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Affairs of the heart matter to boys, too, BGSU sociologists find

Teenage boys have feelings, too, and when it comes to matters of the heart, they may not be so fleeting after all. Not far beneath the bravado often on display is an unsure adolescent who finds it hard to express emotions that, while new, are nonetheless often sincerely felt.

Boys are more vulnerable and emotionally engaged in romantic relationships than previously thought, according to the Toledo Adolescent Relationships Study led by Drs. Peggy Giordano, Monica Longmore and Wendy Manning, sociology.

Also contrary to traditional belief, girls in the study, on average, scored higher than their male romantic partners in terms of decision-making power.

The sociologists' findings appear in the new issue of *American Sociological Review*, the bimonthly journal of the American Sociological Association.

"These early relationships matter for boys, as well as for girls, and even though they may not last forever, the young people are taking important lessons from them about how to conduct social relationships, and about themselves and their emerging identities," said Giordano, a Distinguished Research Professor of sociology.

"They (teen romantic relationships) really have important socializing influences," added Longmore.

Early dating experiences have been a relatively neglected subject of study, according to the BGSU researchers. That's due to assumptions that such relationships are short-lived and shallow, and therefore not very influential, Giordano explained. The focus has been almost exclusively on sexual behavior rather than on the relationship itself, she said.

More is known about adolescent influences from parents and peers, with whom romantic partners are often lumped, Longmore noted.

But the Toledo study, supported by funding from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, has sought to change that. Considering that about 80 percent of teenagers have had a romantic relationship by age 18, what it means to them should be of interest, Giordano said.

For the study, 1,316 junior high and high school students from seven Lucas County school districts were interviewed, primarily in their homes. The students recorded their responses on laptop computers. In-depth "relationship history" narratives were also elicited from 100 of the teens (51 girls and 49 boys).

Giordano said that in general, the boys revealed a self-portrait far removed from the confident, dominant image seen in the existing research literature. They reported significantly lower levels of confidence, as well as greater "communication awkwardness," in their romantic relationships.

Girls may be better prepared for those relationships because of more experience with intimate communication with friends. However, boys as well as girls reported feelings of heightened emotions toward their current or most recent romantic partner—contrary to the notion that boys are only looking to "score" and are not emotionally invested in the relationship.

Boys in the Toledo sample also perceived being influenced more by girls than vice versa and, while most participants from both sexes indicated they shared equal decision-making power in their relationships, the tilt was toward the girls when power was thought to be unequal. These findings go against not only prior research but also against the societal belief that men

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routinely exert more power and influence than women, the BGSU sociologists pointed out.

“If, in marriages, men are more powerful, there must be some point where there’s a switch,” said Manning, the director of the University’s Center for Family and Demographic Research, with which Giordano and Longmore are also affiliated.

It’s interesting to consider how aspects of adolescent relationships might influence boys’ and girls’ relationships as adults, Manning said. Intriguing new research possibilities present themselves as adolescents enter the work force and get married, Giordano added, calling her colleagues’ and her data “a rich reservoir of information about their early histories.”

“What we’re trying to argue in our research is that romantic relationships do play a role in development,” she said. “While parents and friends continue to be critically important, the romantic partner also matters in multiple respects,” she noted, saying the relationship “can be a life-affirming, identity-enhancing element of one’s development.”

International expert on regional development to headline BGSU conference

Michael Gallis, widely considered the leading American authority on large-scale regional development strategies, will be the keynote speaker May 22 at the fifth annual State of the Region Conference, presented by the University’s Center for Regional Development (CRD).

“Responding to a Changing World” will be Gallis’ topic following a 1:30 p.m. welcome to the conference, set for the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg. Wednesday (May 17) is the registration deadline for the event, which is free and open to the public. To register, call 2-8710 or toll-free 866-562-7277, or complete the online form at www.centerforregionaldevelopment.com.

Gallis has led in-depth development programs for a number of metropolitan regions—Detroit, Cincinnati, Memphis and Charlotte, among others—and several states, including Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Jersey.

Representatives from two of those areas will also speak at the conference, from 3:15-4:30 p.m. Kip Bergstrom, executive director of the Rhode Island Economic Policy Council, will address “Rhode Island: Regional Networks of Capability,” while Russell Gwatney, a director and past president of the Memphis Regional Chamber, will discuss “Memphis: A Regional Focus.”

Bergstrom was the first student to specialize in economic development at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he earned a master’s degree in city and regional planning. Gwatney is the current chair of the Memphis Branch of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank and president of the Gwatney Companies, operators of auto dealerships in Arkansas and Tennessee.

Bergstrom and Gwatney will relate their regions’ “success stories” at the conference, said CRD Director Dr. Michael Carroll, economics. He will provide a northwest Ohio development perspective, following the presentation by Gallis.

“The caliber of the speakers is top-notch,” added Carroll, calling Gallis “a regional architect.”

Gallis holds a bachelor’s degree in architecture from the University of California-Berkeley and master’s degrees in architecture and city planning from the University of Pennsylvania. He was a faculty member in architecture and planning at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte from 1974-97.

In 1988, he formed his strategic planning and design firm, Michael Gallis and Associates,

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which has won national design awards from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

A member of the founding board of the International Radical Innovation Institute, Gallis has also been part of a State Department-sponsored technical assistance team sent to Poland to give advice on major metropolitan development.

The May 22 conference will close with a 4:30 p.m. reception in the atrium at the French Quarter.

Ornelas Award winner Sheila Brown promotes cultural awareness

From Kwanzaa celebrations to a yearly multicultural dinner theater, the campus has broadened its appreciation of African-American and other cultures through the efforts of Sheila Brown, associate director of the Center for Multicultural and Academic Affairs.

Brown's efforts have earned her the Miguel Ornelas Human Relations Award, given each year by the BGSU Human Relations Commission to an individual, a group or organization on campus whose programs, services or actions have significantly enhanced positive human relations at BGSU.

The award was presented at the Latino Issues Conference in April.

In her role at the center, Brown plays a significant part in helping acclimate students from a wide range of backgrounds into college life and the University. She is mentor to many African-American students and has long been involved in the Pre-College Enrichment Program.

But in addition to her performance of her regular duties, wrote Executive Vice President Linda Dobb in nominating Brown, "there are two particular reasons why I believe Sheila Brown should receive the Ornelas Award, and these are connected with her intense efforts each year creating a Kwanzaa celebration on campus and each year directing the multicultural dinner theater. Sheila's efforts at holiday time make it possible for students, faculty and staff to experience a holiday and its traditions that they may not be familiar with. This past December, for example, Sheila not only coordinated a Kwanzaa dinner but also had an exhibit from the traveling Black History Museum and a speaker on the significance of African-American history in Ohio's past. Sheila's efforts can help us all introduce a new culture in a very fun and upbeat way to students who may have grown up in very un-diverse settings."

Dobb described the multicultural dinner theater, which Brown has directed for the past seven years, as a "vast undertaking." Working with more than 100 performers, technicians and musicians, Brown puts together a two-hour show that easily fills the Lenhart Grand Ballroom in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union for both its yearly performances.

"The dinner theater is an event like no other because of the free range of expression it permits in a lively, yet well-controlled setting," Dobb said.

"Sheila's work is always creative and brings out the creativity in others," she went on. "Its impact is felt long after those who perform or witness the event. Sheila reminds us that we do try to encourage diversity in every aspect of our campus life and she helps us celebrate it. We are fortunate to have such a talented, spirited and intelligent woman working with our students and on behalf of the University."

The award is given in honor of Dr. Miguel Ornelas, a former Human Relations Commission member and director of affirmative action at BGSU. Before his death in 1989, Ornelas served as an advocate for issues of diversity, as head of the Ohio Hispanic Institute of Opportunity and as a member of the University's Graduate Student Senate, Third World Graduate Asso-

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ciation and La Union de Estudiantes Latinos. He was the recipient of the first Hispanic Award from Project Search.

Senior faculty members recognized by professional organizations

Drs. Sherlon Pack-Brown and Carney Strange, College of Education and Human Development, have been honored by their respective professional organizations, the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

Pack-Brown, of the Guidance and Counseling Program in the School of Intervention Services, was named a Fellow by the ACA.

Fellow status is awarded to ACA members for significant and unique contributions in professional practice, scientific achievement and governance, or teaching and training. Pack-Brown was recognized for her many contributions and her impact on multicultural awareness in the field of counseling.

Strange, of the Division of Higher Education and Student Affairs in the School of Leadership and Policy Studies, was recognized by NASPA as a "Pillar of the Profession." The recognition is given to distinguished members and individuals who have made a significant contribution to the student affairs profession.

In addition to his many years of service in student affairs, numerous awards and honors and more than 50 publications, Strange is noted for remaining connected in meaningful ways with his students as they move through their lives and professional careers.

The ACA is the world's largest private, not-for-profit organization for professional counselors, while NASPA is the largest professional organization for student affairs administrators, faculty and graduate students.

Guthrie, Langendorfer honored by alma maters

Two BGSU faculty members have been honored by their alma maters. Dr. Mearl Guthrie, a professor emeritus of business education, was named a distinguished alumnus of the University of Minnesota, and Dr. Stephen Langendorfer, human movement, sport and leisure studies, was among the first inductees to the State University of New York at Cortland's newly created Academic Hall of Fame.

Guthrie, who received his Ph.D. at Minnesota in 1953, taught at BGSU from 1954-85. He served as chair of the business education department from 1957 until he retired. The author of several textbooks and journal articles, he and his wife created the Mearl and Lolita Guthrie Consumer Economics Scholarship for juniors and seniors. He helped start a program in business education at the College of the Virgin Islands and organized numerous seminars in such places as Puerto Rico, Haiti and Jamaica.

The award was presented to 100 distinguished alumni as part of the university's centennial celebration.

Langendorfer, a kinesiologist specializing in developmental aquatics and motor coordination and control, is internationally known in the area of aquatic motor development. He is also the director of the BG Perspective: Liberal Studies in the 21st Century general education

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program. He has taught at BGSU since 1994.

Candidates for the new hall of fame must be graduates of SUNY-Cortland from at least 10 years ago who maintained grade point averages of 3.5 or higher as undergraduates or 3.7 as graduate students and have made a significant contribution to society through their chosen profession. Langendorfer received his bachelor of science degree from Cortland in 1972.

IN BRIEF

Volunteers needed for Convocation, All-Campus picnics

University Dining Services is seeking volunteers for the upcoming Convocation and All-Campus picnics.

The Convocation Picnic will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, on the lawn in front of Prout Chapel. The All-Campus Picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in front of University Hall.

To volunteer, go to the University Dining Services home page at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/dining/index.htm> and click on the "Looking for Volunteers!" button.

CALENDAR

Monday, May 15

Summer classes begin.

Dissertation Defense, "Development of Photocleavable Linker Groups for the Preparation of Photocleavable Liposomes and Caging Alcohols and Carboxylic Acids," by Anton Kulikov, photochemistry, 10 a.m., 154 Overman Hall.

Dissertation Defense, "Development of Photoreactive Organic Molecules with Large, Two-Photon Absorption Cross Sections," by Nurtay K. Urbadeyev, photochemistry, 2:30 p.m., 154 Overman Hall.

Tuesday, May 16

Dissertation Defense, "Resistance as Negotiations: Resistance in the Composition Classroom," by Rebekah Schultz Colby, English, 10 a.m., 206 East Hall.

Wednesday, May 17

Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m.-noon, 316 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Planetarium Show, "Worlds in Your Wallet," 8 p.m., 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. \$1 donation suggested.

Friday, May 19

Dissertation Defense, "Bayesian Model Checking Strategies for Dichotomous Item Response," by Sherwin Toribio, 2 p.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Monday, May 22

BG@100 Open Forum, update on the transfer of administrative systems to PeopleSoft, 1:30 p.m., 316 Union.

Continuing Events

May 15-July 21

Photography Exhibit, Brian Baby, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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There were no jobs posted this week.

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/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.htm

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.