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Building Dreams Campaign kicks off with gala, "Cold Pizza" host

The monthlong run-up to Building Dreams: The Centennial Campaign for Bowling Green State University culminates this week with the campaign gala on Saturday (April 30). The campaign is a multiyear fund-raising effort to promote student success and achievement, and faculty and staff leadership, and to provide the necessary facilities for BGSU to attain its dreams and goals.

The masters of ceremony for the evening will be former BGSU Trustee Leon Bibb, a news anchor for WEWS-TV5 in Cleveland, and Scott Clark, sports director and anchor at WABC-TV's Eyewitness News in New York. Both are BGSU alumni.

About 350 people are expected to attend the festive event, where they will be entertained by University choral groups, vocalists and instrumentalists. The evening will include selections from the BGSU Theatre production of "Children of Eden" and a student-made "Building Dreams" video.

Dinner, dancing and recognition of some of the University's donors will round out the evening.

On Friday (April 29), the campus community is invited to a campaign kickoff event at 2 p.m. in the Falcon's Nest in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. BGSU alumnus Jay Crawford, co-host of ESPN's "Cold Pizza," will relate his experiences as a student at the University and how they prepared him for a career in sports broadcasting. A question-and-answer period will follow his talk, and there will be plenty of free pizza.

A Sandusky native and 1987 BGSU graduate, Crawford joined ESPN to co-host "Cold Pizza." The two-hour program, launched in 2003, is a unique blend of sports, lifestyle features and pop culture.

Crawford also hosts a 30-minute, daily edition of "1st and 10" with commentators Woody Paige and Skip Bayless for the cable sports network.

Crawford earned a bachelor's degree in radio, television and film at BGSU. The winner of four regional Emmy Awards and the Best Sportscaster Kentucky AP Award, he has been a Children's Miracle Network host and Special Olympics volunteer.

Also this week, the second annual Bob and Karen Sebo Lecture will be given by entrepreneur Francis (Frank) X. Maguire. (See related story.)

Faculty feted for achievements, contributions

Four outstanding BGSU faculty members were honored by their peers at a luncheon April 19. Faculty Senate Chair Radhika Gajjala presented the awards with the help of Provost John Fokinos.

Dr. Lee Meserve, biological sciences, was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Joseph Frizado, geology, received the Recognition for Chair/School/Director Leadership award. Dr. Wendy Manning, sociology, won the Faculty Mentor Award. And Dr. Geoffrey Meek, School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies, received the Faculty Recognition for Community Involvement.

For Meserve, the Lifetime Achievement Award caps a 32-year BGSU career—a career that
has seen his intense involvement in not only the life of his department but the life of the University as well. "His record of service to the department and the University is so great that I know of no other person with a record equaling even half of what Dr. Meserve has accomplished," wrote biology department Chair Dr. Scott Rogers in nominating Meserve. "He has consistently performed his duties (and more) with energy, enthusiasm, character and quality."

An energetic and positive faculty member and student mentor, Meserve also is a productive scholar, maintaining an active research laboratory specializing in studies of the endocrine system. His record of publications is outstanding, according to Dr. Stan Smith, graduate coordinator for the biology department. He and his students have also presented scores of papers at regional, national and international meetings, Smith noted. "The graduate students he has trained have all gone forward to become successful biologists and teachers," Rogers added.

Meserve has served as president of the Ohio Academy of Science and is currently co-editor of the Ohio Journal of Science and associate editor of a number of other professional journals.

He is the adviser to the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association and the pre-professional adviser for medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry and podiatry. In addition, he has been the Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA for the past seven years and attends numerous games and events. "Lee's commitment to our athletic program and this University is unparalleled," wrote Sid Sink, assistant athletic director for compliance and certification. "He is the biggest fan of all our sports teams."

The list of awards Meserve has won speaks to his dedication. In 1993, he was named a Distinguished Teaching Professor. In 2001, he received the President's Advising Award. Other service awards include the Hollis A. Moore University Service Award, the Provost/Faculty Senate Community Service Award and the BGSU Honorary Alumnus Award.

"He has dedicated his career to seeing that the University is a better place," summed up Dr. George Butlerjeahn, biological sciences.

Recognition for Chair/School/Director Leadership
While at first it might seem odd that an interim director of a school completely outside his own discipline should receive the award for leadership, Frizado more than earned the credit during the year he oversaw the School of Communication Studies, his nominators concurred.

Asked by Dr. Donald Nieman, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, to step in following the re-merging of the telecommunications department with the school and the resignation of the previous director, Frizado managed to bring order, fairness and harmony to the process of reintegration, they wrote.

"Many of Joe's personal qualities were essential to success in this circumstance," wrote Dr. Julie Burke, chair of the Interpersonal communication department. "He is calm. He is fair. He is a good listener. He creates a context that enables diverse points of view to be expressed and thoughtfully considered. He fosters collegiality. He is unselfish. He is also a tireless worker."

Not only did the school work its way through the attendant philosophical, logistical and administrative aspects of the reunification, it actually moved forward, Burke added. For instance, wrote Dr. Catherine Cassara, journalism, he helped the journalism department regain its national accreditation and aided in obtaining a U.S. State Department grant. He shepherded the successful search for a new, permanent school director. And he was an excellent mentor to faculty, added several nominators, including Dr. John Warren, the school's graduate coordinator, and Dr. Thomas Mascaro, telecommunications.

"Finally," wrote Cassara, "Joe is wonderful with a hammer, a screwdriver or a hard drive. He can answer software questions or help redesign a school office, all of which he has been required to do."
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Faculty Mentor Award
A prolific scholar with a demanding research agenda, Manning has nonetheless given generous amounts of her time to help other faculty, both as the founder of the Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR) and as a member of the sociology department, wrote Dr. Susan Brown, sociology.

"Her willingness to sacrifice time from her research to create opportunities for other scholars is amazing and admirable," according to Brown, who received a K01 Mentored Research Scientist Development Grant from the National Institutes of Health. "Without her support, I would not have been competitive for this award," she wrote.

Manning's most significant mentoring contribution may have been founding the CFDR, Brown added. "Through the CFDR, she offers faculty development awards to provide faculty with extensive mentoring as they generate their first grant proposal," Brown said.

She spends countless hours as director facilitating BGSU research, and has reached faculty not only in arts and sciences but in health and human services and family and consumer sciences as well.

One of those family and consumer sciences faculty members, Dr. Jean Gerard, wrote that Manning's expertise in writing grant proposals has been invaluable to faculty seeking to obtain research grants. In her case, Manning helped mobilize CFDR resources and offered guidance and support in the grant-writing process, Gerard wrote, adding that Manning "proved to be very accessible, extremely helpful and genuinely interested in the success of her peers."

Although Manning is still relatively junior herself, "she has mentored others in countless ways," wrote sociology Chair Dr. Gary Lee. "Professor Manning's importance to our department and the University stems only in part from her outstanding individual contributions to research and teaching. She also makes others around her better. I cannot imagine anyone more deserving of this award."

Faculty Recognition for Community Involvement
Senior citizens in the area have reaped health and wellness benefits thanks to Meek. A kinesiologist and director since 2000 of the director of the Senior Swim Program offered by the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies, Meek has imbued the program with renewed excitement, professional dedication and active membership, according to Dr. Bonnie Berger, HMSLS director.

Meek renamed the water aerobics program the Water Exercise Training (WET) Program. "This name change captures the program's new directions and also the high energy and enthusiasm that Geoff elicits from more than 40 community participants," Berger added.

Meek and his undergraduate and graduate students meet with community members ages 60-87. In response to requests from participants, Meek has extended the program through the summer months "although he receives no credit during the summer for his teaching," Berger said.

Student interns in the WET program as well as in the Physical Education Teacher Education Program and Adapted Physical Education minor learn cutting-edge teaching techniques from Meek, according to Berger, and come to understand the crucial need for physical activity at all ages. "In addition, he teaches the undergraduate and graduate student interns the importance of both interpersonal relationships and social elements to enhance exercise adherence and the seniors' overall quality of life," she said.

Swimming is not the only community-outreach activity in which Meek is involved, noted nominator Dr. Lynn Darby, kinesiology. He also leads Action After Stroke in conjunction with the Wood County Hospital Rehabilitation Center, and PEXtra, a weekly program for physically challenged children who need extra physical education instruction. Meek, who received funding through Partnerships for Community Action for both programs, has extended PEXtra through the summer as well.
Undergrads dazzle at first research symposium

BGSU marked a milestone April 18 when the first Undergraduate Research Symposium was held. Though undergraduate research has been taking place all over the University for years, the symposium was the first formal event to highlight it.

Sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research, the symposium brought together about 35 student researchers and their faculty mentors for lunch and the opportunity to share their projects with one another and the campus community.

The student researchers' enthusiasm was obvious as they discussed their work with visitors to the poster display in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The projects encompassed both the physical and social sciences, from astronomy to music education.

Based on the abstracts and presentations, Sigma Xi, the scientific research honor society, presented two book scholarships and two honorable mention awards. Winning the individual book scholarship was Ashley Fortress, a senior from Port Clinton, who conducted experiments with Dr. Kevin Pang, psychology, on the effects of exercise on the production of new neurons in the brains of mice. The team project award went to Asia Johnson, a junior from Sheffield Lake, Ohio, and her co-authors, Shannon Burt, Maegan Horinek, and Logan McKnight, who worked with Dr. Lee Musgrave, biology, to learn about the social behavior development of young rats whose mothers consumed small amounts of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Earning honorable mentions were Jenna Grado, a biology major from Weslaco, Texas, and Megan Seitz, a geology major from Bowling Green.

"All these students are just outstanding," said Dr. John Farver, director of the undergraduate research office. "Their passion for their work is just incredible, and it keeps me inspired in my own work."

That passion was evident in their descriptions of their projects. Fortress, for instance, explained that for many years, scientists had believed that people and animals are born with a finite number of brain neurons, which could not be altered. As those neurons die off with age, their diminishing numbers produce an accompanying decline in cognitive ability, and their loss is implicated in diseases such as Alzheimer's. However, in her groundbreaking research with Pang, in which the numbers of neurons in the brains of mice who exercised were compared with those of sedentary mice, "we're showing that new neurons can be produced," and that exercise plays a powerful role in stimulating their production, she said.

"Seeing is believing. When we first saw this under the microscope, it was really breathtaking," said Fortress, whose project was among those supported by the Office of Undergraduate Research this year. "I'm proud to be a part of this work."

Another undergraduate project that had to do with aging but from an entirely different perspective was that of Jeannette Beal, a senior from Norwalk, Ohio, who is majoring in human development and family studies. In collaboration with Dr. Laura Landry-Meyer, family and consumer sciences, Beal looked at successful aging among transgendered women, or biological men who identify with the female gender. Successful aging, she explained, involves not only physical health but also the belief that life is worth living. Like many of the other student presenters, she has also participated in research conferences outside BGSU.

Grado's project, which merited honorable mention, involved searching out and identifying the types of algae in the Great Smoky Mountains. She traveled to Tennessee last summer as part of a National Park Service project, the All Taxa Biodiversity inventory, in which Dr. Rex Lowe, biological sciences, is heading up the algae portion. Grado's project is "Populations of Fragostia from a 'Place of a Thousand Drips.'"

Emily Shaaf, a senior biology major from Prospect, Ohio, majoring in biological sciences, has helped forward the research of Dr. Tami Steveson, biological sciences, into the
localization of Menkes protein in pituitary cells. The protein is related to a rare and devastating childhood disease. Shoaf has been developing a new laboratory technique to examine the cells. "She did an awesome job," Stevens said. "We’re looking to see how the protein functions in the endocrine system, which no one has really looked at before."

From the social sciences, Alexandra Denney, a senior integrated science major from Troy, Ohio, studied how a science curriculum could be adapted for students with varying special needs. Her faculty mentors are Dr. Eric Myers, education and leadership studies, and Dr. Awad Ibrahim, educational foundations and inquiry.

Some of the seniors commented that it will be difficult to leave their projects when they graduate. But, as in the case of Shoaf, who plans to go to podiatry school, what they have learned—including the scientific process—in will stand them in good stead.

Wadsworth woman, student appointed to board of trustees
The board of trustees has gained two new members with Ohio Gov. Robert Taft’s appointment of Debra D. Ryan of Wadsworth, and Raquel Colon, an undergraduate student from Curtice.

Ryan, a 1974 Bowling Green graduate, was appointed to a nine-year term effective in May. She replaces Leon Bibb, a Cleveland television journalist whose term is expiring.

Colon’s appointment is for two years, also beginning in May. She replaces graduating senior Matthew Clever as a student member of the board.

Ryan is co-founder, vice president and secretary of the PDR Foundation Inc., a private, family charitable foundation, and of the PDR Group, LLC, a family limited partnership/ investment company. Holder of a bachelor’s degree in biology from BGSU, she worked as a medical technologist until 1980.

Ryan is a member of the national steering and kickoff committees for “Building Dreams: The Centennial Campaign for Bowling Green State University.” She is also a member of the BGSU College of Arts and Sciences Board of Advocates and its strategic planning committee. She has been active on various committees in Wadsworth City Schools as well.

Her husband, Patrick, is a 1974 accounting graduate of Bowling Green. The Ryans established the Patrick L. and Debra Ryan Endowed Professorship in Biology at BGSU in 2001, and their $500,000 gift to the University in 2004 was divided between the endowed professorship and the entrepreneurship program in the College of Business Administration.

The other new trustee, Colon, is a BGSU sophomore majoring in political science. She is president of the Latino Student Union, a member of the Diversity Leadership Team and has attended the University’s Leadershape Institute.

Multifaceted entrepreneur Frank Maguire to give Sebo Lecture
"Inventing the Future" will be the topic Friday (April 29) when entrepreneur Francis (Frank) X. Maguire delivers the second annual Bob and Karen Sebo Lecture.

It has been said that if you have ever FedEx’d a package, watched ABC’s “Nightline,” flown on American Airlines or eaten Kentucky Fried Chicken, then “you’ve been touched by the work of Frank Maguire.”

As a founding senior vice president at FedEx, Maguire created a corporate culture that
Cinco de Mayo festival includes scholarship dance

A scholarship dance to benefit BGSU Latino students will cap off the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Wood County Fairgrounds Saturday (April 30). The day's events will take place from 1-6 p.m. in the Junior Fair Building, followed by the dance from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The dance will feature music by Johnny Vasquez and Tejano Sounds. A $10 donation is suggested.

The day's events begin with an address by Bowling Green Mayor John Quinn and a performance by the folkloric dance troupe El CorazÚn de MÉxico, from Toledo. Live entertainment, raffles and piCatas will be featured throughout the day. Free diabetes testing will be provided by Wood County Hospital.

The festival is sponsored by the Latino Networking Committee in cooperation with the city of Bowling Green's Human Relations Commission.

Test scanning hours extended for finals

ITS will extend the test scanning hours for final exams to include Saturday, May 7, 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 6 p.m. weekdays.

Training for PeopleSoft HCM available to AHRS users

As preparations for the move to PeopleSoft HCM continue, more training sessions are being added to the schedule. The BG@100 Web site, at www.bgsu.edu/BG@100, provides a link to the current listing of confirmed training sessions and attendees.
If you currently use the AHRS online payroll and human resources system or FOCUS reports that read the AHRS data, please review the training information provided on the site. Information is updated on the Web site as training courses and groups are confirmed.

The BG@100 team thanks all those who have communicated their need to be added to a group or requested specific training. If you do not see your name or group identified within the training pages, please identify yourself and your training needs. If you create or run FOCUS reports that use AHRS data, please also identify yourself by writing to BGat100@bgsu.edu.

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CALENDAR

Monday, April 25
Human Rights Film Festival, "Well-Founded Fear," about the U.S. asylum application process for political refugees, 2001, 6-8 p.m., Union Theater.

Tuesday, April 25
Library Open House, "First Reveal: eXtreme Makeover Under Way," a first look at the new student group-study rooms, 7-9 p.m., seventh floor, Jerome Library.
Memorial Concert, "Tikvah: A Concert of Hope and Remembrance," by Burton Beerman, music composition, with Holocaust survivor Philip Markowitz, 7:30 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.
Planetarium Show, "It's About Time," 8 p.m., 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building.
$1 donation suggested, call 2-2421 for more information.

Wednesday, April 27
Dissertation Defense, "Simultaneous Inference in the Analysis of Gene Expression Data," by Igor Meinykov, mathematics and statistics, 8 a.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.
Baseball vs. Xavier, 3 p.m., Steller Field.
New Works for Youth, 7 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.
Bowling Green Chamber Players, "L'Historie du Soldat," 8 p.m., McFall Center Gallery.

Thursday, April 28
Lecture, "Cyber Imperialism: History Interrupted," by Oliver Boyd-Barrett, new director of the School of Communication Studies, 4 p.m., McFall Center Gallery.
International Film Series, "The Wannsee Conference," 1987, Germany, directed by Heinz Schirk, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, first floor, Hanna Hall. With an introduction by Dr. Norbert Kampe, director of the House of the Wannsee Conference Memorial and Educational Site in Berlin.

Friday, April 29
Center for Family and Demographic Research Spring Speaker Series, "Low Birth Weight, Childhood Economic Status, and Adult Health and Labor Market Outcomes," presented by Robert Schoeni, economics faculty, University of Michigan, noon-1 p.m., 314 Union.
Building Dreams Campaign Event, with Jay Crawford, co-host of ESPN's "Cold Pizza," 2 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Union.
Planetarium Show, "It's About Time," 8 p.m., 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building.
$1 donation suggested, call 2-2421 for more information.

Saturday, April 30
Baseball vs. Indiana University-Purdue
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University Fort Wayne (Doubleheader), 1 p.m., Stiever Field.
Softball vs. Buffalo (Doubleheader), 1 p.m., softball complex.
Planetarium Kids Show, "Don't Duck — Look Up!" 2 p.m., 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. $1 donation suggested, call 2-2421 for more information.
Gala—Building Dreams: The Centennial Campaign for Bowling Green State University, 6 p.m. cocktail hour, 7 p.m., gala begins, Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union.

Sunday, May 1
Baseball vs. IPFW (Doubleheader), noon, Stiever Field.
Softball vs. Buffalo, 1 p.m., softball complex.
Planetarium Kids Show, "Don't Duck — Look Up!" 2 p.m., 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. $1 donation suggested, call 2-2421 for more information.
Planetarium Show, "Star-Spangled Banners," 7:30 p.m., 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. $1 donation suggested, call 2-2421 for more information.

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April 28 and 29
Puppet Theatre, "New Puppet Order: Rise of the Uber-Marionettes," 8 p.m., Joe E. Brown Theatre, first floor, University Hall. Tickets are $5 for children under 12 and $7 for adults and can be reserved by calling 2-2719 (recommended for children over 10).

Through May 4
Annual Student Exhibition, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.
April 29 through May 7
Master of Fine Arts: Exhibition II, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1. Opening reception 7-9 p.m. April 29.

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FACULTY

Environmental Programs. Instructor. Call the department, 2-6208. Deadline: May 9.


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.

The following position is advertised on and off campus:

Scholarship and Grants Coordinator (C-022-V1)—Student Financial Aid. Pay grade 9. Twelve-month, part-time position. Deadline for employees to apply: 1 p.m. Friday, April 29.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Academic Adviser and Coordinator for Bachelor of Liberal Studies Program and Mandatory Advising (V-026)—College of Arts and Sciences. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: April 29.

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Associate Director of Residence Life for Business Affairs (V-034)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications will begin May 13 and continue until the position is filled.


Associate Director of Residence Life for (V-034)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications will begin May 13 and continue until the position is filled.

English as a Second Language Program Director (05-027NF)—College of Arts and Sciences. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: May 17.

Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing and Corporate Relations (R-018)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Review of applications began March 21 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Women’s Soccer Coach (R-021)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Review of applications began April 4 and will continue until the position is filled.

Psychologist (V-147)—Counseling Center liaison to the College of Arts and Sciences. Administrative grade 14 (unlicensed) or 17 (licensed). Review of applications began Feb. 18 and will continue until the position is filled.

Psychologist (V-147)—Counseling Center liaison to the Office of Residence Life. Counseling Center Outreach Coordinator. Administrative grade 14 (unlicensed) or 17 (licensed). Review of applications began Feb. 18 and will continue until the position is filled.

Coordinator for Greek Affairs (V-145)—Student Affairs (re-advertised). Administrative grade 12. Review of applications began Jan. 31 and will continue until the position is filled.

Residence Hall Director (V-013)—Residence Life. Administrative grade 13. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

OBITUARY

Cornelia Koufstraal, 69, died March 16 in Missouri. He was a former faculty member in communication disorders.

Amanda Collins, 82, died April 16 in Oregon, Ohio. She was a custodial worker at BGSU for 20 years.

Edith Kiger Moses, 92, died April 20 in Bowling Green. She was retired from University Dining Services.