unlike in some previous years when a single major gift boosted the overall total, this year’s record high was the result of numerous gifts from a wide spectrum of supporters, according to Marcia Sloan Latta, an associate vice president of University advancement and director of development.

“We’re seeing broad support and positive feelings about University initiatives and programs,” Latta said. “Private giving was up in nearly every category, with numerous six-figure gifts contributed by alumni and friends of the University.”

In addition, a record 53.7 percent of current and retired faculty and staff participated in the 2004 Family Campaign, which encourages employees and retirees to be contributors. The $935,499 from faculty, staff and retirees exceeded this year’s fund-raising goal of $850,000.

Participation in the Family Campaign has grown each of the past five years. Before the annual campaign began in 1999, about 23 percent of the roughly 3,000 BGSU faculty, staff and retirees were donors.

Support from foundations was up slightly this year, but corporate giving was down, which Latta attributed to a sluggish economy.

Many of the dollars contributed to Bowling Green during the past year are earmarked to support student scholarships, Latta said, adding, “I think people are increasingly aware of the need for privately funded scholarships so we can remain an institution of access.”

Other major gifts are designated to assist the University’s programs in entrepreneurship and to create new endowed professorships.

Monument honors BGSU students’ service to country

The role of the armed forces and the sacrifices made by those in uniform has been brought to the country’s attention once again in recent years. Fittingly, a new monument has been erected on campus to honor BGSU students’ long history of service to the military.

A joint effort of the Army and Air Force ROTC programs and the Military Science Alumni Association, the polished black granite memorial is located on the east side of Memorial Hall. Flying behind it are the American flag and the flags of the Army and the Air Force. A POW-MIA flag will be added at the start of the fall semester and will fly just below the American flag, according to Captain Jeff Huston, a military science faculty member.

The inscription on the stone reads “Dedicated to BGSU students past, present and future serving our country in the armed forces.”

“We’ve been planning this for a long time, and we’re happy to have it up now. We wanted to honor not only those who have served, but all those yet to come,” Huston said, adding
that facilities services also helped by pouring the base for the memorial.

The flags were flown at half mast for the 30 days following the death of former President Reagan, but are now back at full height, he said.

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'The Fantasticks' comes to Huron Playhouse

The Huron Playhouse this week will present "The Fantasticks," which was the longest running show in American theatre history.

"The Fantasticks," a timeless fable of love, has book and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, including the nostalgic "Try to Remember." It was last produced at the playhouse 39 years ago.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday (July 13-17). Ticket prices for all Huron Playhouse productions are $10 for students and seniors, $11 for adults and $7 for children under 12. For reservations and further information, call the playhouse at 419 433-4744. The box office at McCormick School, 325 Ohio St., is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Financial aid scam targets students

The BGSU Office of Financial Aid is warning students of a scam in which a con artist impersonates a federal education official to gain access to information about students' checking accounts.

Financial Aid Director Craig Cornell said a letter describing the scam is being sent by email to BGSU students this week at the request of the U.S. Department of Education.

Someone claiming to be a representative of the U.S. Department of Education is calling students, offering them grants, and asking for their bank account numbers so a processing fee can be charged. The caller claims he can replace the students' federal loans with an $8,000 grant, and then obtains the student's checking account information.

The education department of says it does not have a program to replace loans with grants and that there is no processing fee to obtain Title IV grants from the department. Students should never provide their bank account or credit card information over the phone unless they initiated the call and trust the company they are calling.

According to the letter, a student who is a victim of this or a similar scam should take the following steps:

1. Immediately contact his or her bank, explain the situation, and request that the bank monitor or close the compromised account.
2. Report the fraud to education department's Office of Inspector General hotline at 1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733) or oig.hotline@ed.gov. Special agents in the Office of Inspector General investigate fraud involving federal education dollars.
3. Report the fraud to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC has an online complaint form at www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams and a hotline at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357; teletype for the hearing impaired: 1-866-653-4261). The FTC will investigate if the fraud is deemed widespread; therefore, it is important that every student contacted by the person or people in question lodge a complaint so the FTC has an accurate idea of how many incidents have occurred.
4. Notify the police about the incident. Impersonating a federal officer is a crime, as is identity theft.
When filing complaints, the student should provide detailed information about the incident, including what was said, the name of the person who called, and from what number the call originated (if the student was able to obtain it via Caller ID). Additionally, if unauthorized debits have already appeared against the student’s bank account, the student should mention this fact in his or her complaint. Records of such debits could be useful in locating the wrongdoer.

For information about preventing identity theft, visit www.ed.gov/misused. For information about preventing financial aid scams, visit www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa.

IN BRIEF

BG@100 creates project team, holds open forum

The project team for BG@100 continues to be assembled. The BG@100 Project Team organization Web site at http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/do/page5262.html provides a listing of team members and the role they are assigned.

In order to provide information about the project and the work these team members will be completing, the next BG@100 open forum has been scheduled at 9 a.m. Thursday (July 22) in 314 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

CALENDAR

Monday, July 19
Summer Movie Series, “Ferris Buehler’s Day Off,” 9 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by the Office of Campus Involvement.

Wednesday, July 21
Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m., 316 Union.

Continuing Events

Art Exhibit, drawings and paintings by Kevin Casto, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

July 19-22
W. Heinlen Hall Lecture Series, 3:30-4:30 p.m. daily, 123 Overman Hall, with Roeland J. M. Nolte, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Science Chair in Chemistry at the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands. Nolte will discuss “Principles of Self-assembly” on Monday (July 19), “Molecular Materials by Self-assembly” on Tuesday (July 20), “Supramolecular Polymers and Bio-hybrid Materials” on Wednesday (July 21) and “Supramolecular Catalytic Systems” on Thursday (July 22).

July 20-24
Musical Theater, “The Odd Couple,” 8 p.m. nightly, Huron Playhouse, McCormick School, Huron. Tickets are $11 for adults, $10 for students and seniors, and $7 for children under 12. For reservations, call the box office at 419-433-4744 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

July 26-27
Workshop, “Using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) with Social and Demographic Data,” with Yu Zhou, geography, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. daily, 203 Hayes Hall. Hosted by the Center for Family and Demographic Research. For reservations or more information, call 2-7279 or email cdr@bgsu.edu. Tomorrow (July 20) is the deadline to enroll.
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JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY
There were no postings this week.

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements 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

View job descriptions at: http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only

The following positions are being advertised on and off campus:

Police Officer 1 (C-49-Ve and C-50-Ve)—Plant Operations and Maintenance-BGSU Firelands (two part-time positions). Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, July 23.

Secretary 1 (C-51-Re)—Office of Residence Life. Pay grade 6. Twelve-month, full-time position. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, July 23.

Administrative Assistant 2 (C-41-Re)—Provost/Academic Affairs. Pay grade 10. Twelve-month, full-time position. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, July 30.


SECRETARY 1 (C-56-Re)—Department of Physics and Astronomy. Pay grade 6. Academic year, part-time (20-25 hours per week) position. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, July 30.

ADMINISTRATIVE

View job descriptions at: http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/admin_staff/

Applications Developer (V-053)—BG@100 Project. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications began July 2 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Athletic Trainer (R-077)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Administrative position. Compensation will be based on experience and education. Deadline: July 23.


Manager University Dining Services (V-035)—Division of Student Affairs. Administrative grade 12. Review of applications will begin Aug. 6 and continue until position is filled.


OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.