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MOD program at BGSU under new leadership

Jane V. Wheeler has accepted a two-year appointment to direct the master of organization development program at the University.

The first university to award a degree in the field, Bowling Green offers an 18-month executive MOD program as well as a program for full-time students through its College of Business Administration. Accredited by AACSB-International, the Association to Advance College Schools of Business, the program is widely known for pioneering the concept of empirically based change and sponsoring a “best practices” conference that attracts participants of national stature each spring.

For the past two years, Wheeler has headed Bowling Green’s Institute for Organizational Effectiveness, which provides expertise in managing and improving organizational performance to business firms, governmental agencies and not-for-profit organizations. She will continue in that role as well as continuing her teaching duties.

The new MOD director spent more than a decade working in the telecommunications industry before moving into higher education. The first woman to lead Bowling Green’s MOD program, she replaces Steven Cady, who is on leave this year.

Wheeler joined the University’s management faculty as an assistant professor in 1999, the same year she finished her doctorate in organizational behavior at Case Western Reserve University. The Mount Holyoke College graduate has an MBA from Boston University and a certificate of special studies in administration and management from Harvard University.

In addition to holding a series of management positions with AT&T and, later, with NYNEX Corp. in Boston, she has done consulting for such clients as Key Bank, Alcoa Forged Products, Catholic Health Care, Merrill Lynch and the Cleveland Children’s Museum. And, she has experience as an executive coach.

For her dissertation, Wheeler examined the impact of interactions between the individual and the social environment on self-directed change and learning. She also has studied and written about managing self-managed work teams, using emotional intelligence, and teaching effectiveness.

“What brought me to Bowling Green is how the (MOD) program integrates theory and practice,” says the new director. “We’re working hard to bring students out into the field to apply what they’re learning. For those in the executive level, we ask them, ‘How can you take what you’re doing in class back to work with you?’”

Wheeler has more than a half-dozen projects under way to add knowledge to the field of organizational development. They range from a study of the effectiveness of traditional motivational theory and practice in today’s changing workplace to an examination of the potential impact of age and gender on corporate training initiatives.

Juried articles about her research findings have appeared in the Academy of Management Journal, the Journal of Management Education and Sloan Management Review, one of the field’s leading journals.

Bumper crop of students to be housed in city apartments

Nearly 300 BGSU upperclassmen will enjoy the amenities of apartment living with many of the benefits of residence hall life this academic year when they move into off-campus apartments leased by the University.
Bowling Green was pleased but challenged earlier this summer to find itself with more students than on-campus residences for the upcoming academic year. In response to the unusually high demand for housing, BGSU has leased apartments from Greenbriar Inc. close to the University on Thurston Avenue, North Enterprise Street and East Merry Avenue.

By placing more than 200 current students in apartments close to campus, the University has been able to free up space in on-campus residences for new, incoming students. The staff of the Office of Residence Life will be working with students living in the University-sponsored apartments and connecting them to the residential community.

Only returning students with at least 25 credit hours were invited to apply to live in the apartments, according to residence life staff. Those housed off campus will be subject to all the same rules and policies that apply in residence halls. Resident advisers have been assigned to the buildings, and the campus police will work with Bowling Green city police to provide safety and security. Other amenities typical of residence halls will be included, such as cable television, utilities and high-speed Internet access. However, the students housed in the apartments will not have access to residential computing labs and will not pay the usual technology fee.

Arranging for the temporary housing was a huge undertaking for campus staff. Headed by Linda Newman, assistant vice president for student affairs and director of residence life and dining service, staff from residence life, marketing and communications, campus safety, transportation, facilities services, parking and traffic, Information Technology Services, the bursar’s office and many others worked together to organize the effort.

A committee chaired by Jill Carr, associate dean of students, continues to coordinate the efforts of campus offices to ensure that personnel, safety, maintenance, technology, parking, move-in and future campus communications are provided for at the same standards as in on-campus residences.

The University will wait to see if the 9 percent increase in freshmen registering this year and the high number of upperclassmen requesting on-campus housing holds steady before deciding what to do in the future, said Kimberly McBrum, associate vice president for University advancement and director of marketing and communications.

IN BRIEF

Labs to require BGSU domain log-on

The following computer labs will require users to log on to the BGSU domain using their BNet authentication username and password beginning on the dates listed.

TSU/127 Hayes Lab—Aug. 13
TSU/Technology/247 Technology—Aug. 16
TSU/25 Hayes Lab—Aug. 23

Any questions regarding this change may be directed to the Technology Support Center at tsc@bgnet.bgsu.edu, 2-0999.

‘These Old Houses: Historic Homes of Northwest Ohio’ premieres

Historic homes of rich and prominent people hold a certain fascination. They propel us back to a bygone era when wealthy families had maids and butlers, when ladies gathered in the front parlor and men retired after dinner to the billiard room for a smoke.

Now, WBGU-PBS takes you back to that time with a new program that tours local historic homes. Tune in for the premiere of ‘These Old Houses: Historic Homes of Northwest Ohio,’ on Thursday (Aug. 12) at 8 p.m.
"What I tried to do with this documentary is not only show the beauty of the homes, but tell the stories of the people who lived there," said Marlene Harris-Taylor, WBGU-PBS producer.

From early Colonial to Victorian, and then the Edwardian Period, Northwest Ohio's historic homes have stories to tell that go beyond the beauty and artistry infused in them by local craftsmen. If these walls could talk, we would hear tales of our local history.

Join Taylor as she visits nine historic homes in Coldwater, Lima, Liberty Center, Findlay, Arlington, Bowling Green, Perrysburg, Maumee and Toledo.

'e-Time for Students' outage scheduled

"e-Time for Students" will experience an outage on Thursday (Aug. 12) from 12:01-2 a.m. in order to complete an upgrade. Card readers for the e-Time system will remain active during the outage; however, any Web-accessible features will be unavailable. Any questions may be directed to the Technology Support Center at tsc@bgnet.bgsu.edu, 2-0999.

BG@100 has new project manager

On Aug. 2, BG@100 welcomed Ben Santelman as its project manager. He is becoming familiar with the BGSU environment and will be working with the project team to refine the specific details for the HCM Phase 1 implementation.

CALENDAR

Saturday, Aug. 7
Commencement, 9:30 a.m., University Hall lawn (rain site: Anderson Arena).

Continuing Events
Through August 13
Art Exhibit, drawings and paintings by Kevin Casto, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

JOBS POSTINGS

FACULTY
There are no faculty postings this week.

View job descriptions at:
www.bgsu.edu/Offices/HR/employment/
BGSU_only/

CLASSIFIED
The deadline for employees to apply is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13.

Secretary 1 (C-64-Ve)—College Relations, BGSU Firelands. Pay grade 6. Twelve-month, full-time position.
ADMINISTRATIVE

View job descriptions at: http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/hr/employment/adm_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 Director, Student Union (V-071)—University Dining Services. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications began Aug. 6 and will continue until the position is filled.

Manager, University Dining Services (V-035)—Division of Student Affairs (Re-advertised). Two positions, administrative grade 12. Review of applications began Aug. 6 and will continue until the positions are filled.


Coordinator of Greek Affairs (V-091)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 13. Review of applications will begin Aug. 27 and continue until the position is filled.

Internal Auditor (M-080)—Internal Auditing and Advisory Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications will begin Sept. 10 and continue until the position is filled.

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.