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Alumnae make significant donation to Popular Culture

Eileen O'Neill, one of BGSU's 100 Most Prominent Alumni, is giving back in a big way. The president and general manager of the cable network TLC and her partner, Karen Stoddard, have given the University a \$100,000 gift to establish "the Stoddard and O'Neill Endowment for Studies in Popular Culture" as well as another \$10,000 to the department that can be used immediately to assist students and faculty. Both Stoddard and O'Neill have master's degrees in popular culture from BGSU.

"It will let us take advantage of opportunities for research that we wouldn't otherwise be able to do," said Dr. Marilyn Motz, popular culture chair. "We will also use some of it to fund conferences and speakers on campus. It gives us a lot of opportunity to plan things and take a leadership role to sponsor some cutting edge research in popular culture."

The internship requirement at BGSU led O'Neill to Discovery Communications and she never left. "There's a direct correlation between BGSU and my job at Discovery," O'Neill said. "The popular culture studies program, just as a broad-based discipline, allowed me to explore interests and what I liked and didn't like. I can't say enough about the program. This donation will allow students and faculty to further explore their interests."

"The faculty and students of Popular Culture will forever benefit from the generosity of one our 'Most Prominent Alumni,'" said President Carol Cartwright. "Eileen O'Neill and Karen Stoddard have invested in the University, and that investment will allow the faculty and students to have life-changing experiences. We are very grateful for their support of BGSU."

IN BRIEF

Founder of Jimmie John's to speak tonight

Jimmy John Liautaud, founder and CEO of Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, will tell the story of how he built his business into one of the U.S.'s most successful chains today as the next speaker in the Executive Lecture Series.

Liautaud will give his talk, "From Student to CEO: An Entrepreneur's Story," at 6 p.m. tonight (Dec. 6) in 202B Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The series is sponsored by the College of Business Administration and the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization.

Jamie Coulter, CEO of Lone Star Steakhouse, has arranged the visit and will introduce Liautaud.

Jimmy John's was founded in 1983 and has since grown to more than 1,000 stores, with many locations in college towns. The company headquarters is located in Champaign, Ill.

The first Jimmy John's opened in a garage in Charleston, Ill., on Jan. 13, 1983, with used equipment and no menu or outdoor advertisement, selling four sandwiches and 25-cent Cokes. After Liautaud gave out samples out around town, his business began to thrive. He especially catered to college students at Eastern Illinois University; and part of that success came from his willingness to deliver to dorms, which many other local establishments did not do.

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CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 6

College of Business Executive Lecture Series, "From Student to CEO: An Entrepreneur's Success Story," with Jimmy John Liautaud, founder of Jimmy John's sandwich restaurant chain, with an introduction by Jamie Coulter, Lone Star Steakhouse CEO, 6 p.m., 202B Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Hosted by the College of Business Administration and the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Association.

Tuesday Dec. 7

Asbestos Awareness, with Bess Huygh, 1-3 p.m., 308 Union. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page22440.html>.

Planetarium Show, "Galileo: The Power of the Telescope," 8 p.m. \$1 donation suggested.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

CDFR Lecture, "Unpacking the Spiritual Dimensions of the Transition to Parenthood," with Dr. Annette Mahoney, psychology, noon-1 p.m., 314 Union. Hosted by the Center for Family and Demographic Studies.

Biology Seminar, "To Cross or Not to Cross: Axon Guidance Mechanisms at the Insect CNS Midline," with Dr. Mark Saeger, Ohio State University, Center for Molecular Neurobiology, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 112 Life Sciences Building.

Brown Bag Series, "Gift Wrapping 101," presented by Irene Olds, cartoonist and illustrator, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Men's Basketball vs. Western Kentucky, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Board of Trustees, 1:30 p.m., 308 Union.
BFA Reading, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

Family and Consumer Sciences. Instructor. Call Jean Gerard, 2-7853. Deadline: Dec. 20.

Friday, Dec. 10

Centennial Celebration Concert, featuring BGSU Music Ensembles and a Tribute to a Year of Service, 7 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ball Room, Union. Admission is a nonperishable food item or monetary donation.

Hockey vs. Ohio State, 7:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Hockey vs. Ohio State, 7:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Men's Basketball vs. Florida International, 2 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Monday, Dec. 13

Final Exam Week Begins.

Continuing Events
Dec. 8-Jan. 8

Art Exhibit, featuring works by Katrina Niswander, Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

Dec. 10-21

Planetarium Show, "Secret of the Star: A Show for Christmastime." Shows at 7:30 p.m. Sundays; 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays. \$1 donation suggested.

Through Dec. 14

60th Annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition, Fine Arts Center Galleries. 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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Engineering Technology. Assistant Professor. Call John W. Sinn, 2-2439. Deadline: Jan. 5.

Visual Communication and Technology Education. Assistant/Associate Professor. Call Chuck Spontelli, 2-2437. Deadline: Jan. 5.

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

Robert McGeein, 65, died Nov. 19 in Bowling Green. A BGSU alumnus, he retired as vice president for capital planning at the University in 1993.

Audrey Rentz, 69, a professor emerita of higher education and student affairs, died Nov. 25 in Bowling Green. She taught at the University from 1974-96.

Dorothy Bentley, 87, died Nov. 28 in Bowling Green. She was retired from a long career in the Graduate College admissions office.

Brent Nicholson, 56, an associate professor of legal studies and the Hamilton Endowed Professor of Entrepreneurship, died Dec. 4 in Perrysburg. He had taught at BGSU since 1989 and was the Founding Director of the entrepreneurship academic program in the College of Business Administration. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brent B. Nicholson Memorial Scholarship Fund at BGSU Foundation, Inc. Condolences may be made online to the family at <http://www.witzlershank.com>.