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Maintain momentum, stick to campus plans, says Cartwright

Drawing upon themes from Sir Isaac Newton to "The A Team," President Cartwright described the state of the University as one of momentum. In her final annual address, on Sept. 24, she said, "Today, I firmly believe that BGSU has both the 'mass' and the 'velocity' that have created significant momentum. We are definitely in motion, and I am confident we will work together to remain in motion."

And as in *The A Team*, the 1980s TV show in which the team leader said he loves it when a plan comes together, Cartwright said in BGSU's case, it's the Strategic Plan that is coming together and guiding our path. "We need to ensure that we maintain the discipline needed to examine all the decisions we make through the filter of this touchstone document," she said.

Of the plan's seven priorities, the first two have of necessity taken precedence, Cartwright said. The first was creating a distinctive, coherent undergraduate educational experience that integrates curricular and co-curricular activities, and the second is increasing our student population and implementing the programs they need to continue on through graduation.

The Connecting the Undergraduate Experience (CUE) Steering Committee has developed a curriculum that will create a four-year program organized around key sequences: inquiry, problem solving, and transitions that builds the foundations of critical and creative thinking.

The president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities said of CUE, "It is bold and visionary, and has the potential to be pace-setting. ... I am confident there will be wide interest in it across all parts of higher education."

"We are operating from a position of strength, and I hope you are as excited as I am about the possibilities that a new undergraduate curriculum will provide for our students and for the University," Cartwright said.

The second priority—enrollment growth and retention—has also made great strides, she said. The president praised the heightened efforts toward outreach that have made this progress possible, and without compromising academic standards.

"We're focused on keeping this momentum going, and we already have some early good signs for next year. At this time last year, we had just over 700 applications. As of just a few days ago, we had received more than 1,800 applications for fall 2011," she said.

Priorities three and four of the Strategic Plan are being addressed through realignments in the provost's area that will help refocus our efforts both in graduate education and in economic development and regional growth.

"Strategic Priority Five is about realigning individual and institutional incentives and resources to support institutional priorities. In many ways, we have been following this guidance since the Strategic Plan was approved. Put simply, careful alignment of resources with priorities is best practice in terms of budget-building," she said.

Working with the Faculty Senate Budget Committee and the University Budget Committee, the enrollment and undergraduate education priorities were addressed, and now faculty salaries become a top priority, she explained.

However, Cartwright expressed serious concerns about the future. "This budget discipline and these collaborative processes will be absolutely critical as we work to address the highly likely state budget crisis in the next biennium. Ohio's economy remains fragile and economic growth in our state is sluggish. This raises significant concerns as we look to the upcoming FY12 and FY13 biennium—which begins in just nine months. Nearly 16 percent of our State

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Share of Instruction (SSI) appropriation in this current biennium was funded through one-time federal stimulus funds. If those funds are not replaced – and there is not currently a plan for replacement – BGSU stands to receive about \$25 million dollars less in SSI over the next two years.

“Priority Six calls on the University to adapt institutional processes and resources for attracting new faculty and staff and for promoting their talent and contributions. We need to focus on hiring the right people to achieve our mission, and then we must commit to support them through investments in professional development. We have made progress here.”

Because of the great importance to the core of BGSU’s academic mission of the seventh priority, diversity and inclusion, the provost has assumed institutional leadership for it. “This issue is integral to how we build excellence and quality,” she said.

Cartwright said BGSU’s identified centers of excellence will be the focus of the next large capital campaign, in keeping with Strategic Priority Five,” she said.

BGSU’s other important plan—the campus master plan—is in line with the Strategic and academic plans and is guiding the redevelopment of the physical campus to enhance the learning environment and make BGSU an even more appealing place for prospective students, she said. It is appropriate that the University launches into its second century with a new burst of growth.

Referring to a book called *Finish Strong* presented her by Classified Staff Council when she began as interim president, Cartwright said that though she will end her BGSU presidency next summer, “I will commit to you today that I intend on having so much momentum built up when I cross the finish line next year, it just might take a parachute to slow me down. We still have a lot of work to do together, I am looking forward to it all. And with your help, I fully intend to finish strong!”

IN BRIEF

Education expert kicks off Centennial Speakers Series

Bestselling author Steve Perry will be the first speaker in the School of Teaching and Learning’s Centennial Speakers Series.

Perry, author of *Man Up! Nobody Is Coming to Save Us* and *Raggedy Schools: The Untold Truth*, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday (Sept. 30) in the Bowling Green Middle School Performing Arts Center, 530 W. Poe Road. He is an education contributor for CNN and the founder and principal of the Hartford, Conn., Capital Preparatory Magnet School, which prepares low-income students for college. Perry will address “Personal Responsibility,” focusing on the importance of the role of the family and how strengthening the family helps to build a better, stronger community.

Four education experts will be visiting Bowling Green as part of the series in the College of Education and Human Development. Each of the presentations will be free and open to educators and the general public.

Be part of campus diversity mosaic

The University community is invited to Project Mosaic: BGSU’s Diversity Day event, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday (September 30) in 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The event is an opportunity to learn about campus-wide diversity initiatives while gaining a deeper understanding of diversity.

During the event, students, faculty and staff may participate in the creation of a diversity



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video, entitled *Project Mosaic*. Participants will be filmed for five to 10 seconds and answer the prompt "I am ...". The project will highlight the personal meaning of diversity to participants and therefore for campus as a whole. Information on how to create an "I am" statement is listed on the Office of Multicultural Affairs website at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/oma/>.

The clips will be edited into a video to be used on the BGSU website as a recruitment tool for admissions and also as a visual aide for diversity peer education.

Diversity Day will be a day of fun and learning—an occasion to celebrate, improve and publicize diversity and acceptance on and beyond campus. Throughout the day there will be student theatrical and musical performances and cultural dance demonstrations and lessons.

Faculty may take this opportunity to encourage students to attend.

CALENDAR

Monday, Sept. 27

Men's Golf, John Piper Intercollegiate, Forest Creason Golf Course.

Dissertation Defense, "Remediating the Professionalization of Doctoral Students in Rhetoric and Composition," by Meredith Graupner Hurley, English, 1 p.m., 206 East Hall.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "The Joy of Teaching Large Lecture Hall Classes," 1-2 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Principles for Good Practice," 2-3 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page68950.html>.

ARTalks 100@100 Alumni Lecture, "Feminist Art?," presented by Dr. Mary Beckinsale, art historian and director of the SACI Program in Florence, Italy, 5 p.m., 1101 Fine Arts Center.

ARTalks 100@100 Alumni Lecture, "Taking Flight: The Journey Continues," presented by Marilyn Da Silva, metalsmith, 6 p.m. 204 Fine Arts Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

EcoBreak Seminar, with Meghan Weaver, 11:30 a.m., 332 Life Sciences Building. Hosted by the Department of Biological Sciences.

Men's Golf, John Piper Intercollegiate, Forest Creason Golf Course.

Tuesdays at the Gish Film Series, "Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!" (U.S. 1965), 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Concert, featuring guest artist Ronald Barron, trombone, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops, "Foster Significant Learning Using Integrated Course Design," 9:30-10:30 a.m., 201 University Hall.

Brown Bag Series, "Contraception Connection: A Birth Control Update," presented by Barbara Hoffman, Student Health Services, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. In recognition of Women's Health Month.

CFDR Speaker Series, "The Effect of Husband's Job Displacement on the Timing and Spacing of Births in the U.S.," with economist Dr. Aliaksandr Amialchuk, University of Toledo, noon-1 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Hosted by the Center for Family and Demographic Research.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Pragmatic Practices for Teaching Assistants," 3-4 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

Biology Seminar, "Calibrated Peer Review for Computer-Assisted Learning of Biological Research Competencies," with biologist Dr. Nancy Pelaez, Purdue University, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 112 Life Sciences Building.

Bowling Green Philharmonia, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors; \$3 surcharge the day of the event. Call 2-8171 to reserve.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Center for Teaching and Learning, "RefWorks: Bibliographic Management Software," 142 Jerome Library, 1:30-2:45 p.m. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

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Center for Teaching and Learning, "The Ethics of Teaching," 2:30-3:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

College of Technology Centennial Lecture, featuring Dr. Jerry Streichler, Trustee Professor Emeritus Charter Dean, College of Technology, and Emeritus Director, Epsilon Pi Tau, 4-5 p.m., Mileti Alumni Center.

Volleyball vs. Miami, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

College of Education and Human Development Centennial Speaker Series, "Personal Responsibility," with author and educator Steve Perry, 7 p.m., Bowling Green Middle School Performing Arts Center, 530 W. Poe Road.

International Film Series, "Young Törless" (Germany 1966), 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

College of Arts and Sciences Visiting Writers Series, with Neela Banerjee and other contributors to *Indivisible: An Anthology of South Asian American Poetry*, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Theatre Production, "Eurydice," by Sarah Ruhl, 8 p.m., Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors; \$3 surcharge the day of the event. Call 2-2719 to reserve.

Jazz Spotlight, featuring guest bassist Rodney Whitaker and Jazz Lab Band I, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, Oct. 1

Health and Human Services Centennial Lecture, featuring William P. Harper '76, executive director, United Way of Greater Lorain County, 8:45 a.m.-noon, 228 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Board of Trustees, 1:30 p.m., 308 Union.

Women's Research Network, "Converted Muslim Women: An Ethnography of Communication Study," presented by Marne Austin, doctoral student, School of Media and Communication, 1:30-3 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Men's Soccer vs. Western Michigan, 4 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Centennial Homecoming Celebration, 7-11 p.m., Jerome Library.

Centennial Alumni Dance Concert, 8 p.m., Whitney Dance Center, Eppler North. By the BGSU Dance Program.

100@100 Reception, "100 Works of Art by Alumni Artists to Celebrate BGSU Centennial," 8 p.m., Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center.

Concert, featuring Concert Band, University Band and Wind Symphony, 8 p.m., Kobacker

Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Theatre Production, "Eurydice," by Sarah Ruhl, 8 p.m., Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors; \$3 surcharge the day of the event. Call 2-2719 to reserve.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Theatre Production, "Eurydice," by Sarah Ruhl, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors; \$3 surcharge the day of the event. Call 2-2719 to reserve.

Homecoming Game vs. Buffalo, 3:30 p.m., Doyt Perry Stadium.

Volleyball vs. Western Michigan, Alumnae Day, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Sunday, Oct. 3

Women's Soccer vs. Central Michigan, 1 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Theatre Production, "Eurydice," by Sarah Ruhl, 2 p.m., Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors; \$3 surcharge the day of the event. Call 2-2719 to reserve.

Monday, Oct. 4

Center for Teaching and Learning, "Effective Public Speaking in Academic Settings," 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

Concert, featuring guest artists Tony Arnold, soprano; Aiyun Huany, percussion; and Thomas Rosenkranz, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Continuing Events

Through Oct. 2

University Libraries' Best-Selling Books Display, books from 1910, 1960 and 2010, Jerome Library.

Sept. 30 Through Oct. 18

Art Exhibit, Architecture Student Work: Seventh Annual Exhibition, Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

Through Nov. 17

Exhibition, "100@100: Works of Art by Alumni Artists to Celebrate BGSU's Centennial," Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

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JOB POSTINGS

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 website at <http://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

On-campus classified:

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

Off-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.