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Be part of Charting Our Future

In her Opening Day address Aug. 22, Interim President Carol Cartwright called for campus participation in the upcoming “Charting Our Future” Week sessions.

In issuing the invitation, Cartwright provided background on the strategic planning process to date. “(The Strategic Planning Group) has completed important background work and built a platform for all of us to use as we create the new plan. And when I say ‘we,’ I mean all of you in the BGSU community.”

Members of the campus community are encouraged to attend at least one of the following sessions, all but one of which will be held in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union:

- Sept. 8, 8:30-11 a.m. or 6:30-9 p.m.
- Sept. 9, 8:30-11 a.m. or 6:30-9 p.m. A session will also be held from 1-3:30 p.m. in the Cedar Point Center at BGSU Firelands.
- Sept. 10, 1:30-4 p.m.
- Sept. 11, 1:30-4 p.m.
- Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the meantime, “Nine Days of Data” on different topics are being sent by email and will better prepare everyone for the collaborative dialogues. The sessions themselves will include a series of interactive discussions on the landscape we face and enhancements to BGSU’s vision, mission, values and overarching goals.

The input received from the sessions will provide important perspective on BGSU’s present and future strategy for success. University leadership will use those ideas, along with consultation with appropriate groups, to set a direction for next steps.

Cartwright also noted on opening day that strategic planning is important during a time of transition because people want to know where we’re going and because it can inform the presidential search process. “Our time is now—not tomorrow, but now,” she said in closing. “We each shape the future through our daily actions. This is our opportunity. Join me to use it wisely.”

For more information, including a “sneak peek” of a collaborative dialogue session, visit the Web site at www.bgsu.edu/strategicplanning. Questions and comments can also be emailed to strategicplanning@bgsu.edu, posted to the blog at <http://blogs.bgsu.edu/strategicplanning> or directed to co-chairs Mel Hudson-Nowak, at 2-9970, and William Mathis, at 2-8576.

Major gift to business college rewards faculty, promotes global education

A \$100,000 gift from an alumnus of BGSU’s College of Business Administration will reward outstanding faculty accomplishments as well as promote international educational opportunities for both students and faculty.

Michael E. Hoskins, chief technology officer of Pervasive Software and general manager of Pervasive’s Integration Products business unit, is a 1977 BGSU graduate who sees the importance of rewarding faculty members for their achievements. From his total gift, \$60,000

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will establish the Hoskins Faculty Leadership and Innovation Award, which will honor one faculty member each semester for the next three years. The six recipients will be rewarded for their all-around leadership achievements in innovative teaching, research accomplishments and service efforts.

Calling faculty the “lifeblood” of a college, the technology executive says it is important to recognize these special teachers. “Schools are as good as their faculty,” according to Hoskins, and his intent for the new award is to retain and attract good business faculty at his alma mater.

The remainder of the gift has even more meaning for Hoskins on a personal level. The funding will focus on international education for business students and faculty, fulfilling the vision of his father, Dr. William R. Hoskins, a retired marketing professor at BGSU. Dr. Hoskins was instrumental in creating the international business program within the college and also was one of the founders of the Academy of International Business, the leading association of scholars and specialists in the international business field.

His son’s generosity to the BGSU business college will help subsidize travel expenses for students studying abroad and for faculty on their international education trips. Money for these trips will be available each semester over the next three years. Emphasizing the critical need to understand a global economy, Hoskins hopes his gift will draw attention to the college’s international programs and inspire students and faculty to participate. He feels that a study-abroad experience will change the lives of students who take the opportunity and help to successfully prepare them for a business career in today’s global economy.

Dr. Rodney Rogers, dean of the business college, praises the commitment by Hoskins. “This is a significant investment in the business college at BGSU,” Rogers says. “Mike understands the important role of faculty in the educational process, and the creation of this award allows us to recognize their outstanding performance. In addition, his support of our study-abroad programs will assist us in preparing our students to compete in the global marketplace. He is one of our very successful alums who has committed to helping us become one of the leading undergraduate business colleges in the United States. We are extremely grateful for this gift.”

The college will honor Hoskins with a reception from 4-6 p.m. Friday (Sept. 5) in the David J. Joseph Co. Business Hub on the second floor of the Business Administration Building.

Hoskins has more than 20 years of experience in developing and managing software companies. As chief technology officer, he champions Pervasive’s technology direction, promotes the company’s industry-leading low-TCO (total cost of ownership) approach to data management and integration worldwide, and directs the company’s Innovation Labs.

Hoskins, who graduated from BGSU summa cum laude, was honored this past year as an Accomplished Graduate by the BGSU Alumni Association. He also received the 2007 Information Technologist of the Year Award from the Association of Information Technology Professionals’ Austin chapter for his leadership in the development of Pervasive’s DataRush™.

Student’s father helps set stage for Obama

Briana Gross’s father had a front-row seat for history Aug. 28. Roy Gross, whose daughter is a BGSU senior, was among the speakers addressing the Democratic National Convention before Barack Obama accepted his party’s nomination for president at Denver’s INVESCO Field at Mile High football stadium.

A former truck driver and now recording secretary/business agent for Teamsters Local 299 in Detroit, Roy Gross had introduced Obama at a May 14 campaign event in Warren, Mich. Gross’s comments about economic hard times in Michigan apparently impressed Obama’s campaign so much that he got a call a couple weeks ago asking him to speak again in Denver.

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“He was very shocked,” said Briana, a graduate of Springfield High School in Holland, Ohio, and, at BGSU, an education major in middle childhood mathematics and science. One of 20 “real people” asked by the campaign to speak during the convention, Roy Gross was allotted three minutes as one of eight speakers in an “American Voices Program” Aug. 28 in the 76,000-seat stadium.

Another familiar face at the convention was Dr. Milt Hakel, Ohio Eminent Scholar in psychology, who attended with his wife, Lee. Though both were delegates, the Hakels were on opposite sides of the fence—he, an Obama supporter, and she in favor of Clinton. The two were captured in an Associated Press photo.

Picnic, visit, be amazed by science at all-campus get-together

A picnic, fun with friends and colleagues, entertainment—what better way to begin the new academic year than at the All-Campus Picnic and Campus Fest this Friday (Sept. 5). Also that day, see some exciting demonstrations of science phenomena at Xtreme Degrees.

The annual free picnic and fest, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Union Oval and University Hall Lawn, is open to faculty, staff and students.

This year's Xtreme Degrees event promises to be even bigger and better than last year's premiere. Hosted by the Center of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education: Opportunities for Success (COSMOS), it includes Xtreme Fluids, Xtreme Antibodies, Xtreme Aviation, Xtreme Discoveries, Xtreme Impact, Xtreme Sudoku, Xtreme Reptiles, Xtreme Marine Life and, in collaboration with COSI-Toledo, Xtreme Physical Science.

The interactive events are designed to spark interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) majors/minors and careers. But there is something for everyone, even for those students who would not be likely to choose a STEM major, according to Julie Nurnberger-Haag, associate director of COSMOS. Every event is designed to teach students a big concept within science or mathematics. Information about the science or math behind the event will be available on a poster and a card that students can take with them. These posters and cards also spotlight related majors and careers.

Additional flyers are available to inform students about introductory classes that might get them hooked on STEM as well as minors and majors. For those already interested in STEM, the flyers provide more information about minors/majors, careers and ways to get more involved through volunteer opportunities or undergraduate research.

Xtreme Degrees 2008 is a collaboration among COSMOS and the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Development, and Technology, along with the School of Teaching and Learning, the departments of biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, mathematics and statistics, physics and astronomy, psychology, and public and allied health, with help from facilities services.

Last year at Xtreme Degrees, faculty had fun serving as announcers, running events and walking around with the non-Newtonian fluid as they talked with students. If you are an advisor or STEM faculty and would like the chance to interact with students at this year's event, contact Nurnberger-Haag at jnurnbe@bgsu.edu.

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Arts & Sciences forum to look at change in relationships

From “hooking up” to living together to bearing children out of wedlock, the landscape of how relationships form in the U.S. has undergone drastic changes. Dr. Scott Stanley, a research professor and co-director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies at the University of Denver, will discuss these changes in “Sliding vs. Deciding: How the New Courtship Paradigm Imperils Lifelong Love,” in the first of the College of Arts and Sciences forums, on Sept. 9.

Many potentially life-altering relationship transitions now happen before commitment develops. Stanley’s talk will cover themes such as the nature of commitment, the dynamics of cohabitation and the implications of the emerging “hook-up” culture.

The forum is co-sponsored by BGSU’s National Center for Marriage Research. The free presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. in 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union and is open to all, including classes.

A noon lunch beforehand includes cheddar baked potato soup, green salad and pasta salad, fresh fruit, beverages and dessert. The cost is \$7.75 plus tax and is payable by cash, check or BG1 Card. Reservations are due by Thursday (Sept. 4) to Mary Hitt at 2-2340 or mjhitt@bgsu.edu.

IN BRIEF

Free football tickets gone, special price for others still available

The allotment of 1,200 complimentary tickets to the BGSU football home opener on Saturday (Sept. 6), available courtesy of President Cartwright for Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night, has been distributed.

However, the special reduced game ticket price of \$9 will continue to be offered to faculty and staff through Thursday (Sept. 4) at the athletic ticket office, in the main lobby of Anderson Arena in Memorial Hall. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The offer is limited to eight tickets to faculty and staff members at the reduced price.

BGSU opens the home portion of the 2008 schedule by hosting the Minnesota Golden Gophers—the first Big Ten team to play at Doyt Perry Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Faculty, students invited to conference on media, war

Faculty who bring students may attend a session of the upcoming Conference on Media, War and Conflict Resolution at no cost. The event will be held Sept. 17-19 at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

International journalists and scholars will engage with BGSU faculty and students to explore the interconnections among the media and the complicated political roles journalists play worldwide in fomenting or preventing war, and in fostering the dialogue needed for conflict resolution.

The registration deadline is Sept. 10. To learn more about the conference, visit <http://scs.bgsu.edu/mwcrConf/index.php> or contact Dr. Ellen Gorsevski, interpersonal communication, at elleng@bgsu.edu or 2-1997. Anyone interested in volunteering at the registration desk, as a panel chair, badge checker, or in some other capacity may also contact Gorsevski.

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BGSU co-hosts Canada-U.S. Security Cooperation Conference

Once known as the “world’s longest undefended border,” the boundary between the United States and Canada is now referred to as the “longest secured border in the world,” thanks to increased mutual operations between the two allies resulting from heightened attention to North American security issues.

The joint Canada-U.S. Security Cooperation Conference, set for Sept. 12 and 13 in Windsor, Ontario, will provide a valuable opportunity to facilitate cross-border discussion of national security cooperation between the two countries.

The conference coincides with the arrival of the HMCS *Charlottetown*, a patrol frigate recently deployed to the Middle East and now touring the Great Lakes. The event provides a forum for exploring existing bilateral defense arrangements such as NORAD and the Biannual Planning Group, as well as innovative approaches to defense cooperation.

A talk by Vice-Admiral P.D. McFadden, Commander, Canada Command, on Sept 12 is open to the public. His talk will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Windsor Armoury and Police Training Center, 4007 Sandwich St., Windsor.

Saturday’s portion of the conference will be held at the University of Windsor, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Toledo Health Education and Learning Centre. The day includes sessions with leading scholars and U.S. and Canadian military officials on such topics as military defense cooperation, international relations, foreign affairs, defense policy and Great Lakes security.

There is no fee to attend the conference, but registration for the Saturday portion is required since it includes lunch. Register by Friday (Sept. 5) at www.uwindsor.ca/units/polsci/political.nsf.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, Sept. 2

BGSU Homecoming Save the Date, informational event about Homecoming festivities, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union Oval.

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

Tuesday Night Film Series, kick-off celebration with a surprise screening of a recent documentary, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall. Sponsored by the Culture Club through the American Culture Studies Program, the Department of Theatre and Film and the Gish Film Theater Endowment.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Blood Drive, hosted by the American Red Cross, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.

Brown Bag Luncheon, “It’s Not ‘All in Your Head’: Coping with PMS,” with Nancy Martin, Student Health Center, noon-1 p.m., Women’s Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Street Art Fair, 1-4 p.m., Union Oval. Spon-

sored by the University Activities Organization (UAO).

Faculty Artist Series, with **Jacqueline Leclair, oboe and English horn**, assisted by violist John Pickford Richard, pianist Laura Melton and harpsichordist Vincent Corrigan, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Fall Welcome Concert, “Recycled Percussion,” 9 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union. Sponsored by Orientation and First Year Programs, Off-Campus Student Services, UAO, Student Alumni Connection and Panhellenic Council.

Film Festival, “The Media That Matters,” featuring 12 unique short films chosen by the University Film Organization, 9 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

Thursday, Sept. 4

Radiation Safety Training, Environmental Health and Safety, 10 a.m.-noon, 1 College Park. Register at 2-2171 or www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page22440.html.

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Party on the Lawn, with food, games and socializing, 2-5 p.m., Student Health Service front lawn. Hosted by the Student Health Service and Wellness Connection.

Women for Falcon Football event, with the BGSU football team, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sebo Athletic Center, second floor. The cost of the event is \$10 and it includes food from Qdoba and a presentation by coaches and players. RSVP to Robyn Brandon at robyn-mbrandon@yahoo.com.

Reading, by visiting poet Paul Guest, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Creative Writing Program and Mid-American Review.

Friday, Sept. 5

Campus Fest and All-Campus Picnic, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Union Oval and University Hall Lawn. Featuring Xtreme Degrees demonstrations of science phenomena presented by COSMOS, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., lawn in front of Overman Hall and the Mathematical Sciences Building.

College of Musical Arts All-College Convocation, with guest speaker President Carol Cartwright, 2:30 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

BGSU ARTalk, "Variations in Vision and Video," by video installation and metamedia artist Jud Yalkut, whose exhibit is on display in the Willard Wankelman Gallery, 7 p.m., 204 Fine Arts Center.

Silent Auction and Reception, hosted by the University Honors Program, 7-9 p.m., the LOFT, 209E Harshman. Tickets are \$7 each. More information about auction items along with the registration form can be found at www.bgsu.edu/offices/honors/30_yr_anniv.pdf. Proceeds will fund scholarships for Honors students.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Falcon Football Fiesta, with food, music and giveaways, 5:30 p.m., Doyt Perry Stadium Tailgate Park. Hosted by the Homecoming Student Steering Committee and BGSU Athletics.

Football, home opener against Minnesota and Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night, 7:30 p.m., Doyt Perry Stadium.

Sunday, Sept. 7

Faculty Artist Series, with John Sampen, saxophone, and Mark Bunce, composer/engineer, 3 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Monday, Sept. 8

Charting Our Future, collaborative dialogues on the BGSU Strategic Plan, sessions from 8:30-11 a.m. and 6:30-9 p.m., 202A Union.

BGSU ARTalk, "Fractured Cybertales: Navigating the Feminine," by interactive media artist Juliet Davis, University of Tampa, 5 p.m., 101A Olscamp Hall.

Continuing Events

Beginning Sept. 2

Second Life Learning Community, "Pedagogy and Scholarship in Second Life," Tuesdays at 9 a.m. starting today (Sept. 2), Center for Teaching and Learning. Applications can be found at www.bgsu.edu/downloads/provost/file51699.doc. For more information, visit <http://secondlifelearning-community.blogspot.com>.

Sept. 4-Oct. 23

Belly Dancing Classes, Thursdays at BGSU Firelands. Introduction to Belly Dancing from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Intermediate Belly Dancing from 7:45-8:45 p.m. The fee for each class is \$89 per person. (Contact the Office for Educational Outreach at Firelands at 2-0617 for more information or to register).

Sept. 5-7

Caryl Crane Children's Theatre Production, "The Wizard of Oz." Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday (Sept. 5 and 6) and 2:30 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 7), McBride Auditorium, BGSU Firelands. Tickets are \$5 for schoolchildren, \$4 for Firelands and other BGSU students, \$6 for senior citizens and groups of 15 or more, and \$8 for other adults. For reservations, call 2-2047 between 1 and 7 p.m.

Through Sept. 6

Art Exhibit, "Images from Sedna, Goddess of the Sea," by Joel Rudinger, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Sept. 8-12

Charting Our Future, collaborative dialogues on the BGSU Strategic Plan. For a complete schedule of sessions, visit www.bgsu.edu/strategicplanning/page53972.html.

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Sept. 8 and 9

Men's Golf, John Piper Intercollegiate, all day, Forrest Creason Golf Course.

Through Sept. 24

Art Exhibit, "Pure Intentions: Works on Faith and Childhood Dreams," by alumna Rachel Ackerman, Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

Through Oct. 25

Art Exhibit, "V³: Variations in Vision & Video, Recent Works by Jud Yalkut," Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. An opening reception with the artist will be held at 8 p.m. Friday (Sept. 5) in the gallery.

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FACULTY

College of Arts and Sciences. Associate dean. Call Gary Lee, 2-2292. Deadline: Sept. 10.

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:

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

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

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.