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Gorsevski to bring geological expertise to Macedonia as Fulbright Scholar

Dr. Peter Gorsevski, geology, will travel to Macedonia this month as a Fulbright Scholar.

Bordered by Greece and Bulgaria, Macedonia isn't foreign to Gorsevski. He is a native of the country and in 1992 received his bachelor's degree in forestry at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University there. He received his master's degree in forest engineering from Oregon State University in 1996 and his doctorate from the University of Idaho in 2002.

A specialist in geospatial sciences, Gorsevski uses satellite technology and other data to interpret natural processes. The information can help humans "hopefully interact and manage things like forests, water resources and other natural resources in both an economically and environmentally sustainable way," he said.

He said he wanted to return to Macedonia because he knows the language and has "expertise in precisely the data and land-management strategies that a developing nation like Macedonia can really benefit from.

"I like to work on research that will help Macedonia adapt to its transition toward a market economy, with all the related challenges that brings for Macedonia's rich natural environment."

He plans on sharing his findings with other researchers and faculty, as well as with students and the Macedonian government.

"I'd like to develop a strong network of researchers and others who are interested in bringing Macedonia into the 21st century in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner," he said.

Gorsevski said he was drawn to BGSU by the new School of Earth, Environment and Society. "Its diversity of faculty, cutting-edge interdisciplinary research and bright student body really impressed me when I came here to interview," he said.

He is still a new face on campus, having joined the BGSU community just this academic year. For that reason, Dr. Charles Onasch, geology and director of the school, was surprised Gorsevski won the competitive award.

"It's a tremendous honor and a very competitive fellowship, and he got it relatively early in his career," Onasch said.

Gorsevski was also surprised. "This is truly an honor for me. When I was working on the grant, I knew the odds were small because the competition is so great. I will endeavor to do the best research and teaching work I can, to live up to the Fulbright standard."

Even with the prestigious award, he doesn't forget his students, who are one of his two favorite parts of the job.

"It's hard to choose what I like better: working with students or working with data," Gorsevski said. "Either way, each kind of work helps inform the other and keeps me productive."

Luckily, Gorsevski won't have to choose between students and data this spring; he will incorporate both teaching and research into his experience.

His research interests include GIScience and remote sensing, grid modeling, multicriteria decision analysis, and terrain and watershed analysis.

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Beerman wins Governor's Award for the Arts

Dr. Burton Beerman, College of Musical Arts, has been chosen to receive a 2008 Governor's Award for the Arts, the Ohio Arts Council has announced.

He and the other winners of this year's awards will be honored at a luncheon in Columbus on April 16, hosted by the council and the Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation.

An award-winning composer and professor of composition, Beerman founded the University's New Music and Art Festival and is the former director of the MidAmerican Center for Contemporary Music. He is one of two individuals chosen for recognition in the individual artist category. Singer/songwriter Steve Free of McDermott also will be honored.

Beerman's music, which often addresses social justice issues, spans many media, including chamber and orchestral music, music for documentary film, video art and performance, theatre, dance and interactive real-time electronics. His works have been recognized by more than 30 professional journals and publications, and his activities have been the subject of national and public television network broadcasts.

He was awarded the 2005 Barlow Endowment Commission, an international award designed to encourage and financially support individuals "who demonstrate technical skills and natural gifts for the composition of great music," according to the endowment. Performances of his compositions have taken place at well-known venues throughout the world.

"I am very pleased for my colleague Burton Beerman to receive this well-deserved recognition, and I am proud of his achievements that qualified him to receive this honor," Dr. Richard Kennell, dean of the College of Musical Arts, said.

Other categories and winners of the arts council awards include: Arts Administration, Marcie Goodman of the Cleveland International Film Festival; Arts in Education, Michael Huffman of the Lima City Schools; Arts Patron, Susan Reams of Perrysburg; Business Support of the Arts, Limited Brands of Columbus; Community Development & Participation, Dr. Catherine Roma, MUSE, Cincinnati Women's Choir, Umoja Men's Chorus and Voices of Freedom Choir of Cincinnati.

For more information about the awards, visit www.oac.state.oh.us.

Faculty and staff invited to be dancers in annual marathon

Who wouldn't help children with serious illnesses or their families if they had the opportunity? Dance Marathon is just such a chance to do something good for others. And this year, faculty and staff are specially invited to participate as dancers, say the annual fund-raiser's organizers. The 2008 marathon will run from 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, to 6 p.m. the following day in the Student Recreation Center.

The goal is to raise at least \$200,000 for cancer research and for quality-of-life programs for children in Mercy Children's Hospital at St. Vincent's Mercy Medical Center in Toledo. Last year, the 32-hour marathon, which is the largest fund-raising event in the state, collected \$194,000 and "we want to do even more this year," said Tom Bethany, Dance Marathon committee member and liaison to faculty and staff.

"Faculty and staff have always been welcome," he said, "but this is the first time we've asked them specifically to be dancers. All they have to do is contribute or raise \$25 and stay on their feet for three hours."

The time period from 6-9 p.m. Saturday has been designated for faculty and staff—who will receive an official Dance Marathon T-shirt, said Bethany. In the first hour, participants will get

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a tour of the event, where they can see all that goes into organizing such a massive undertaking, watch the children and their families as they arrive and enjoy the ongoing music and entertainment.

The next hour will see Executive Vice President Linda Dobb and Union Director Mary Edgington at the controls as guest disc jockeys, playing classic hits for dancing. The last hour will be for mingling with other participants.

"We want to bring faculty and staff together with students outside the classroom," Bethany said. "I think it will have a big impact on students to see them participating."

So far, eight faculty members have signed up to be dancers. "If you can't be a dancer, you're welcome to stop by and visit, donate, organize an office fund-raiser or get involved in any way you can. All forms of support are welcome," Bethany said.

The money raised by Dance Marathon provides concrete benefits to children and their families, he said. The Diabetes Summer Camp run by Mercy Children's Hospital is supported by the event, as is the annual Christmas party held at COSI in Columbus for ill children and their families. Funds from Dance Marathon built the overnight stay room in St. Vincent's for families of children awaiting surgery and pay for the therapy pets that visit to provide comfort and distraction, and even for new movies and games for children hospitalized for long periods.

Each year, the chair of Dance Marathon—this year it's Erin Small—sits on the hospital committee that reviews proposals for children's and family programs, giving BGSU a direct role in deciding how the funds raised will be spent. "They put a lot of care into what they do," Bethany said.

To get involved, either as a dancer or to find out other ways you can support the effort, email Bethany at tom.bethany@gmail.com.

McNair grant to boost Ph.D. studies

Students from disadvantaged backgrounds will now have an opportunity to gain assistance with their doctoral studies through a \$1.1 million Ronald E. McNair Grant, which BGSU was awarded this year by the U.S. Department of Education.

The goal of the grant is to increase the attainment of doctoral degrees among underrepresented students by helping prepare them for graduate school.

Named after an astronaut who died in the 1986 Challenger explosion, the grant will help 25 sophomore students. Students have not yet been selected for the program; academic departments will be contacted in January for student referrals.

To be eligible, students must be committed to attending graduate school after receiving their bachelor's degree and have a GPA of 2.7 or higher.

Accepted students will be partnered with a faculty member who will assist them to develop their research skills. According to Sidney Childs, director of Student Support Services and the new McNair Scholars Program, students in the program will gain the necessary skills for doctoral study and eventual careers in university teaching and research.

"This program will provide a platform for minority and underrepresented undergraduate students from disadvantaged backgrounds to attain a Ph.D. degree by strengthening their research skills, performing scholarly activities at a higher level and gaining a better understanding of graduate education requirements," said Dr. Heinz Bulmahn, dean of the Graduate College.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded BGSU a rare five-year grant. Most McNair grants are offered for only four years, Childs said. BGSU was offered the longer-term award because



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its grant proposal scored within the top 10 percent of applicants. Proposals are rated based on responses to several questions, such as what objectives the university has to make students successful, how the university will ensure that students learn to partake in high-quality research and how the faculty will be involved.

"I'm excited Bowling Green received the grant. It encourages collaboration between student and academic affairs, and it is another opportunity for students to connect to the University," Childs said.

Student Support Services and the newly funded Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program are in the Division of Student Affairs.

Firelands to receive group grant to fund dual enrollment/dual credit program

BGSU Firelands, the Erie-Huron-Ottawa Educational Service Center and the Educational Service Center of Lorain County will receive a \$225,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Education to aid high school students in earning college credit.

Dr. Andrew Kurtz, associate dean for engagement and outreach at Firelands, hopes the grant "engages high school students for whom, for whatever reason, college isn't on the map and (encourages them to further pursue it by) giving credit."

Beginning in fall 2008, high school students in Erie, Huron and Lorain counties may take college-level classes in mathematics, science and foreign language. Students will receive credit through both their high school and BGSU.

Requirements for class enrollment will be determined at each individual high school. Kurtz said Firelands encourages high schools to ensure success among their students. Because strict requirements are not in place, high schools may choose the best students or identify the underachievers and provide support.

The grant is important because, according to Kurtz, the existing models for dual credit (post secondary and technical preparation at vocational schools) have good and bad points, whereas the grant is "win-win."

He explained that when high school students take post-secondary classes, high schools lose money and when students attend vocational schools, it limits the number of students attending colleges.

With the grant, neither the high schools nor the college is harmed.

Along with tuition reimbursement, the grant funds professional development for high school teachers. According to Kurtz, teachers involved in the program will be trained how to teach at the college level and receive graduate credit. Teachers will also be matched with a mentor from the college.

As a result of the new grant, enrollment at both Firelands and the main campus may increase.

"(It will) show students Bowling Green State University offers a quality education, and it instills name recognition," said Kurtz.

Wilcox honored as a 'Champion of Life'

BGSU Trustee Michael R. Wilcox, a successful businessman and former University athlete, was presented a Champion of Life award by the GMAC Bowl and GMAC Financial Services.



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The CEO of Wilcox Financial, a diversified financial services and consulting firm, Wilcox was honored during the Mayor's Banquet Jan. 4 in Mobile, Ala. The banquet was one of a number of events surrounding the annual GMAC Bowl in that city.

Champion of Life honorees are "individuals who have achieved great success in their chosen field through dedication and hard work. They have overcome the many obstacles that have stood in the path of success and have given a great deal back to the community and country."

As an undergraduate, Wilcox served as student representative to the Board of Trustees, as well as president of the Interfraternity Council. He played on the hockey team, was a two-time captain of BGSU's nationally ranked lacrosse team and was named a lacrosse All-American for three consecutive years. He was inducted into the BGSU Athletic Hall of Fame and the Ohio Lacrosse Hall of Fame, as well as the Peddie School and Ithaca High School athletic halls of fame.

Wilcox, who was appointed to the BGSU Board of Trustees in 1999 for a term ending this year, is immediate past chairman of the board. He serves as a trustee of the Culver Academies, the Toledo Symphony and the Toledo Hospital Foundation, and is chairman of the board of the U.S. Lacrosse Foundation. A past member of the BGSU Foundation, Inc., he is a member of the BGSU Presidents and Falcon clubs.

Wilcox and his wife, Jan, also a BGSU graduate, reside in Toledo.

IN BRIEF**Counseling Center announces walk-in service hours**

The Counseling Center will once again offer students walk-in counseling services this spring, from 1:30-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. The center staff will do its best to see all those who come, but there may be times when walk-in visitors will be asked to return the following day or make an appointment for an initial consultation.

The center is in 422 Saddlemere Student Services at Conklin. Its regular hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Call 2-2081 for more information.

Have you signed up for 'AlertBG' emergency text messages?

Make sure you're in the loop this year by signing up for AlertBG, used by the campus police to notify students, faculty and staff in the event of an emergency. Text messages warning of such situations as crimes in progress, building closures, severe weather and campuswide class cancellations will be sent to those who have registered their cell phones.

To register, visit MyBGSU on the University home page and click on the AlertBG tab at the top of the Welcome Page. Then fill in the short online form. You can choose to receive the messages by email as well.

CALENDAR**Tuesday, Jan. 8**

Movie, "Zoolander," 9:30 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

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

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Faculty Artist Series, featuring pianist Robert Satterlee, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, Jan. 10

BG@100 Open Forum, 1:30-2:30 p.m., 315 Union.

Creative Writing Program MFA Readings, by Chris Bloomfield, poetry, and Megan Ayers-Vidmar, fiction, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Friday, Jan. 11

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

Saturday, Jan. 12

Track Meet, BGSU Triangular, 11 a.m., Pery Field House.

Women's Basketball vs. Ohio, 2 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Gymnastics vs. University of Missouri, 7 p.m., Eppler Center Gymnasium.

Sunday, Jan. 13

Praecepta, "24: The Concert," 6 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

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

Continuing Events

Jan. 8-16

Art Exhibition, 58th annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition, showcasing the work of more than 40 artists, 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 Jan. 21

Art Exhibition, student art from GeoJourney, a fall-semester field/camping trip across the United States, Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays.

Jan. 8-25

Art Exhibition, "Trench Cuisine: A Rock Band's Recipe for Semi-Success," a multimedia songbook presentation by Cleveland artist and musician Craig Matis, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Jan. 14-Feb. 13

Art Exhibition, paintings by Rebecca Kaler, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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FACULTY

There were no jobs posted this week.

Labor Postings

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

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.

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Paul Moyer, 83, died Dec. 15 in North Carolina. A 1949 graduate of BGSU, he worked at the University from 1964-71, first as an administrative assistant and later as University treasurer and coordinator of governmental affairs.

Russell Coffey, 109, a professor emeritus of health and physical education, died Dec. 20 in North Baltimore. He taught at BGSU from 1948-69.

Leland Miller, 69, a professor emeritus of computer science, died Dec. 29 in Perrysburg. He retired in 2004 after more than 35 years with BGSU. Memorials may be given to the Dr. Leland R. Miller Scholarship Fund at the BGSU Foundation Inc.

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