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Governor visits campus to discuss education budget

Gov. Ted Strickland aims to “reverse the disinvestment in higher education and begin the reinvestment” through a plan he promoted on campus March 28. “It’s important to do that not just for the students but for the state,” he said.

At a press conference hosted by President Ribeau, the governor outlined his proposals for the biennial budget. They include discontinuing aid to for-profit institutions not recognized by the Ohio Board of Regents, making financial aid more need-based and, most importantly for state colleges, calling for a tuition freeze for the next academic year.

In return, he said, the state will make a number of short- and long-term commitments to state colleges and universities, including a 5 percent increase in state share of instruction for those universities that adopt the tuition freeze next year and a promise of an additional 2 percent in 2009 for those that keep tuition increases at 3 percent or less.

The state’s economy has been basically flat since 1996, he said, and its lack of funding for higher education has resulted in yearly average tuition increases of 9 percent. Now, costs at Ohio’s public institutions are 47 percent above the national average. “I think this is problematic for us as a state because we need to encourage more of our people to go to college, to complete college and, once they do that, to stay here in Ohio and help rebuild this great state.

“There is no justification for Ohio being where we are,” he said. “It’s intolerable.” The high cost of college also limits people’s possibilities to attend graduate school and to pursue career options, he said, and often results in “crushing debt” for many.

Strickland said his “KnowHow2Go” program, aimed at preparing eighth-, ninth- and 10th-graders to go to college, and his “Close the Gap” fund, to assist students whose resources don’t meet the cost of college, are both parts of his plan to produce 230,000 additional Ohio college graduates by 2011. The ultimate goal is make the state a place where young people feel welcome and where they have opportunities to succeed. “People used to come to Ohio. It was seen as a place where you could have a future,” he said, adding that a more educated, productive population is critical to the state’s future.

When asked if the tuition freeze is feasible, Strickland replied that he hopes the presidents of the state institutions will seek and implement efficiencies and work with new OBOR Chancellor Eric Fingerhut to “develop a meaningful compact between the state and institutions of higher learning.”

Following the press conference, Ribeau said he does not yet know the implications of a tuition freeze but that it would be painful for BGSU.

The proposed budget has smaller growth than any in the last 42 years, Strickland said. Faced with “great need and limited resources,” he said, “we will live within our means and have a balanced budget and invest in those things that matter,” predicting “this will have a psychological as well as a political impact.”

He expects great debates in Columbus over his proposals, he said, now that the same party no longer controls both the legislature and the governor’s office. Describing that as a good thing, he said for too long the state government has been controlled by one party, and he looks forward to the “diversity of thought” in setting Ohio’s future.

Dr. Alden Craddock, School of Teaching and Learning, asked Strickland if he planned to address the loss of many of the state’s “best and brightest” young teachers, which Craddock attributed to the problems in K-12 education funding. Strickland named a number of mea-

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sure he has planned to try to improve public education and make funding more equitable, citing the four times the state Supreme Court has ruled Ohio's school funding system unconstitutional. Chief among those is a plan to "securitize Ohio's tobacco settlement revenues," which he said will bring in more than \$5 billion, and use other resources to improve school buildings, improve parity and poverty aid to schools and make better use of school property taxes.

"If I don't solve this problem, I will consider myself a failed governor," he said.

Actress Eva Marie Saint to perform, pay tribute to BGSU mentor

Eva Marie Saint will return to her alma mater for a scholarship benefit performance dedicated to the memory of the professor who inspired her acting career.

The award-winning actress, who graduated from BGSU in 1946 along with her husband, noted producer and director Jeffrey Hayden, will present "On the Divide: An Afternoon with Willa Cather." The readings of Cather's works, which will benefit the Eva Marie Saint Scholarship Fund, will be held at 2 p.m. April 14 in the Eva Marie Saint Theatre in University Hall.

The couple's performance will honor the late Dr. Elden Smith. Saint, who followed her older sister to BGSU, was majoring in elementary education when her Delta Gamma sorority adviser urged her to try out for the play "Personal Appearance." As the story goes, Smith—who was the sorority adviser's husband—needed a girl who looked like an actress. Saint was a campus beauty queen and looked the part.

The elementary education major won the role and it changed her life. She enrolled in one of Smith's introductory theatre courses, auditioned for other plays and switched her major to theatre.

Saint's many honors include an Academy Award for "On the Waterfront" and a 1990 Emmy for her role in "People Like Us." She received three more nominations for her work in television and has had a notable stage career as well. Most recently, in addition to the benefit performances she and Hayden have been doing, she has had supporting roles in the films "Superman Returns" in 2006 and "Because of Winn Dixie" in 2005.

Hayden's credits include some of television's most successful comedies, including the Andy Griffith and Donna Reed shows, plus numerous dramas including "Route 66," "Mannix" and "Peyton Place." He has received awards for his documentaries, including the PBS production "Children in America's Schools with Bill Moyers." He is also a prolific theatre director, with productions in New York and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Tickets to see them perform at BGSU are \$50, \$100 and \$150, with the two higher levels to include a reception that Saint and Hayden will attend following the performance. For ticket information, call 419-372-0370 or send email to wsara@bgsu.edu. Tickets will not be available at the door.

The show is part of the University's Building Dreams Spring Celebration, commemorating the success thus far of the University's \$120 million fund-raising campaign. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$110 million to support University initiatives such as the Wolfe Center for the Arts, the BG Experience Vision and Values program and faculty and staff leadership positions. The campaign runs through December 2008.

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University Libraries celebrate 40th with auction of ‘little black dress’

What to wear to a special celebration in honor of 40 years of service and special collections at William T. Jerome Library? A little black dress would be the perfect fit, and for the occasion the library will be auctioning just such a dress—one originally owned by Oprah Winfrey.

A live auction featuring Winfrey’s “little black dress” will be part of the library’s 40th anniversary celebration, from 6:30-10 p.m. April 14 on the eighth floor of the library. The event will include dinner hors d’oeuvres, dancing to local swing band Hepcat Revival and a silent auction.

The program also will include remarks by President Sidney Ribeau and a performance by Eva Marie Saint Scholarship recipients.

The live auction of Winfrey’s dress is a continuation of a special fund-raiser that was started in October 2004 to raise money for her Angel Network Foundation.

The couture dress created for Winfrey by Badgley Mischka was bought by a North Carolina woman who wanted it to be shared by others and to benefit many. Each time the dress is purchased, it is under the condition that it will be auctioned again to raise money for another charity. From North Carolina, the dress traveled to Sylvania, where it was auctioned to benefit the Friends of the Lathrop House in January 2006. The successful bidder at the Lathrop House event has donated the dress to be auctioned at the University Libraries’ event. All proceeds from the event will benefit the libraries.

Tickets for the event and auction are \$40, \$75 or \$125. Tables of eight may be reserved for \$750. For ticket or event information, call the library at 2-2856. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

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University Libraries honored for innovation

Innovative Interfaces Inc. has named University Libraries a winner of a Be Innovative! Award for the libraries’ use of a product from the Emeryville, Calif.-based company.

Among dozens of entries worldwide, BGSU placed second in the Most Innovative Use of e-Resource Products category—and won \$500 in the process—for its implementation of an Electronic Resource Management system.

The system was developed to display, and control access to, research databases, said Kelly Broughton, co-interim dean of University Libraries and associate dean for assessment and technology.

The award has resulted from BGSU’s implementation of the system from both public use and technical control standpoints, Broughton noted. For example, she said, the technology gives researchers at BGSU multiple ways to find databases, whether by title, subject or alphabetical listings. Previously, this access was accomplished by labor-intensive hand-coding in the html language. Also, University Libraries are among the first to use the system to publicly display licensing information, such as authorized users and permitted uses, she added.

Leading the implementation were Mark Strang, data systems manager for Library Information

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Technology Services, and former staff member Christine Reineck. In May, Strang will present BGSU's award-winning use of the system at the Innovative Users Group annual conference in San Jose, Calif. The group is an international organization of member libraries that use Innovative Interfaces' integrated library software.

Sherideen Stoll named new CFO

President Sidney A. Ribeau has announced the appointment of Sherideen S. Stoll, CPA, as chief financial officer and vice president, finance and administration, effective June 1.

She replaces Dr. Christopher Dalton, senior vice president, finance and administration, who is retiring at the end of the academic year.

"Sherideen brings to the position experience in the accounting profession as well as higher education administration. She also is well aware of the particular challenges facing Ohio, having spent 12 years of her career on college campuses in this state," Ribeau said.

Since 2004, Stoll has served as vice president, administration and finance, at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in Rootstown. There she has been responsible for accounting, the Office of Budget and Resource Planning, business operations, campus operations, human resources and information services. She also has overseen the NEOUCOM Foundation and NEOUCOM Research Corp. During her tenure she has successfully implemented a number of changes aimed at reducing operating costs and improving efficiency.

From 1995-2004, she was at Kent State University, serving her final two years as executive director of financial affairs. In that position, her responsibilities included business administrator services, the bursar's office, comptroller's office, procurement and treasury, tax and risk management services.

Her previous positions at Kent included serving as director of business operations and management services for two years and as manager of university auditing for two years.

She began her career as a certified public accountant with KPMG Peat Marwick LLP in Cleveland, gaining experience in all aspects of financial assurance services. Her major clients included Continental General Tire Inc., Diebold Inc., Baldwin-Wallace College, TLT Babcock, the city of Cuyahoga Falls and Kent State. A 1991 magna cum laude accounting graduate of the University of Akron, she earned her MBA at Kent State in 2000.

Appreciation dinner planned for staff members

The University will honor 105 classified and administrative staff members who have worked 15 or more years at BGSU, along with 13 employees who have retired, at an appreciation dinner Thursday (April 5).

Leading the list of retirees in years of service are Ronald Gargas, WBGU-PBS, and Sandra Gilbert, dining services, each with 40 years.

Crispina Molina, facilities services, worked here for 35 years.

Those retiring with 30 years' service were Annette Stencil, public safety; Jerrie Hutton, Student Financial Aid; Joyce Chamberlain, human resources; Marie Derkis, geography department, and Tina Tampurages, Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

With 25 years at BGSU were Daniel Sturges, plant facilities; Jeffery Bechstein, facilities

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services, and Terry Horner, Information Technology Services.

Leaving after 20 years were Betty Goodman, Student Health Service, and LuAnn Lanning, psychology department.

Years of Service Awards

Honored for 40 years with BGSU will be Margaret Bobb, human movement, sport and leisure studies, and Geneva Long, Instructional Media Services.

35 years

Mary Bobb, human movement, sport and leisure studies; Nancy Joseph, dining services; Lola Mercer, human services department, and Steven Schwab, facilities services.

30 years

Bernice Aguilar, popular culture department; Patricia Carpenter, sociology department; Jill Carr, Student Life; Wayne Colvin, Information Technology Services; Judy Donald, Continuing and Extended Education; Laura Emch, Student Financial Aid; Mary Hilken, admissions office; Jodi Laubis, Student Recreation Center; Letha McCartney, postal services; Mary Reynolds, University Libraries; Nancy Shrider, registration and records, and Paul Vollmar, facilities services.

25 years

Kathryn Bechstein, college student personnel; Ronald Bolander, dining services; Robert Bortel, student publications; Debra Bruns, University Athletics; Diana Bruns, Bowen-Thompson Student Union; Gary Buchanan, plant facilities; Tina Bunce, College of Musical Arts; Beverly Cope, University Bookstore; Ellen Dalton, College of Musical Arts; Lorraine DeVenney, biological sciences; Constance DiPuccio, University Bookstore; Patricia Evans, College of Musical Arts; Eva Flores, dining services; Robert Fyfe, Information Technology Services; Janet Hiser, bursar's office; David Hoehner, business office; Judy Jennings, technology systems; Gregory Kuhn, plant facilities; Tamera Ludwig, Information Technology Services; Ellen Naderer, BGSU Firelands; William Parratt, environmental health and safety; Barbara Peck, Graduate College; Tamara Sharp, Social Philosophy and Policy Center; Cheryl Tyson, business office; Patricia Wise, Continuing and Extended Education; Kevin Work, Instructional Media Services, and Sandra Yandell, BGSU Firelands.

20 years

Dominga Almaguer, plant facilities; Robert Ankney, public safety; Jodi Bates, public safety; Bonita Bembry, College Access Programs; Bonna Benschoter, Office of Residence Life; Margaret Bucksy, Career Center; Donna Cavendish, registration and records; Jean Coffield, University Bookstore; Kim Davis, University Libraries; Gaylyn Finn, treasurer's office; Alita Frater, chemistry department; Barbara Garay, Faculty Senate office; Linda Glaviano, Continuing and Extended Education; Donna Hackworth, Bowen-Thompson Student Union; Kathleen Helm, College of Business Administration; Sharon Hernandez, facilities services; Mary Hitt, College of Arts and Sciences; Amy Hoops, dining services; Sue Houtz, Office of Campus Involvement; Timothy James, public safety; Cheryl Kurfess, bursar's office; Linda Leimgruber, business office; Rebecca Lentz-Paskvan, political science department; Thaddeus Long, Perry Field House; Bruce Lowry, plant facilities; Gloria Martinez, University Athletics; Dawn Melnek, Information Technology Services; Sue Mercer, facilities services; Kimberly Moses, University Libraries; Penny Nemitz, BGSU Firelands Learning Center; Teresa Otley, bursar's office; Teresa Patton, marketing department; Pamela Phillips, Medical Technology Program; Pamela Potter, Continuing & Extended Education; Patricia Rutter, Information Technology Services; Lori Schultz, visual communication and technology education; Douglas Scott, facilities services; Amy Sheldrick, Student Health Service; Susan Sidor, German, Russian and East Asian languages department; Michelle Simmons, Career Center; Frederick Smith, public safety; Lisa Swope, Office of Residence Life; Linda Tracy, Bowen-Thompson Student Union; Phillip Walter, plant facilities; Judith Weaver, dining services; Julie Woessner, dining services, and Mary Beth Zachary, University Libraries.

15 years

Jerome Ameling, Information Technology Services; Nancy Andrade, College of Health and Human Services; Barbara Brown, plant facilities; Arline Bucksy, dining services; Mary Busdeker, mathematics and statistics department; Kathy DeBouwer, Continuing & Extended

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Education; Sharlynn Garno, facilities services; Deborah Hine, Academic Enhancement; Christine Kieffer, bursar's office; Sheila Kratzer, biological sciences; Karen Munsterman, BGSU Firelands; Linda Szykowny, Career Center; Keith Watson, plant facilities, and Tawn Williams-Nell, bursar's office.

IN BRIEF**Google executive to address the search economy**

Anyone searching for information about Google can find it Tuesday (April 3) at the University.

BGSU will host Grady Burnett, head of online sales and operation in the company's Ann Arbor, Mich., office, for a 4 p.m. talk on "Google and the Search Economy" in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Speaking as part of BGSU's Tech Trends series, Burnett will focus on Google's technologies, products and people; how it's leveraging technology to benefit business, and its Michigan operations, including profiles of customers and how they have successfully used Google AdWords. The presentation is free and open to the public.

In his job, Burnett is responsible for hiring, customer service, account management and sales efforts supporting the AdWords advertising program. He previously worked at Google's Mountain View, Calif., headquarters as manager of the national agency team, which oversees the company's relationships with advertising agencies, search engine marketing consultancies and resellers.

Burnett is a University of Michigan graduate and holds a master of business administration degree from the Harvard School of Business. Before joining Google, he was vice president of agency sales at DoubleClick, Inc.

The Tech Trends series is an exploration of issues and trends in technology teaching and learning. Sponsors are BGSU's Information Technology Committee and the offices of the Executive Vice President and the Chief Information Officer.

OPERS, social security representatives to share information

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System members are reminded that OPERS representatives will be on campus April 24-26 for individual interviews to review personal retirement accounts. Also, on April 25, a social security representative, along with an OPERS representative, will provide retirement information at two general information sessions.

If you are interested in attending an information session or scheduling a personal interview with an OPERS representative, contact Diana Shamp at 2-2115 or Rochelle Meyer at 2-8421 no later than Friday (April 6).

Philosophy's Great Debates series moves off campus

The philosophy department will host the next event in its Great Debates series from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday (April 4) at the Wood County District Public Library on North Main Street. The question under debate is "Should the Government Guarantee Minimal Health Care Benefits for All?"

The speakers include Dr. George Agich, director of the BG Experience, and philosophy graduate assistants Katherine Erbezniak, Peter Jaworski and Noah Levin.

For more information, email Ian Young at iyoung_nz@yahoo.com.

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Monday, April 2

Women's History Month Event, "Saving the Unborn, Saving Women: Art and Abortion in the U.S.," by Dr. Jeannie Ludlow, women's studies, 9 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. Sponsored by NARAL/Pro-Choice BGSU.

Tuesday, April 3

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

Baseball vs. IPFW, 3 p.m., Steller Field.
Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives Monthly Lecture Series, "Beyond Crouching Tigers and Hidden Dragons: Locating Asian-Americans in Academic Culture," by Errol Lam and Perry Miller, 2:30-3:20 p.m., 201A Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Tech Trends Series, "Google and the Search Economy," by Grady Burnett, head of online sales and operation, Google, Ann Arbor, 4-5 p.m., Union Theater.

6 O'Clock Talk, screening of "An Inconvenient Truth," 6 p.m., Union Theater. A discussion follows the movie. Sponsored by the union.

Concert, Classical Guitar Ensemble, directed by Chris Buzzelli, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, April 4

Brown Bag Luncheon, "The Impact of Formal Education on Traditional Gender Roles," by graduate student Annette de Nicker, cross-cultural and international education, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Baseball vs. Xavier, 3 p.m., Steller Field.
Faculty Artist Series, pianist Maxim Mogilevsky, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Art History Association Film Series, "Grass," 9 p.m., 204 Fine Arts Center. April's theme is addiction.

Thursday, April 5

Movie, "An Inconvenient Truth," 6-8 p.m., Union Theater.

Creative Writing Program BFA Readings, by Travis Beckwith, Kristin Diamond, Hope Hammond and Alana Price, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Student Composers Forum, compositions by graduate and undergraduate musical arts students, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, April 6

Women's Tennis vs. Miami, 1 p.m., Keefe Courts.

Baseball vs. Central Michigan, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Concert, by the Collegiate Chorale, directed by William Skoog, and the University Women's Chorus, directed by Sandra Frey Stegman, 7 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for other adults. To order, call the center box office at 2-8171.

Saturday, April 7

Baseball vs. Central Michigan, 1 p.m., Steller Field.

Women's Tennis vs. Ball State, 1 p.m., Keefe Courts.

Sunday, April 8

Baseball vs. Central Michigan, 1 p.m., Steller Field.

Sunday Matinees, "The Cat and the Canary" (1927), directed by Paul Leni, and "Fashion News of 1928," featuring Myrna Loy and Dolores Del Rio, hosted by Toledo film historian Dr. Jan Wahl, 3 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Feminism Film Festival, "Girl Interrupted" or "But I'm Not a Cheerleader," film to be chosen by those attending, 6-9 p.m., 105 Hanna Hall.

Continuing Events Through April 4

Art Exhibition, "Florilegium: Cameraless, Filmless Images," by Kim Kaufman, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

Through April 4

Art Exhibition, BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center, and Union Galleries. Fine Arts Center gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday. Union gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

Through April 6

Planetarium Show, "Nine Planets and Counting," 8 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. \$1 donation suggested. Star-

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gazing follows the show on Friday if weather permits.

April 6-May 6

Art Exhibition, "Inspired by Art: Selections from Ceramics' Permanent Collection and Recent Ceramic Work by BGSU Students,"

Union Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

April 9-May 1

Art Exhibition, Annual Student Exhibitions, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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Art. Instructor. Call Andrew Hershberger, 2-2895. Deadline: April 20.

Music Performance. Instructor. Call Christopher Scholl, 2-2287. Deadline: May 7.

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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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Off-campus classified:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.