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Dr. Carol A. Cartwright named interim president of BGSU

The BGSU Board of Trustees voted unanimously Friday (June 6) to name Dr. Carol A. Cartwright interim president effective July 21. Cartwright will succeed Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau, who leaves BGSU to accept the presidency of Howard University on Aug. 1.

The president of Kent State University from 1991-2006, Cartwright has “all the qualities we were looking for, plus the Ohio background and a recent presidency,” said Michael Marsh, board of trustees chair.

“She has a wonderful reputation, and we are very fortunate that she is both willing and available at this important time for Bowling Green,” Marsh added.

“Carol Cartwright will make an outstanding interim president for Bowling Green State University,” Ribeau said. “Not only is Dr. Cartwright a respected colleague of mine, she is respected in the state of Ohio and in the nation. I am pleased to be leaving BGSU in her very capable hands.”

Cartwright will live in the University Guest House until the University House on Wintergarden Road becomes available. “I’m very eager to get to Bowling Green and meet with people,” she said by phone Friday. “It’s a situation where I don’t think there will be a steep learning curve because I’m familiar with Bowling Green’s mission.

“Kent State and Bowling Green have a lot in common,” she observed, noting that both are preparing to celebrate their centennials and both have evolved from teacher training institutions and maintain strong commitments to that field. “Of course, we’ve also competed against each other in the same athletic league,” she said.

As president of Kent State, Cartwright overlapped 11 years with Ribeau on the Inter-University Council and, as a board member of the American Association of Colleges and Universities—which has recognized BGSU for its values initiative, commitment to learning communities and residence life—said she has followed the University’s progress closely. “I admire President Ribeau’s leadership at Bowling Green and look forward to building on his accomplishments,” she said.

Asked about her decision to return to leading a university after her retirement, Cartwright said, “I’m a person who’s always had a passion for public service and for finding opportunities to make a difference. It’s difficult to turn off passion like that after 41 years of devoting your life to something you believe in,” she said, adding that she has continued to serve on many boards and stay involved in higher education.

The first woman president of a state university in Ohio, Cartwright was Kent State’s 10th president, overseeing one of the country’s largest university systems, with eight campuses serving more than 34,000 students. Kent State is one of the largest employers in northeast Ohio, with more than 4,600 full- and part-time faculty and staff.

“I enjoy being part of a team of people who work together to solve complex problems,” Cartwright said. “I’m confident that we’ll quickly build a good team and get on with the work that needs to be done at Bowling Green.

“Even though this is an interim position, Bowling Green, or any institution, cannot sit by and wait. There are decisions that must be made and challenges to be tackled. This is very much a full-time job. People will see a lot of me,” she predicted.

Cartwright noted that BGSU is already well on its way to meeting some of the challenges presented by the new University System of Ohio, with the work that has been done on the

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strategic planning process and the college compacts. “Strong leadership is in place, and that will allow the planning to go forward. There’s also good alignment with what is expected at the state level,” she said.

“We will always be challenged by budget issues—that’s just the nature of today’s higher education,” she said, “and it’s natural that people are worried about the Ohio economy and the national economy. But we also have many good opportunities. I’m excited about meeting with donors and friends, and I’m looking forward to developing new ways to boost enrollment.

“There is no shortage of interesting issues,” she concluded, obviously relishing the challenge.

After Cartwright retired as president of Kent State in 2006, she accepted a one-year contract to ensure a smooth leadership transition. Prior to her service at Kent State, she was vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of California, Davis, and dean for undergraduate programs and vice provost at Pennsylvania State University.

She has held prominent leadership roles in higher education’s most influential national organizations, chairing the board of directors of the American Association for Higher Education and serving on the boards of directors of the American Council on Education and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

In addition to the American Association of Colleges and Universities board, she serves on the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and the National Public Radio Board of Directors.

Cartwright earned master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.

Board names search committee for next president

In addition to hiring Dr. Carol Cartwright, president emeritus of Kent State University, as interim BGSU president, the board of trustees Friday (June 6) named a committee to search for the successor to President Ribeau. The trustees also authorized solicitation of proposals from firms to aid in the search process.

Heading the University’s President Search Committee will be Trustee William Primrose. Other trustee members are Stephanie Imhoff, John Moore and Bob Sebo.

All the trustee members are in the middle of their tenures and all have experience with hiring, according to Michael Marsh, board chair.

Representing the faculty on the committee are Drs. Patrick Pauken, leadership and policy studies; Ronald Shields, theatre and film; Ellen Williams, intervention services and incoming chair of Faculty Senate, and Arthur Yeh, applied statistics and operations research.

Representing the administrative staff is Jill Carr, assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

Representing classified staff is Faith Olson, fiscal officer in the College of Education and Human Development.

The other committee members are Emmanuel Guillory, new president of Graduate Student Senate; John Waynick, president of Undergraduate Student Government; Alumni Board member Andre Craig; BGSU Foundation Board member Jim Bailey, and Richard Edwards, community representative and former BGSU administrator.

The search committee closely reflects the makeup of the committee that hired President

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Ribeau, except that there is one fewer trustee member and, instead, a community member, Marsh noted. Presidential searches typically take about a year, he said.

New Givens Fellows off to Singapore, Madagascar

Maggie Doremus and Natalie Olson's excitement was almost palpable when they discussed their plans as the 2008 Givens Fellows. Doremus will be going to Singapore and Olson to Madagascar.

Named for the late BGSU historian, the Stuart R. Givens Memorial Fellowship was created by Drs. Chris and Ellen Dalton to allow one or two undergraduates each year to pursue an intense interest in a self-designed experience not possible in a traditional classroom or study-abroad experience. Chris Dalton retired last year as senior vice president for finance and administration, and Ellen is coordinator of budgets for the College of Musical Arts.

Doremus, a sophomore from Broadview Heights majoring in intervention services for people with severe disabilities, will leave Wednesday (June 11) to spend two months in Singapore studying the special-needs education system. She plans to visit various schools and classrooms to observe and interview administrators, teachers and parents. "I want to see how culture plays a role in the services provided to children with special needs," she said. The Southeast Asian country's approach to educating those with different abilities uses learning outcomes based in part on Buddhist history and teachings, she noted, and the outcomes are often quite different from those set forth in the United States.

Doremus said she became interested in the island nation when her aunt and uncle, a faculty member at the National University of Singapore, moved there, "but I didn't want to go there and just be a tourist." Her aunt is a special-needs teacher, and her two cousins both have learning disabilities, so she will also have an intimate view of how the system works. "I'm eager to see different teaching techniques that aren't taught here," she said. Her plans include a visit to a government-run special-education school for students with autism that is "completely separate" from traditional schools.

"Singapore is a very diverse country where there's a blend of cultures," she said. "It's my first time out of the country, except for a trip to Canada, and I'm looking forward to experiencing what it's like to be in the minority. I'll be the 'different' person there. I'm also excited to experience living in a big city and an inner-city school with very diverse students."

Difference has long been a theme in Doremus's family and academic life. "My family has a range of abilities," gifted in some areas and challenged in others, she said. She has been involved with special education since high school, where she volunteered in a self-contained classroom for students with special needs designed to give them the practical skills to make the transition to independent living.

She is also interested in deaf culture and deaf education, has studied American Sign Language since high school and plans to take a short sign-language course while in Singapore.

Doremus also intends to maintain a blog while there, which will be posted to YouTube. Type in "Givens Fellowship" to track her activities.

Olson to Madagascar

This time next month will find Olson living in a tent in Madagascar, working in one of six project areas sponsored by Azafady, the U.K.-based nongovernmental organization through which she is volunteering. Through its 10-week Pioneer program, Azafady seeks to help Malagasy with environmental, conservation, health and sanitation issues, as well as promote infrastructure- and institutional-strengthening and the development of sustainable livelihoods.

"I could be working in any one of these, but I know I will definitely be building latrines wherev-

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er we go,” Olson said good-naturedly. “They help the people and we get to use them, too.”

She will also spend some time in the southern region of the country at the Botanical and Zoological Park of Tsimbazaza with the organization’s lemur conservation program, helping gather information to help protect the endangered primates.

Living in a tent colony and eating the local diet, “mostly rice and beans,” she said, will help the 21 volunteers experience what life is like for most local people. Ninety percent of the cost of the trip goes to support Azafady’s efforts. Volunteers bring their own tents and equipment, which has Olson shopping at sporting goods stores when she’s not reading books on the Malagasy political atmosphere and environmental issues in preparation for the trip.

Though Madagascar is far away and the living conditions will be primitive, “it’s comforting to be with an organization that’s been there for at least 10 years, so they really know what they’re doing,” she said.

The work will be good preparation for the future, she added. “I’d like to continue to work in development and, whether I’m living in the U.S. or abroad, I need some experience of other cultures. It will also be good to see people who are comfortably living the life I would like to go into. The Peace Corps has a number of positions there.

“It’s amazing the number of doors this project has opened for me, and I haven’t even gone yet,” she said. Faculty members at Bowling Green have offered her internships when she returns and asked her to look into topics they’re researching while she’s in Madagascar, for example.

Her journey to Madagascar will be almost as circuitous as the route Olson has followed to identify her avocation. The senior from Plover, Wis., entered BGSU as a 2005 Alumni Laureate Scholar majoring in psychology. However, when she took advantage of an Honors Program opportunity to study development at the University of East Anglia, in Norwich, England, “I completely loved it,” she said.

Even economic policy and political science—subjects she said she would ordinarily have found daunting—were very interesting to her in that context, and she decided that development was the direction for her. She also began volunteering with the Fair Trade Program.

While at East Anglia, a poster for Azafady on a bulletin board caught her eye and she became interested in working with the group. The Givens Fellowship has provided that opportunity.

Now, on June 26, she will fly from Wisconsin to Minneapolis, then to Amsterdam where she will spend a few days with friends from Norwich, then on to Johannesburg, South Africa, and finally to Fort Dauphin, Madagascar, headquarters of Azafady. There she will meet up with the other 20 volunteers, who are coming from the U.S., the U.K. and Australia. “It’s a good variety of people,” she said.

BGSU, Michigan students to study impact of arts education in New Orleans

While the rest of the country may not be thinking of Hurricane Katrina very often these days, musicians remain painfully aware of New Orleans’ woes. The state of the arts and the well-being of the city are inextricably entwined.

Six students from the recently formed BGSU chapter of Arts Enterprise (AE), a student group devoted to linking the arts and business for mutual benefit, will leave Thursday (May 1) for the Crescent City to spend two weeks volunteering there, along with seven members from the University of Michigan AE chapter.

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Dubbed AE4NOLA, the project's volunteers are a cross-disciplinary team from a variety of backgrounds including business, music, dance, law and public administration. They will work through New Orleans Outreach, a nonprofit organization providing volunteer-based educational programs to the New Orleans school district.

"New Orleans Outreach provides a number of services in the schools including remediation and tutoring," said AE co-founder Dr. Nathaniel Zeisler, a new bassoon faculty member in the BGSU College of Musical Arts and the BGSU chapter advisor. "We worked with NOO to determine what their needs and what our students can best help with. One part of its large, strategic effort is arts education. We will be looking at the impact of the arts within the schools themselves as it relates to students' standardized test scores, attendance and grades. The goal is to provide NOO a solid plan at the end of the day."

The Arts Enterprise volunteers have had extensive training in classroom observation and assessment, and will conduct interviews with students, teachers and parents in the seven schools of Orleans Parish. They have met three times with Dr. Pamela Jenkins, a sociologist at the University of New Orleans who is involved with NOO. Jenkins has come north to familiarize the group with the context in which they will be working.

While in New Orleans, the students will also take in some of the arts and culture of the city, attending the annual Jazz Fest and other events and sampling the local cuisine. Partnering with one of the Michigan AE members, Kristen Hoverman, a second-year flute performance major from Van Wert who is minoring in entrepreneurship, has arranged the "cultural tourism" aspect of the trip.

"We want to get out of the French Quarter a bit and see more of the city so we can get more of the history and the context of where the people we will be working with are coming from," Hoverman said. The volunteers are planning to eat in some of the tiny diners that have been in business since the turn of the century, for example, and talk with employees about their lives.

In addition, the group will spend a day rehabilitating homes damaged by the hurricane, and meet with community leaders in the arts and business.

Sarah Griffith, a public administration major from Wooster and a graduate assistant with Partnerships for Community Action, helped Zeisler and his counterpart at Michigan, MBA student Chris Genteel, write the proposal for a PCA grant, and then became involved with Arts Enterprise herself. With her background in policy analysis and economic development, Griffith said she is interested in multi-sector relationships and is eager for the opportunity to see how NOO's partnerships are working. She is also excited about seeing New Orleans in action. "This will be a baptism by fire," she predicted. "A lot of us are from this Midwest experience."

In addition to the PCA grant, the group has done its own fund-raising. "And we've had great support from the deans of the College of Business Administration and the College of Musical Arts," Zeisler added.

Arts Enterprise was brought to Bowling Green by Zeisler, who with Genteel and fellow classmate Kelly Dylla co-founded the completely student-run organization in fall 2006 while a Michigan student. "It's an exciting collaboration between music and business," he said. "It helps the business students get in touch with their creative side. There's a lot of attention being paid to that now. It's predicted that that's what the future workplace will look like as we move to a knowledge-based economy—a blend of arts and business. We hope to give Arts Enterprise students a common language that will enable them to work together.

Moreover, arts students can learn the entrepreneurial skills necessary to be successful in the business world and to thrive within their own communities, he added.

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'Give to your passion' to help Family Campaign reach goal

The 2008 Family Campaign is nearing completion, and the campus community has been most generous, said Michelle Banks, director of annual giving. Faculty, staff and retirees have responded to this year's theme, "Give to Your Passion," by designating their gifts to a number of campus programs, offices, scholarships—whatever they most value.

The annual campaign allows the University "family" to make a real difference in the lives of students and the campus as a whole. There are more than 1,600 accounts in the BGSU Foundation to which they may direct their support.

The goal for participation in the 2008 campaign is 56 percent; so far, 51.19 percent have donated. "We need only 160 more people to make a gift in order to reach our goal by the end of the campaign on June 30," Banks said, encouraging those who have not yet contributed to take this opportunity to support any area they feel is important.

In terms of dollars raised, "currently we are at \$719,797 toward our goal of \$750,000," she reported.

University Dining Services is a true model for campus, both in participation and in choosing a focus that is meaningful for its donors, Banks said. Ninety-seven percent of employees have now contributed to the Family Campaign—nearly double their participation from last year.

"We've created a scholarship fund for our own students," explained catering manager Doreen Bateson, Family Campaign coordinator for dining services.

"A number of students have benefited already," added Sandra Riegle, dining services.

"We've been working on this for quite a few years. We've made it a competition between our units; it's a friendly rivalry," Bateson said. "We're such a large group, and this is a way to bring dining services together. It's been really positive. The managers deserve a lot of the credit—they have to be commended."

"I think this speaks volumes about their dedication to the University and their belief in what they're doing," Banks said.

It also speaks volumes to outside donors, she added, when they see the University community's belief in its mission.

To view the ways in which you can give and to make a pledge, visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/alumni/give/page35485.html>.

IN BRIEF

County commissioners to recognize Ribeau

The Wood County Commissioners will present President Sidney Ribeau a special Spirit of Wood County Award Sunday (June 15).

The ceremony, a part of Wood County Heritage days, will be held at 2 p.m. at the Wood County Historical Center on County Home Road.

Also to be honored for their contributions to the betterment of the county are Harold Weihl, Dorothea Barker, Rev. Thomas Gaiser, Rex Huffman and Christa Adams.

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Monday, June 9

Bingo, noon-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Monday, June 16

Eight-week Term Begins. Orientation and Registration Begins, 7 a.m.

Sundaes on Mondays, free ice cream, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Union.

Continuing Events

June 8-13

Summer Music Institutes, Brass, vocal and woodwind camps, Moore Musical Arts Center.

June 14-22

Buckeye Boys State, 1,300 boys, campus-wide.

June 15-20

Summer Music Institutes, Steel pan, piano and string orchestra camps, Moore Musical Arts Center.

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FACULTY

There were no faculty 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.

CLASSIFIED

On-campus classified:

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

Off-campus classified:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.