

11-5-2007

Monitor Newsletter November 05, 2007

Bowling Green State University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/monitor>

Recommended Citation

Bowling Green State University, "Monitor Newsletter November 05, 2007" (2007). *Monitor*. 1679.
<https://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/monitor/1679>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the University Publications at ScholarWorks@BGSU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Monitor by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks@BGSU.



NOVEMBER 5, 2007

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

- > **Top Stories**
- In Brief
- Calendar
- Job Postings
- Obituaries

Forum focuses on changing face of BGSU, Ohio higher education

Three BGSU administrators offered a glimpse at the University's financial and academic future, and that of Ohio higher education in general, at an Oct. 30 forum in Olscamp Hall. Hosting the forum were Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Shirley Baugher and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

While there is still much uncertainty, given ongoing changes on campus and in Columbus, some specifics were presented:

University budget

- Discussing BGSU's \$3 million budget deficit, Chief Financial Officer Sherideen Stoll said there will be no across-the-board cuts.

One-time and permanent reductions will be made, she said, pointing out that University divisions have been identifying potential short- and long-term cuts, and should be putting them in draft form early this month. Some positions will be eliminated, but she doesn't expect large-scale layoffs, Stoll added, saying she's also investigating previously untapped revenue possibilities.

Balancing the budget by the end of the year will be doable "without too much difficulty," she predicted.

Heading Stoll's list of current issues other than the deficit is deferred maintenance, which she said will demand prioritized spending of \$2 million-\$3 million per year for at least 10 years.

University System of Ohio

- An initial draft of a 10-year master plan for Ohio higher education could be posted on the new University System of Ohio's Web site any day, said Sandra MacNevin, associate vice president for governmental relations. (On Nov. 2, Eric Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, released the first section of his report, addressing the goal of educational attainment and delineating four ways to measure the University System's success in creating an educated work force. Visit <http://www.universitysystem.ohio.gov/master-plan> to view the announcement.)

Fingerhut has shared initial drafts of the required plan with the Inter-University Council and will be seeking public comment once it's online, MacNevin noted. The final version must be submitted to the Ohio General Assembly by next March 31.

The master plan was mandated by House Bill 2, which was signed into law by Gov. Ted Strickland in May 2007, and highlighted in the governor's August executive order that also created the University System of Ohio. MacNevin described the new system as "a unifying structure" for the state's 13 public universities and their 24 branch campuses, the North-eastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) and 23 two-year technical and community colleges.

BGSU planning

A 21-member University Work Group is engaged in an academic planning process for a BGSU plan, which will be in draft form by next month, and beginning in January, a strategic and academic planning process will focus "on the broad University agenda for the future," said Baugher.

The provost said the state will now categorize institutions to address differentiated missions. Fingerhut has grouped BGSU with Kent State, Ohio University and Miami as the four residen-

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

> Top Stories

In Brief

Calendar

Job Postings

Obituaries

tial, liberal arts universities. Within the University System, however, every institution's mission will be tied to higher education's role in economic development.

Fingerhut, who will visit campus Wednesday and Thursday (Nov. 7 and 8), is asking each university to identify its strengths, or "centers of excellence," in relation to economic development and work-force preparation for its community, region and the state, MacNevin said.

While social and cultural goals are "why we're here," Baugher added, "I don't have a concern with translating what we do to economic development." Addressing the former goals while also meeting the latter imperative will be among BGSU's challenges, she said.

According to Baugher, the University is looking to identify its centers of excellence. The state will expect each university's unique mission differentiation to be aligned with work-force development as well, according to MacNevin. Fingerhut will hear presentations from the Center of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education: Opportunities for Success (COSMOS) and the Academic Investment in Math and Science (AIMS) program this week, she continued, noting the importance to the state of the STEM disciplines—science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The chancellor will also learn more about BGSU's programs in digital arts, business, music and technology.

BGSU's strategic plan will identify "signature programs" along with the interdisciplinary centers of excellence. The values initiative, for example, is "clearly a signature of this University," Baugher said, and "we want to make sure it's part of everything we do." The provost mentioned, too, that a current "structural budget analysis" will help recapture funds for the designated centers of excellence, signature programs and foundational excellence.

In the new statewide environment, the direction of funding and other decision-making will be based on collaboration and cooperation, MacNevin said. "I think we're going to see more and more collaboration" with both public and private institutions, she replied to an audience question, noting that a study group of northeast Ohio universities, plus NEOUCOM, is bringing private colleges into its discussions.

As BGSU clarifies its mission and strengths, it can learn from the innovative and aspirational thinking that went into the visioning process at the new University of Toledo as a result of its merger with the Medical University of Ohio, MacNevin said. That kind of visionary planning is "the kind of thinking we now need to do," she maintained. It's important, she said, so the University can shape its own destiny rather than having it mandated by others.

"I do think the chancellor is definitive in the goals he has established," said Baugher, promising changes at BGSU in response. "We're defining our future."

To see the forum in its entirety, go online to <http://qtss.bgsu.edu:8080/bgsu/provostforum/>.

Students name Kenneth Snead the 2007 Master Teacher

For 19 years, Dr. Kenneth Snead, accounting and management information systems, has been an influential stepping-stone for students. This year he was presented the Master Teacher Award at the annual Faculty Recognition Dinner on Oct. 30. The award was given by the Student Alumni Connection and the BGSU Alumni Association and came with a \$1,000 cash award and a commemorative plaque.

"I consider classroom time to be a precious resource for engaging with and impacting the lives of students," Snead said.

He considers his time in the classroom a privilege and therefore tries to use the time as efficiently and effectively as possible. It's Snead's belief that to expect students to come to class on time and to be prepared requires him to do the same.



B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

> **Top Stories**

In Brief

Calendar

Job Postings

Obituaries

Snead categorizes his research interests as the following: "technical areas of cost accounting in manufacturing processes and behavioral implications of implementing new accounting information systems."

He has been selected three times by the MBA Student Association as the College's Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award and by Beta Alpha Psi as the Outstanding Accounting Teacher. Twice he received the College of Business Faculty Excellence Award from Undergraduate Student Government.

Snead gains satisfaction through learning from colleagues and students. He said he enjoys seeing former students and observing how they have grown both intellectually and professionally. The best part of the interaction with former students, he says, is when they inform him of new information relevant to his courses. "They have become my teacher, and I have become their student."

He advises approximately 72 students as well as serving on the Accounting Faculty Recruiting Committee, the Master's of Accountancy Committee, the Promotion and Tenure Committee and the University Statistical Consulting Center Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the American Accounting Association.

Through all of his hard work and dedication, Snead never forgets the reason he's here.

"I have been teaching for 19 years and still have butterflies before every class," he said. "I know that when I no longer have them it will be time for me to retire."

Faculty Senate honors Bernhard's, Earley's distinguished service

Dr. Keith Bernhard's 20-year record of service to the University and Dr. Mark Earley's cross-campus contributions earned each of them a Faculty Distinguished Service Award. Bernhard, technology, and Earley, chair of educational foundations and inquiry, both received a \$500 cash award and a reserved parking space for six months.

Bernhard has represented the College of Technology in the Faculty Senate since 1993, including a year as senate secretary in 1995-96. During his tenure, he has developed legislation pertaining to merit policy, the "academic bill of rights," sustainability of higher education and evaluation of department chairs, as well as working on numerous task forces.

From 1993-96 and again from 1998 to the present, Bernhard has served on the senate's Executive Committee and, since 2004, he has been the executive committee's representative to the Ohio Faculty Council.

As a member of the statewide organization, he developed a proposal for the creation of policy panels to explore strategic issues/opportunities in Ohio higher education, drawing upon faculty resources. In 2006-07, he was also the council's secretary, managing redevelopment of its Web site and developing a new logo, as well as arranging a presentation by the BGSU Faculty Senate Committee on Professional Affairs to share its successful methods with other Ohio institutions.

In addition, from 1999-2002 and now since 2005, Bernhard has served on the Faculty Senate Budget Committee, and he is the current chair of the College of Technology Council.

"As chair of the Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, I know from firsthand observation that Keith conveys the kind of dedication, and the leadership, that stimulates and enlivens the important work that we do," wrote his nominator, Dr. David Border, an associate professor of electronics and computer technology. "Keith is a very insightful and sharp colleague."



B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

- > **Top Stories**
- In Brief
- Calendar
- Job Postings
- Obituaries

Mark Earley

Earley was, according to nominator Dr. Patricia Kubow, a most deserving candidate for the distinguished service award. Kubow, leadership and policy studies, described her colleague as "a person who gives most generously of himself through his time and expertise to contribute to the personal and professional development of students, colleagues, campus peers, the external community and the higher education profession as a whole."

According to Kubow, Earley "makes service the most natural part of his work life." He has served BGSU on the university level as well as through the College of Education and Human Development and the School of Leadership and Policy Studies.

He has advised more than 400 students and is often asked to entertain BGSU audiences as a guest speaker.

Earley has chaired the Evaluation Subcommittee for the Research Conference Planning Committee and served as a panel member for Faculty Learning Communities at the New Faculty Orientation. He has been a facilitator of the reflective-teaching learning community for BGSU faculty since 2004.

He created and facilitates the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Faculty Learning Community. He also chaired the Undergraduate Admissions Advisory Committee and the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees.

In addition to being EDFI chair, Earley served on the Master's of Art in Cross-Cultural and International Education Steering Committee and the Master's Implementation Committee.

He is involved in the community through the Program Committee for Partners in Education Board of Trustees in Toledo, the American Educational Research Association and the Midwest Educational Research Association.

Physics and astronomy chair receives Blinn Award

Dr. John Laird, chair of physics and astronomy, has been named the 2007 recipient of the Elliott L. Blinn Award for Faculty-Undergraduate Student Innovative Basic Research/Creative Work.

Laird, who has involved students in measuring the composition of stars, was presented the award at the annual Faculty Recognition Dinner on Oct. 30. The award is given in memory of the late Dr. Elliott Blinn, a chemistry professor who devoted his career to sharing with undergraduate students the excitement of the discovery process.

Laird received a \$1,000 cash award and his department received \$4,000 for use in supporting further undergraduate research. The award particularly recognizes his work with an undergraduate student in the Academic Investment in Math and Science (AIMS) program, which seeks to encourage more women and minorities to pursue careers in mathematics and the sciences.

Their research was supported by a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant.

A number of years ago, Laird developed a method for measuring the abundance of chemical elements in stars using very low-quality spectra. While achieving about the same precision as conventional detailed analysis of high-quality spectra, the method dramatically reduces observation time, making it possible to analyze large samples of stars.

One of the main limitations to the method is that it measures only the average abundance of a variety of chemical elements, rather than measuring each element individually. While generally acceptable, there is a group of elements, known as "alpha" elements, which vary



NOVEMBER 5, 2007

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

> **Top Stories**

In Brief

Calendar

Job Postings

Obituaries

differently, making them especially important to measure separately from the rest.

As a freshman in the AIMS program, Tarrah Graham began working on an independent research project to see whether the alpha elements could be measured separately from low-quality spectra by modifying Laird's original technique. The project was a dramatic success. Her work showed that the new method produced remarkably good alpha measurements comparable to—or even better than in some cases—published work.

Graham then took the project a step further. She applied the results to stars belonging to different groups within the galaxy. The undergraduate combined her alpha element results with previous measurements of the stars' motions to classify the stars according to their population group and time of origin.

She was able to identify a small number of stars with unusually high or low alpha abundances, which suggests they formed in some unusual environment. A key reason to measure alpha elements is to identify such stars, of which only a few were previously known.

Graham presented a poster about her research at the Ohio Science and Engineering Conference in Columbus in August 2006, and presented her findings at two AIMS seminars. In addition, Laird reported her work in a research proposal submitted to the NSF.

"Dr. Laird was a positive influence and offered his help if there were ever any questions," Graham says of her research mentor. "The work load was somewhat intense, being it was my first time doing anything of that nature, but he constantly showed support and encouragement."

"I believe my work with her was invested very well," Laird noted in writing about Graham. "It was eye-opening for her, I think, to realize how even the relatively simple mathematics she had learned before could be applied to achieve such significant results. More importantly, Tarrah matured as a young scientist herself. As the project progressed, she developed and began to rely on her own judgment in evaluating the literature data as well as her own."

"Research collaboration provides the most rewarding teaching experience I have had, and benefits my research as well by focusing the attention of both me and the student," Laird wrote.

Ten undergraduates have worked on research projects with Laird over the years. The funds his department received from the Blinn Award will be invested in specialized equipment and travel for future student researchers.

Advisors in Arts and Sciences, Technology honored for excellence

Two groups won the President's Award for Academic Advising of Undergraduate Students by Faculty and Staff Members: the advising staff in the College of Arts and Sciences and Laney Fugett and Jodi Hagg in the College of Technology.

"Service to students" is the guiding principle of the arts and sciences advising staff, and the many letters of thanks attest to the effectiveness of the group's individualized approach. From entering undergraduates to nontraditional students, the thankful writers commented on the quick response, correct and helpful information, concern and positive outlook of the advisor.

"We place a high value on treating students individually to meet the needs of a diverse student population while maintaining the integrity of the degree programs in the college," the team said of its philosophy.

The staff consists of Darlene Thomas and Diana Carpenter, director and associate director



NOVEMBER 5, 2007

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

> **Top Stories**

In Brief

Calendar

Job Postings

Obituaries

of student services, respectively; Vickie Ampiauw, academic advisor and coordinator of the bachelor of liberal studies online degree program; Chris Schaefer, Allison Graham and Dr. Joan Morgan (part time), academic advisors; Damon Lee, program advisor; Nancy Bishop, records management officer; Chris Bloomfield and Toni Jacobs, student services counselors, and Melissa Gressner, Counseling Center liaison to the college. The staff received \$1,500 to further its advising efforts.

In addition to individualized attention—which includes outreach to students at risk—the advising staff publishes an informative newsletter, teaches UNIV 100 and A&S 100 classes and holds information sessions on the University's mandatory advising for new students.

The advising team shares its expertise and helps raise the level of advising across campus by extensively training and informing faculty advisors and by participating in University committees related to academic advising, recruitment and retention. They also keep faculty up to date on changes in curriculum and registration processes as well as on other aspects of student life—all a part of their belief that advising is another aspect of teaching.

The staff has been instrumental in developing new materials for recruiting and retention events such as Preview Days, Major Mania and other events sponsored by the admissions office.

Technology advisors

Also honored for outstanding advising were Laney Fugett and Jodi Hagg, of the College of Technology's Program Services Office. Both are not only advisors for visual communication technology majors in the college, but are also summer Orientation and Registration advisors who work with students from all colleges and then maintain those advisees throughout the year. They received a \$1,000 check for their office account for further programming.

The two "devote numerous hours each spring and summer to becoming current with advising practices and nuances in each major," their nominators wrote. "They have assisted in the compilation of advising resource manuals for Orientation and Registration and have led the entire college faculty advising team in utilizing technology for advising without sacrificing the personal relationship between student and advisor." This concern for students often results in requests from their rising sophomore advisees to be able to keep them, even though Fugett and Hagg are not advisors in their individual areas of study.

The award winners are also masterly at providing effective advice to students from "special populations" such as adult learners, transfer students, distance learners, student-athletes and students with disabilities, their nominators said. The technology college has an unusually high proportion of these students, in addition to its requirement that all students take three, semester-long cooperative learning assignments—which calls for advising that helps students develop academic competence while becoming involved on campus and integrating their academic curriculum with a life plan. The two advisors exemplify the college's philosophy of providing both developmentally appropriate advising and "prescriptive" advising for at-risk students to steer them away from costly mistakes.

Fugett and Hagg have also contributed to the college's effort to identify learning outcomes for all first-year students and have spearheaded departmental efforts to equate community college classes with College of Technology coursework.

Manning wins Olscamp Research Award

Receipt of a \$4.35 million federal grant to establish the National Center for Marriage Research at BGSU is just the latest research-related success for Dr. Wendy Manning, sociology, winner of this year's Olscamp Research Award.

Manning is co-director of the new center with Dr. Susan Brown, sociology, who nominated

BGSU

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

> Top Stories

In Brief

Calendar

Job Postings

Obituaries

her colleague for the honor. With the award come a \$2,000 cash prize and a reserved parking spot for a year.

"Professor Manning's scholarly productivity is truly exceptional," wrote Brown in her nomination letter, citing publication of articles in top journals and continuous external funding for Manning's work. "A nationally recognized demographer, she has made several significant contributions to knowledge about contemporary families, particularly in the areas of fertility and family structure," Brown added.

Manning describes herself as a family demographer who focuses on adult and adolescent relationships, with research interests in family sociology, social demography and the life course. "I primarily focus on families and relationships that exist outside the boundaries of marriage, including cohabitation, adolescent dating, unmarried childbearing, divorce and nonresident parenting," she notes in a research statement.

In 2000, Manning founded BGSU's Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR), an interdisciplinary population center, and in 2002, she obtained three years of National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding for the center through the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

Two years ago, in what Brown termed perhaps Manning's "most significant research accomplishment," she gained an additional five years of federal support—about \$1.4 million worth—for the center through a NICHD mechanism that funds only 15 population centers nationwide. The other 14 centers are all at institutions classified as Research-I, she explained.

"Manning's success at competing with well-established centers at larger universities is a testament to her national reputation," according to Brown. "Indeed, her research record and scholarly standing were critical to BGSU's success in obtaining significant federal funding from NIH for CFDR."

Manning's willingness to pursue funding for the center, as its director, "is evidence of her generosity to her colleagues and students as well as to BGSU as an institution," noted Brown, CFDR's associate director.

The center has 41 faculty affiliates from several campus departments, she wrote, and Manning, who also won BGSU's Faculty Mentor Award in 2005, spends "countless hours" facilitating faculty research, grant activity and training. For example, she pointed out, Manning offers faculty development awards that provide extensive mentoring to faculty as they generate their first grant proposal. She's also heavily involved in informal mentoring; trains several graduate students each year, giving many an opportunity to participate in high-quality research projects, and oversees several scholarship of engagement projects, among her other efforts at the center cited by Brown.

"Your efforts to mentor new faculty and to collaborate with your colleagues are recognized throughout the University," said Dr. Heinz Bulmahn, vice provost for research and Graduate College dean, in a congratulatory letter to the award-winner. "Your work extends beyond the University and reaches well into the community, truly 'expanding the reach.'"

Supporting Manning's nomination, Dr. Gary Lee, sociology chair, described her "tangible assistance and inspiration to her colleagues" as her "greatest contribution." Wrote Lee: "She has made everyone around her better."

Since 2004, Brown added, Manning has been elected to leadership positions in several prominent national organizations in her field, including the Association of Population Centers and the Population Association of America; published 14 articles in refereed journals, and was first author of half of them; authored 15 paper presentations; made five invited presentations, and successfully competed for individual research grants. "Over the past three years, Professor Manning has skillfully juggled eight grants, on five of which she was the principal investigator! This level of productivity is simply amazing," Brown maintained, calling her colleague "in a class by herself."

"She has been amazingly successful on every dimension of performance as a researcher,"

BGSU

NOVEMBER 5, 2007

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

> Top Stories

In Brief

Calendar

Job Postings

Obituaries

agreed Lee, saying that Manning "has made, and continues to make, a huge mark on the literature of our field. I know of no one else in the country with this kind of publication record."

"She is without doubt the most accomplished scholar for her career stage with whom I have worked, and one of the leading scholars in the country in her discipline," he asserted. "We would not be the department or university we are today without her."

In her research statement, Manning says social trends reflect a movement toward greater recognition and acceptance of nonmarital families "that still represent 'incomplete institutions' but are clearly important emerging institutions that deserve additional research scrutiny."

"I hope my work will make substantive contributions to our knowledge about how family members define and understand their obligations to each other in an era of increasing diversity and complexity of family relationships."

Ekstrand named Outstanding Young Scholar

The 2007 Outstanding Young Scholar Award went to Dr. Victoria Ekstrand, journalism. The award was presented Nov. 1 at the BGSU Research Conference, hosted by Sponsored Programs and Research.

Ekstrand, who has worked at the University since 2002, examines the cultural, historical and legal foundations of the ownership of communication and reflects on the implications of a system that is increasingly privatizing forms of and forums for communication. As the award recipient, she received \$3,000, \$1,000 of which will directly fund her research.

"At the heart of Dr. Ekstrand's research is this fundamental question: How do we create new creative content and what is owed to those who influence or contribute in some way to that new communication?" Dr. Terry Rentner, chair of the journalism department, said at the research conference. "The answer to this question has enormous significance for a democratic system and the protection of the public domain."

Ekstrand's work has been published in journals such as *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly* and *Communication Law and Policy*. In addition, *News Piracy and the Hot News Doctrine: Origins in Law and Implications for the Digital Age*, her 2005 book, was adopted by Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Duke Law School and the University of California-Berkeley Law School's libraries.

She addressed federal laws that try to persuade Internet Service Providers to reveal the identities of their users in her article "Unmasking Jane and John Doe: Online Anonymity and the First Amendment."

In "The Music Industry and the Legislative Development of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act's Online Service Provider Provision," Ekstrand and a colleague examined the legislative history of a Digital Millennium Copyright Act provision that immunizes ISPs from liability in copyright infringement cases.

The articles were both published in *Communication Law and Policy*, which has an acceptance rate of just 22 percent.

According to Rentner, "Ekstrand is a valued researcher, teacher and colleague in the Department of Journalism. Her reputation as a scholar is gaining national prominence, and I think she will be one of the top, if not the top, scholar in media law in the very near future."

"Her research not only has scholarly value but practical value as well. Her work clearly lies within the parameters of what is considered scholarship of engagement. I expect to see her

BGSU

NOVEMBER 5, 2007

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

> **Top Stories**

In Brief

Calendar

Job Postings

Obituaries

research impact legal findings in the areas of intellectual property and Internet piracy. Her work is cutting edge and, with the explosion of the Internet, the importance and the need for her expertise in communication law will only continue to grow."

Last summer, Ekstrand engaged in two research projects. She served as contributing editor to a Legal Handbook for Ohio Journalists, published by the Ohio State Bar Association, and completed several entries for an Encyclopedia of Journalism, a project spearheaded by journalism scholars at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Bowling Green among best places to live in Ohio

The city of Bowling Green has been named one of the five best places to live in Ohio in the November issue of Ohio Magazine.

"It is just a wonderful honor for us because Bowling Green is a great place to live, to work and to visit. We're also the home of Bowling Green State University, and we're very proud of that," said Wendy Stram, executive director of the Bowling Green Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The city was lauded for being a college town that maintains the American tradition of being a good place to live and raise a family. Other communities picked for the honor this year include Chillicothe, Delaware, Independence and Miamisburg.

In an interview with The (Toledo) Blade, Richard Osborne, editor and publisher of Ohio Magazine, said that a staff member of his publication who visited Bowling Green came back saying, "This is a no-brainer. Bowling Green is a terrific town."

Stram noted that several members of the University community assisted the Bowling Green Convention & Visitors Bureau in hosting that visit. They included Dean of Students Jill Carr, Executive Vice President Linda Dobb and Deanna Vatan-Woodhouse, a doctoral student in higher education administration.

Carr, who said she was delighted the city was chosen for recognition, noted that a true sense of community is found here. "The University and the town work together to make this a great place to live," she said.

Carr also praised Vatan-Woodhouse, a Bowling Green native who led the campus tour for Ohio Magazine, for her efforts in showcasing what the campus has to offer.

You can view the magazine article about the University and the city online at www.ohiomag.com. To order a copy of the November issue of the magazine with a cover illustration as well as the story about Bowling Green, call 1-800-210-7293.

Ohio News Network is teaming with Ohio Magazine to feature the five best hometowns in the state on its affiliated stations through this month. Bowling Green, according to the ONN Web site, will be featured starting Nov. 8 in a video that will be available for viewing at ohionews-now.com.

BGSU conference to look at evolution and behavior

Since Charles Darwin published *On the Origin of Species* in 1859, scientists have extended his ground-breaking ideas in an effort to explain animal and human development. Evolution

BGSU

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

> Top Stories

> In Brief

Calendar

Job Postings

Obituaries

has advanced from accounts of our origins to attempted explanations of our distinctively human capacities and behaviors, such as language use and courting practices. Evolutionary insights are also being applied to contemporary problems like conflict and disease. An upcoming conference at BGSU will focus on these new areas of evolutionary thought. "Darwin's Heirs: Evolution, Behavior, and Societies" will be held Nov. 15 and 16 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. All sessions are free and open to the public; no registration is required.

The conference begins at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in 207 Union with a keynote address by Dr. Richard Alexander of the University of Michigan, one of the foremost experts on the evolution of social behavior in insects and mammals. His talk is titled "Darwin's Challenges and Their Continuing Usefulness," and will be followed by a reception at 9 p.m.

Dr. Bobbi Low will give the first talk on Nov. 16, from 10-11 a.m. in 206 Union, where the remaining sessions of the conference will be held. A professor of evolutionary and behavioral ecology at the University of Michigan, her topic is "Women's Lives Today: Surprising Ecological Underpinnings." Dr. Paul Ewald, a professor of biology and director of the Program on Disease Evolution at the University of Louisville, follows from 11 a.m. to noon, speaking on "Breast Cancer and Birth Control: A Critical Evaluation of Cherished Hypotheses." Dr. Peter Richerson, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at the University of California, Davis, will deliver the final lecture, "Not by Genes Alone: How Culture Transformed Human Evolution," from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

All the speakers will then participate in a panel discussion and entertain questions from the audience from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This session will be moderated by Dr. Michael Bradie, philosophy, who is an expert in the philosophy of biology.

The conference is sponsored by BGSU's Social Philosophy and Policy Center; the departments of biological sciences, philosophy, economics and psychology; the J.P. Scott Center for Neuroscience, Mind, and Behavior; Sigma Xi; BG Experience; the Graduate College, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

IN BRIEF

'What the Best College Teachers Do' author to address Arts & Sciences Forum

Dr. Ken Bain, author of *What the Best College Teachers Do*, will be the speaker today (Nov. 5) at a College of Arts and Sciences Forum in 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

"Little Things Make a Big Difference in How Students Learn" is the title of Bain's 12:30 p.m. talk, to be followed by a book sale and signing. While he's on campus, the Montclair (N.J.) State University history professor will also lead one morning and one afternoon workshop for faculty and advanced graduate students in the Union.

Bain's 2004 book won the Virginia and Warren Stone Prize as an outstanding book on education. In it, he examines how several exemplary teachers from across the nation prepare, what they expect of students, how they teach and interact with students, and how they evaluate their progress in getting students to learn. The outstanding teachers were identified because of their ability to promote deep learning and to stimulate learning beyond the classroom.

At Montclair, Bain is also vice provost for instruction and director of the Research Academy for University Learning. He is the founding director of four teaching and learning centers—Montclair's Teaching and Learning Resource Center, the Center for Teaching Excellence at New York University, the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence at Northwestern University and the Center for Teaching at Vanderbilt University.

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

Top Stories

> **In Brief**

> **Calendar**

Job Postings

Obituaries

New Ohio high school core requirement focus of Smart Money workshop

More than 200 high school department chairs and classroom teachers will be on campus Thursday (Nov. 8) to take part in a workshop devoted to the Ohio High School Core Graduation Requirements and implementing the personal finance education mandate.

Ohio Treasurer of State Rich Cordray will be the keynote speaker at the event, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

The Smart Money workshop will assist schools in preparing for the new personal finance mandate by helping them determine what departments will host personal finance education courses, which disciplines will teach them and what the curriculum will include. Educators from the areas of business education, family and consumer sciences, marketing education, mathematics, economics and social studies will be among those taking part.

The workshop is being offered free of charge to teachers by BGSU Student Money Management Services, the College of Business Administration and the College of Education and Human Development.

Cordray, a leading proponent of personal finance education at the high school level, will speak on "Senate Bill 311: Core Graduation Requirements and Personal Finance" during a noon luncheon.

CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 5

Arts and Sciences Forum, "Little Things Make a Big Difference in How Students Learn," with Dr. Ken Bain, author of *What the Best College Teachers Do*, 12:30 p.m., followed by a book sale and signing, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

'The Naked on Nutrition' Brown Bag Luncheon Series, "Stay Sweet and Steady," noon-1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall. Samples of food related to the topic will be served. Presented by dietetics students in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Email chaar@bgsu.edu for more information.

ICS Artists and Scholars in Residence Series, "The Mind Game: Nigerian Universities, Neo-colonialism, and the Cold War, 1960-90," presented by Dr. Apollos Nwauwa, history and Africana studies, 1:30 p.m., 207 Union. Sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society.

ARTalk, "Merging Art and Science," by artist and research scientist Zack Booth Simpson, University of Texas at Austin, 6-7 p.m., Union Theater.

Women's Basketball vs. Findlay (exhibition), 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

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

6 O'Clock Talk Series, "Affirmative Action: Current National Trends Have Implications for College Students," panel discussion, 6 p.m., Union Theater.

Concert, BGSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble, directed by Chris Buzzelli, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Violence and Art Film Series, "I Am Not Scared" (2003), Italy, 9 p.m., 204 Fine Arts Center. A \$1 donation to the Art History Association is suggested for admission.

Movie, "Hairspray," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Writing as Healing," presented by Dr. Barbara Toth, assistant director, academic enhancement, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Canada-Ohio Business Dinner, featuring keynote speaker Robert Crow, vice president for industry, government and university relations at Research in Motion (RIM), developer of the BlackBerry® wireless platform, 4:45-8 p.m., 101B Olscamp Hall.

BGSU

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

Top Stories

In Brief

> **Calendar**

Job Postings

Obituaries

Faculty Artist Series, "Music of Britain," by Andrew Pelletier, horn, featuring pianist Michael Gartz, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, Nov. 8

PCA/CITE Support Grant Workshops, personal grant review, sponsored by Partnerships for Community Action (PCA) and the Center for Innovative and Transformative Education (CITE), 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 207 Union. **BG@100 Open Forum**, 1:30-2:30 p.m., 315 Union.

International Film Series, "Moolaade" (2004), Senegal, directed by Ousmane Sembene, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Concert, BGSU Graduate String Quartet, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, Nov. 9

Women in Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Program, for seventh- and eighth-grade girls, featuring the keynote presentation "Absolutely Batty," hands-on experiments and creative problem-solving, 8:15 a.m.-2 p.m. The fee is \$15 for students and \$12 for accompanying adults and includes lunch. For more information or to register, call Continuing and Extended Education at 2-8181, email psherry@bgsu.edu or visit <http://pace.bgsu.edu>.

Tea Time, with painter Mille Guldbek, art, 3:30 p.m., ceramics studio, Fine Arts Center. Bring your own mug for tea and doughnuts. Hosted by the ceramics department.

Swimming vs. Ohio, 5 p.m., Cooper Pool, Student Recreation Center.

Women's Basketball vs. Valparaiso, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Festival Series, featuring the Imani Winds, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are \$18, \$25 and \$30. For tickets, call the box office at 2-8171.

Movie, "Hairspray," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Young People's Concert, "Men in Black," by the University Men's Chorus, 11 a.m., Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets, \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, are available at the door.

Swimming vs. Miami, 1 p.m., Cooper Pool, Student Recreation Center.

Concert, University Men's Chorus, directed by William Skoog, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets, \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for other

adults, are available at the door.

Sunday, Nov. 11

Movie, "Bourne Ultimatum," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Monday, Nov. 12

Veterans Day. Classes canceled, offices closed.

Continuing Events

Nov. 8-11

Winter Wheat Festival of Writing, with guest readers Cris Mazza, Charles Yu, Wendell Mayo, Sue William Silverman, Sean Thomas Dougherty, Michael Steinberg, Mary Quade, F. Daniel Rzicznek and David Shumate, featuring the "State of the Art" Symposium entitled "The Story in All Its Forms and Variations" on Thursday (Nov. 8). A \$50 donation is suggested for those planning to attend Winter Wheat. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/studentlife/organizations/midamericanreview/index2.html>. Hosted by Mid-American Review.

Through Nov. 9

Art Exhibition, "You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby," showcasing childhood self-portraits from 60 of America's top illustrators, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Nov. 12-16

Blood Drive, American Red Cross Blood Bowl VI, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 228 Union. Walk-ins welcome; ID required. Sponsored by the American Red Cross and the BGSU Red Cross Club.

Through Nov. 17

Art Exhibition, "Water Works," featuring photography of environmental activist and photographer Robert Glenn Ketchum and water project documentations by Jackie Brookner, Betsy Damon and others, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Through Nov. 19

Design Exhibition, fourth annual exhibition of work by students in the architecture/environmental design studies program, Union Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

BGSU

B O W L I N G G R E E N S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

- Top Stories
- In Brief
- > **Calendar**
- > **Job Postings**
- > **Obituaries**

Through Nov. 28

Art Exhibition, mixed media resin works by Laura Gajewski, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through Nov. 30

Planetarium Show, "Oceans in Space," showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturdays (Nov. 10, 17 and 24). \$1 donation suggested.

JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

There were no jobs posted this week.

Labor Postings

<http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires>

Due to the recently announced hold on hiring for faculty and staff, all newly posted jobs have received additional authorization to proceed through the hiring process. Please see the links below. If you have questions regarding classified (hourly) positions or administrative (salaried) positions, please contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421.

Internal employees wishing to apply for classified 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:

www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html

OBITUARY

Dr. Raymond Tucker, 80, a professor emeritus of interpersonal communication, died Oct. 25 in Texas. A two-time Master Teacher Award winner and department chair for six years, he taught at BGSU from 1968-95.

Dr. Patricia Smith, 89, a professor emeritus of psychology, died Oct. 26 in Bowling Green. Internationally known in the field of organizational/industrial psychology, she was on the faculty from 1966-80.

Daniel Sturges, 57, died Oct. 26 in Rudolph. He had worked in the University maintenance department for 30 years.