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BGSU launches \$120 million centennial fund-raising drive

At a black-tie gala Saturday night, the University announced plans to seek \$120 million in private contributions through a nationwide fund-raising campaign.

Called "Building Dreams: The Centennial Campaign for Bowling Green State University," the campaign will support scholarships, endowed chairs, capital improvements and academic program enhancements.

The 25-member national campaign steering committee is co-chaired by Kermit F. Stroh of Wapakoneta and former Sylvania resident Ronald R. Whitehouse, now of Harbor Springs, Mich. University alumni Robert and Ellen Thompson of Plymouth, Mich., are honorary chairs. Thompson graduated from the University in 1955 and his wife, in 1954.

At the April 30 event, Whitehouse and Stroh announced that \$74,223,759 already has been committed toward the \$120 million goal.

"For nearly a century, Bowling Green has been a place where students have learned how to turn their dreams into reality. As we approach the 100th anniversary of the University's founding, private support is critical to ensure the University can continue to meet its commitment to educational excellence and creativity," said President Sidney Ribeau.

"It is gratifying to see the support of so many," he told an audience of about 400 who attended the campaign kickoff.

"When I was invited to serve as co-chair of the Centennial Campaign for BGSU, I reacted with pride, honor and eagerness to help the University succeed," said Stroh, a former member of the University's Board of Trustees. "This campaign is about ensuring student success, keeping the faculty strong and enhancing programs that make this great University unique."

Whitehouse echoed that sentiment. "The education and values I developed here as a student really gave me a firm foundation to go into the business world. Bowling Green has played a major role in my life, a major role in my success. This is an opportunity to give something back in return for all that the University has given me," the 1967 alumnus said.

"It's clear that those who know what the University is doing and is striving to achieve want to see Bowling Green State University succeed," said J. Douglas Smith, vice president for University advancement and president of the BGSU Foundation Inc. "Before the campaign was announced publicly, contributors already have given more than \$74 million."

Among areas that will receive support through the campaign are the Dallas-Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, the Center for Photochemical Sciences, the Sebo Athletic Center, the Wolfe Center for the Arts and WBGU-PBS.

Contributions also are being sought to expand the merit-based Alumni Laureate Scholars program, study abroad and international scholarships, graduate fellowships and scholarships for students at BGSU Firelands. The University also seeks to create more endowed chairs for faculty and staff, as well as endowed visiting lecturers.

The centennial campaign will continue through December 2008.

2,100 BGSU students to graduate this weekend

The University will award degrees to more than 2,100 students during commencement

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exercises Friday and Saturday (May 6 and 7). President Sidney Ribeau will preside at the ceremonies, in Anderson Arena.

The spring graduating class represents 71 Ohio counties, 42 states and 19 nations.

Ceremonies for the Graduate College will be held at 7 p.m. Friday. Dr. Adena Williams Loston, chief education officer at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., will speak. The graduating class of 341 includes 26 doctoral candidates, 313 master's degree candidates and 2 candidates for specialist degrees.

The College of Arts and Sciences will hold graduation at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, when the speaker will be Cynthia Bogner, associate director of defense-wide programs in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

Students graduating at 1 p.m. Saturday in the colleges of Musical Arts and Education and Human Development will hear an address by Aaron Dworkin, president of the Sphinx Organization, which is dedicated to involving youth and minorities in classical music.

Three graduating seniors will speak at the 4:30 p.m. commencement for the colleges of Business Administration, Health and Human Services, and Technology. They are Daniel Burke of Defiance, Kari Elste of Wheaton, Ill., and Sean Yates of Cleveland Heights. Tickets are required for admission to the ceremonies.

On the undergraduate level, 466 bachelor's degree candidates will graduate with honors. Eighty-two students are expected to graduate summa cum laude, a recognition given to those who maintain a grade point average between 3.9-4.0 on a 4.0 scale. Magna cum laude honors will be given to 127 students for maintaining averages between 3.76-3.9, and 257 students will receive cum laude recognition for maintaining grade point averages between 3.5-3.75.

Eight students graduating from BGSU Firelands will receive associate degrees with distinction and one will receive high distinction honors in recognition of scholastic achievement.

Training scheduled Employees can 'View Paycheck' online

Beginning in July, instead of receiving a printed pay stub, BGSU employees will be able to go online to view all their pay information.

Using the new "View Paycheck" link that will be installed under MyBGSU, employees will log on and view all the information they now see on their paper pay stubs plus more, say project Director Bill Gerwin and Communications Coordinator Cindy Fuller.

The procedure is the same as logging on to view one's bursar bill or order a parking tag, said Fuller. Employees will enter their user name, P00 number and password, then click on "View Paycheck" under "My Services."

The move to Web-based access is part of the BG@100 Project to implement the PeopleSoft software system for human resources and payroll. PeopleSoft is a multiyear project to replace the human resources, payroll and student information systems at BGSU.

"It's designed to get people more information in an easier way," Gerwin said.

The new system will be available to all employees. Employees who now have direct deposit of their checks will be required to use the View Paycheck Web service to view their pay information. Pay stubs for employees with direct deposit will no longer be printed and mailed.

Those who receive printed paychecks will continue to do so and to pick them up in the

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same locations, according to Larry Smith, payroll. However, PeopleSoft will help that group as well—those who have more than one campus job and now receive multiple checks will get one combined check.

The University does encourage the use of direct deposit whenever possible, Smith added.

Employees who are paid biweekly and hourly, including classified staff and undergraduates, will be the first to receive the electronic pay stubs, on July 15. Administrative staff's first electronic stubs will come out July 20.

In the meantime, BG@100 will be offering numerous training sessions on using the online pay information. The first demonstrations will be held at 2 p.m. May 23 and 24 and at 9 a.m. May 25 in 101 Olscamp Hall. Sessions are open to all University employees, and no registration is necessary. Numerous additional sessions are scheduled for July. Times, dates and locations will be announced in Monitor, in the marketing and communications daily emails and on the BG@100 site at www.bgsu.edu/Bgat100.

For those who prefer Web-based training, an online tutorial will guide users through the steps to log in and will explain the various components of the pay stub. The tutorial can also be printed and kept handy, Gerwin said.

All employees are strongly encouraged to participate in some form of the offered training, whether a public session or Web tutorial, Gerwin said.

A letter detailing "What PeopleSoft Brings to Me" will be sent in May to all faculty and staff at their homes. In addition to a general overview of the system, the letters will have information tailored to faculty, administrative and classified staff.

One of the advantages of the Web-based pay stubs is the additional information they can include, Gerwin said. For example, a pay history will be built beginning with the first online pay stub, so employees can view their compensation history at a glance.

"View Paycheck" will also show, in addition to employee contributions to retirement accounts and medical and dental plans, the University's contributions in those areas. Pre-tax withholdings such as child care and medical spending accounts will appear, along with the gross taxable income. The electronic stub will provide information about the account to which the pay was deposited as well.

The implementation of PeopleSoft will provide BGSU with a "state-of-the-art human resources and payroll system," Gerwin said.

Lisa Chavers to participate in Harvard institute

Lisa Chavers director of Project Search, has been selected to represent BGSU and the Graduate College at the Harvard Institutes' for Higher Education Management and Leadership in Education (MLE) summer session June 18-30.

This program is designed to help participants assess the effectiveness of their own leadership and clarify how well their institutions are positioned to meet future challenges.

"I anticipate adding my perspective and energy to the group dynamic and team discussions, and gaining insights and futuristic strategies from them as well," said Chavers.

The MLE Program selects experienced administrators for their overall character and ability to think strategically about their institutions' academic agendas.

Faculty and speakers selected to run the program's classes and discussions are experienced and in positions to influence the academic program at their institutions.

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IN BRIEF

Test scanning hours extended for finals

ITS announces that test-scanning hours for final exams will be extended from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. this week (May 2-6). Participants should bring their National Computer System answer sheets to 301 Hayes Hall for scanning.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 3

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Center Assembly Room.

Planetarium Show, "Star-Spangled Banners," 8 p.m., 112 Physical Sciences Building. \$1 donation suggested, call 2-2421 for more information.

Thursday, May 5

Administrative Staff Council, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Friday, May 6

Graduate College Commencement, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.
BGSU Firelands Commencement, 7:30 p.m., Cedar Point Center.
Planetarium Show, "Star-Spangled Banners," 8 p.m., 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. \$1 donation suggested, call 2-2421 for more information.

Saturday, May 7

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies, Anderson Arena:

- College of Arts and Sciences 8:30 a.m.
- Colleges of Education and Human Development, and Musical Arts, 1 p.m.
- Colleges of Business Administration, Health and Human Services, and Technology, 4:30 p.m.

Continuing Events Through May 4

Annual Student Art Exhibition, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through May 7

Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition II, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

Ethnic Studies. Instructor (two positions). Call Vibha Bhalla, 2-2796. Deadline: May 6.

Management. Instructor (two positions). Call Janet Hartley, 2-2946. Deadline: May 20.

Canadian Studies. Instructor. Call Mark Kasoff, 2-2457. Deadline: May 31.

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: www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/

There were no jobs posted this week.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

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Assistant Director of Golf/Golf Professional (R-036)—Recreational Sports/Golf Course. Administrative grade 12. Nine-month, full-time position. Deadline: May 6.

Assistant Director of Residence Life for Educational Initiatives (V-031)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: May 6.

Audio Visual Theater Technician (05-028NF)—Humanities-Firelands. Administrative grade 13. Deadline: May 6.

Rich Media Specialist (V-029)—New Media and Emerging Technologies/College of Technology. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: May 6.

Software Engineer (V-030)—New Media and Emerging Technologies/College of Technology. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: May 6.

Assistant Director of Recreational Sports for Finance (V-032)—Recreational Sports. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: May 13.

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

Manager, Theatre Business Operations (V-033)—Department of Theatre and Film. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: May 13.

Technology Support Specialist (05-037NF)—Information Technology Services-Firelands. Administrative grade 13. Deadline: May 13.

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

Assistant Vice President for External Relations (V-039)—Alumni Affairs/University Advancement. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: May 20.

Associate Dean of Students (V-038)—Office of Campus Involvement. Administrative grade 18. Review of applications will begin May 27 and continue until the position is filled.

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.

Assistant Women's Swimming Coach (R-022)—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

There were no obituaries this week.