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Administrative staff honors two of ‘B.G.’s Best’

“Take passion in everything,” Dr. Gene Poor told administrative staff as the keynote speaker for the April 5 reception hosted by Administrative Staff Council (ASC). To achieve fulfillment, set high goals, “conquer ‘normal’ and remove yourself from your comfort zone,” he said.

Echoing BGSU’s “Dream Big” motto, Poor advised striving for excellence and cautioned that “‘good enough’ is the dream killer.” And while pursuing one’s aspirations, it is most important to savor the chase, said Poor, the Ernest and Dorothy Hamilton Endowed Professor of Entrepreneurship.

Two members of the administrative staff who epitomize those qualities of aiming for excellence in all they do were recognized with “B.G. Best” awards at the reception.

Though in very different areas of the University, Kim Fleshman, program coordinator for the Student Technology Center, and Dr. Catherine Kocarek, assistant director and clinical director of the Counseling Center, demonstrate the qualities of commitment to the core values of BGSU and to the University that the award celebrates.

Kim Fleshman
Fleshman “gladly helps staff members at workshops, faculty members for class assignment projects and students with special circumstances, far beyond what is requested in her job description,” said nominator Laura Emch, associate director of Student Financial Aid. “For example, Kim volunteers on the first Saturday of each semester to talk to the Adult Learners group.”

In her Student Technology Center position, where she provides a “friendly location for students to find computer-related assistance for academic projects,” Emch said, Fleshman continually seeks to enhance the center’s services. She has suggested improvements to the Laptop Loan Program and researched and recommended the appropriate equipment needed to provide a “one-stop shop” for students’ academic multimedia needs.

Fleshman has coordinated all aspects of the annual Tech Fair for five years while promoting BGSU as a regional technology center. Three years ago, she created and organized the Northwest Ohio High School Web Contest for the Tech Fair, which the undergraduate admissions office views as a positive recruitment tool, her nominator wrote.

She is also the co-chair of the Falcon Film Festival, created in 2005. Held at the Cla-Zel Theatre, the festival “premieres” short videos created by freshmen to document their first-semester college experience. The festival had 300 people in attendance this year.

She has been a contributing member of ASC since 2003 and was the group’s secretary last year. She was also on the Awards and Recognitions Committee for two years.

In accepting the award, Fleshman encouraged other administrative staff members to get involved with the council.

Dr. Catherine Kocarek
Kocarek is devoted to caring for the mental health and well-being of students and staff. “Over the course of a year, Cathy’s contributions to our center, the Division of Student Affairs and the University community have been truly remarkable,” Dr. Craig Vickio, center director and clinical psychologist, told the audience.

Through both innovative approaches and “countless hours” of her own time, Kocarek has “significantly enhanced our staff’s ability to attend to students’ mental health needs,” he said.
“Outside of the Counseling Center, Cathy made concerted efforts to assist faculty, staff and others in recognizing and responding to the mental health needs of students,” he added. For example, she volunteered to serve on a countywide coalition for suicide prevention and also worked with another center staff member in offering suicide-prevention workshops to BGSU faculty and staff.

She worked with multiple students in counseling while also devoting many hours to supervision, training, consultation and crisis intervention. "Cathy served on numerous University committees and even agreed to chair a new psychiatric services task force," Vickio said. "Furthermore, she assumed a leadership role in designing and implementing various programs aimed at enhancing our staff's morale, well-being and safety.

"Incredibly, Cathy managed to assume all these responsibilities during a year when she also gave birth to a new baby son," Vickio said.

Kocarek is a "truly exceptional colleague and one of BG's very best," Vickio said, adding that she demonstrates a solid commitment to the welfare of others, to the ethics of her profession and to the core values of the University.

Kocarek said she was "completely overwhelmed and deeply honored" to receive the award, particularly from those whom she works with and holds in high regard. "I have utter pride and appreciation for the people who have supported me," she said.

**Professional Development Grants awarded**

Kocarek was also among 12 employees who received ASC-sponsored grants for professional development activities benefiting the University.

Others who received support grants were: Deborah Boyce, promotions and public relations director, WBGU-PBS; Sheila Brown, associate director of multicultural and academic affairs; Colleen Coughlin, circulation coordinator, University Libraries; Andrea Gutierrez, cooperative education, Career Services; Paul Hoffman, manager of student immigration, International Programs; Laura Schrock, clinical supervisor, communication disorders; Barbara Toth, Writing Center coordinator, Academic Enhancement; Jessica Turos, assistant director, Career Center; Nancy VanderLugt, flight systems manager, technology systems; Susan Vining, clinical audiologist, communication disorders, and Sue Zwayer, writing specialist, Student Support Services.

**Passing the gavel**

Outgoing ASC Chair Lona Leck introduced Steve Kendall, director of the Student Technology Center, as the incoming head of the council. Kendall will take over the reins on June 1.

**IDEO's Tom Kelley to give Sebo lecture on innovation**

Tom Kelley, general manager of the world-famous design and development firm IDEO, will deliver the 2006 Bob & Karen Sebo Lecture in Entrepreneurship April 28.

The annual program will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The program will include recognition of Dr. Gene Poor, the Ernest and Dorothy Hamilton Professor of Entrepreneurship, and this year's winners in the University's Student Business Plan Competition.

IDEO, which is based in Palo Alto, Calif., has contributed to many well-known innovations, including the first Apple mouse, the world's first laptop computer, Procter and Gamble's Swiffer CarpetFlick, the Palm V and Polaroid's i-Zone instant camera.

The consulting firm, which designs products, environments, services and experiences for its clients, annually tops the winners list in Business Week's Industrial Design Excellence Awards. Fast Company has called it the "world's most celebrated design firm."
As IDEO has grown from a firm of 20 designers to a company with more than 350 employees, Kelley has been responsible for business development, marketing, human resources and operations.

His philosophy is that you don't have to be a genius to have a great idea; companies that encourage creativity will excel.

He has written two books on the subject: The Art of Innovation, which tells how IDEO keeps coming up with great designs, and, most recently, The Ten Faces of Innovation, which describes 10 strategies that his company uses for fostering innovation and countering negativity.

Kelley's appearance at BGSU is hosted by the Dallas-Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and the College of Business Administration. Tickets to the luncheon address are $30 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 2-8181 or by registering online at http://pace.bgsu.edu/register. The deadline to register is April 19.

Student Health Service garners two national honors

The Student Health Service (SHS) has recently been recognized for excellence by two national organizations.

The service has been accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), attaining the highest ranking possible for 399 out of 400 quality measures—“a truly remarkable accomplishment,” noted SHS Director Dr. Glenn Egelman in congratulating the health service team on the achievement.

Status as an accredited organization means that BGSU has met a series of rigorous and nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care, Egelman explained. Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by the AAAHC undergo an extensive on-site, peer-based survey of their facilities and services. Only about 10 percent of student health services nationwide achieve the distinction.

In addition, Egelman and the health service were recognized by the Society of Internal Medicine for their work in creating clinical best practices.

The Society of Internal Medicine is the nation's premier organization for primary-care, internal-medicine physicians and is dedicated to “improving patient care, education and research in primary care and general medicine,” according to the society.

The SHS will receive a subscription to UpToDate, a cooperative effort of thousands of expert clinicians that offers the most current information on various clinical topics. Using UpToDate, the SHS will be able to create a series of evidence-based best practices for many common health-care topics seen in the student population. “This will ensure provision of the highest-quality health care and will allow us to better document and evaluate our ability to educate our students,” Egelman said. The health service will also be able to provide students with state-of-the-art handouts explaining their diagnoses.

Trantham elected president of music society

Dr. Gene Trantham, coordinator of theory in the College of Musical Arts, has been elected president of the Great Lakes Chapter of the College Music Society.

He assumed his duties for the two-year term during the society’s recent meeting at
The College Music Society is a consortium of college, conservatory, university and independent musicians and scholars interested in all disciplines of music. Its mission is to promote music teaching and learning, musical creativity and expression, research and dialogue, and diversity and interdisciplinary interaction.

More than 2,000 CMS members from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Wisconsin, northeastern South Dakota, eastern North Dakota, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec comprise the Great Lakes Chapter.

Trantham, a native of Arkansas, is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University. He received a master's degree in music from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He serves as a reader of advanced placement music tests for the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J. He also is a board member of the Macro Analysis Creative Research Organization at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He has presented papers on theory pedagogy and music technology, as well as analysis and performance, at previous Great Lakes chapter meetings and national meetings of the College Music Society and the Association of Technology in Music Instruction. His research has been published in the society's journal, College Music Symposium. He served as program chair for the society's 2002 meeting and as chapter treasurer from 2002-04.

**IN BRIEF**

*Groundbreaking Russian scientist returns to BGSU*

It's been nearly 28 years since Russian environmental scientist Dr. Vladislav Alexeyev first visited the United States, co-hosted by BGSU. That groundbreaking visit, which was widely covered by the media, led to a series of collaborations with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and American biologists. Together, they have addressed the effects of air pollution on forest ecosystems and, in a study of global climate change, how forests help ameliorate the negative effects of pollution on the environment.

Alexeyev will discuss the results of his ongoing scientific cooperation with the United States when he returns to BGSU for a 3:30 p.m. seminar today (April 10) in 334 Life Sciences Building.

The original visit by Alexeyev and three other scientists was the result of a 1972 agreement between the U.S. and the Soviet Union—the first of its kind between two major nations—that called for joint research development, mutual cooperation and exchange in 11 areas of environmental protection.

His host at that time, Dr. Reginald Noble, now a professor emeritus of biological sciences and director of the Schedel Arboretum in Elmore, will once again host his longtime collaborator. Other U.S. colleagues will also be on hand, including representatives from the Forest Service Laboratory in Delaware—with whom Alexeyev is writing a book—and its laboratory in Pennsylvania, as well as the watershed chief from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Corvallis, Ore.

In addition to his appointment as principal investigator at the St. Petersburg Federal Forestry Research Institute, Alexeyev is director of biological sciences and a professor of ecology at the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and director of the St. Petersburg Forest Ecological Center, a nonprofit organization he founded.
BGSU holds 20th annual health fair

The theme of this year’s health fair is “Be a 'S.T.A.R.' 2006: Start Thinking About Reducing … Risks to Health!” The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday (April 12) in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

The health fair will include more than 50 health exhibitors and offer free screenings for depression, alcohol, eating disorders, blood pressure, body fat ratios and (for a $5 fee) cholesterol. Free food and raffle prizes will be available.

The event is sponsored by the Student Health Service and the Wellness Connection.

CALENDAR

Monday, April 10

Communication for Learners Workshop, “Film and Slide Scanning,” 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., 201 University Hall. Hosted by the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology.

BG@100 Open Forum, update on the project and presentation titled “Meet Your FMS Chartfields,” an overview of the Chart of Accounts for the FMS phase of the project, 1:30 p.m., 316 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Student Employee Appreciation and Awards Reception, 3-5 p.m., 101 Olscamp Hall. If you plan to attend, call 2-2356. For more information, contact Linda Szykowny at 2-2610.

Music at the Forefront, by pianist John Cheek, Fulbright Scholar and music faculty member at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C., 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Tuesday, April 11

Dissertation Defense, “Simultaneous Confidence Bounds with Applications to Drug Stability,” by Xiaojing Lu, 8 a.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Web Content Management (CMS) Training, 1:30-4:30 p.m., 128 Hayes Hall.

Communication for Learners Workshop, “Extending the Classroom Experience,” 3-4:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. Hosted by the CTLT.

Concert, by the New Music Ensemble, directed by Dr. Per Broman, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Movie, “King Kong,” 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Wednesday, April 12

20th Annual Health Fair, “Be a 'S.T.A.R.' 2006: Start Thinking About Reducing … Risks to Health!” featuring health exhibitors, screenings and services, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union.

Information Session, Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and Social Security representatives provide information and answer retirement questions, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., 136 Perry Field House.

Email Etiquette Seminar, by Bonnie Fink, CTLT interim director, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 314 Union. Sponsored by the Administrative Staff Council Professional Development Committee.

Presentation, by Ellen Ford, Ohio/Kennedy Center Artist as an Educator, using a dance, the Grand March, to demonstrate how fine arts can be used to assist learning of concepts in other subject areas, including math, language arts and social studies. The first session, from 11:30 a.m.-1:20 p.m., will be repeated from 1:30-3:20 p.m., Eppler Center Gymnasium.

Brown Bag Lunch, “What Counts as Activism? Moving Beyond Service Learning in the Women’s Studies Classroom,” by Molly Frendo, American culture studies, noon-1:30 p.m., Women’s Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Center for Family and Demographic Research Speaker Series, “Somali Refugees in Ohio,” by Dr. Frank Goza, sociology, noon-1 p.m., 208 Union.

Faculty Artist Series, by Laura Melton, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, April 13

Concert by BGSU music composition students, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore
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Musical Arts Center.

Friday, April 14
Panel Discussion, “Future of Humanities,” 3 p.m., 206 Union. Refreshments will follow in 222 Administration Building.


Saturday, April 15
Planetarium Shows, “Footsteps,” about the moon and Apollo missions, 2 p.m., and “Lunar Odyssey,” a 21st-century trip to the moon, 3:30 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. $1 donation suggested.

Sunday, April 16
Movie, “King Kong,” 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Monday, April 17
Digital Arts Concert Series, by Mark Applebaum, electroacoustic music, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Continuing Events
April 11-13
Personal Interviews with OPERS and Social Security Representatives, for those interested in obtaining specific information about their account, such as projected retirement date, monthly pension estimate, health care coverage, re-employment options and taxes, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., human resources, 100 College Park Office Building. For more information, contact Diana Shamp at 2-2115, Kelly Stewart at 2-2112 or Terri Schaller at 2-2114.

Through April 19
Art Exhibition, “Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition,” Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Through April 21
Planetarium Show, “Worlds in Your Wallet: How the World’s Money Tells the Story of Science,” 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. $1 donation suggested. Stargazing follows planetarium show on Fridays and Sundays if weather permits.

Through May 2
Art Exhibition, “Annual Student Exhibitions,” Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through May 6
Art Exhibition, “Best of Visual Communication Technology Student Showcase 2006,” Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY


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 http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/hr/.

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

On-campus classified: http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/hr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html
OBITUARY

Dr. Oldrich Jicha, 99, died March 30 in Dublin, Ohio. He taught in the former Department of Finance and Insurance from 1949-68.

Rhonda Crittendon, 24, died March 30 in Perrysburg. A May 2005 alumna, she had been employed since last December with the Wood County Corps as a reading tutor in Grand Rapids Elementary School.