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Classified staff honors outstanding employees

Classified staff celebrated its accomplishments and dedicated members at the annual Classified Staff Council awards event April 6.

Outgoing CSC Chair Becky Paskvan told those gathered in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom that, whether an award winner or not, each classified staff member plays an important role in the success of BGSU.

Winning the Outstanding Classified Staff Team Award were Jean Coffield, secretary, and Sue Bigaila, administrative assistant, in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The team, wrote their nominator, contributes much to creating a positive environment, helping to unify and move the school forward. They contribute to an atmosphere of reason and collegiality and provide a stabilizing influence, characterized by sensitivity and respect for all.

A student nominator wrote that Coffield and Bigaila serve students in many ways: as advisers, confidants, friends and counselors. Described as "forward thinkers," they have also innovated numerous improvements to administrative systems.

The two received \$1,500 to share, a plaque, certificates and gifts from the University Bookstore and dining services.

The Outstanding Service Award went to Linda Hammer, administrative assistant in recreational sports (intramural sports), likewise credited with creating a positive experience for all in her workplace. Her pleasant and upbeat personality and professional style foster a loyalty among employees that keeps them coming back to visit, her nominators wrote.

She has come to be depended upon for unbiased and frank opinions on work-related issues as well as suggestions for improvement. She has the ability to foresee potential problems and "stave off road bumps" by cooperating effectively with other offices.

Hammer "has taken it upon herself to learn the Perry Field House policies and procedures so when the need arises, she can help a patron when all other staff are occupied," nominator wrote.

She takes up the challenge of improving the department's processes and programs and tackles additional responsibilities head-on. She also works tirelessly to promote participation. In the department's programs.

She received a check for \$1,000, a reserved parking space for a year, a plaque and a certificate for the office.

President Ribeau addressed employees at the gathering, saying never in his nearly 30 years in higher education had he met another employee group as committed to the mission of the institution and to its core values.

"Back when we embarked on the Community Building initiative, classified staff was the first constituent group to give it serious consideration in its communications and publications. You epitomize the values of the institution."

Ribeau added that, in spite of difficult economic times that have resulted in additional stress being put on workers, "you have achieved levels of excellence that are just extraordinary." He added that when the current hiring freeze is lifted, he will "not forget the

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employee group that took the largest reductions.”

He also praised classified staff for giving its scholarship awards, which he said are “so desperately needed” in a time when state support is dwindling and “many working-and middle-class kids are not going to have the chance to go to a four-year institution.”

Council presented four scholarships to classified employees and 12 scholarships to dependents of employees. The employees winning scholarships were Coffield; Kerry Foster, administrative assistant in the Office of the Executive Vice President; Lee Ann Koenigbauer, a student services counselor in registration and records, and Pam Sautter, office manager in recreational sports.

Dependents who received scholarships were Holly Amos, Laura Bennett, Mark Chamberlain, Holly Houtz, Stacey Laubis, Todd Lentz, Laura Lindsley, Adam Snyder, Allison Sproul, Spencer Schmitz, Carrie Whitacre and Brian Wygant.

Special thanks went to Executive Vice President Linda Dobb for her unwavering support of classified staff.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Paskvan passed the gavel to incoming Chair Kathy McBride, accounting and MIS, who said she wanted to impart her enthusiasm for networking to all classified staff. She challenged them to make it a goal to get to know others across campus, outside their department or office, especially “all those people whose names we see often but we don’t know.”

Merchants invited to learn about ‘City Bucks’ program

The University has reached a partnership agreement with Uptown Bucks of Oxford, Ohio, to offer a debit card account program for use at participating off-campus Bowling Green businesses.

To be known as “City Bucks,” the debit account will be accessed through the BGSU photo identification card, said Jane Schimpf, assistant vice president of auxiliary services.

University students, faculty and staff will have the option of depositing funds into a City Bucks account, which will enable them to conveniently use their BGSU ID for the purchase of goods and services off campus, she explained.

Uptown Bucks will maintain and administer the program and take responsibility for all financial activities, including opening and closing accounts, receiving deposits, communicating with student account holders, and maintaining agreements with local merchants.

The company will charge each participating merchant a service fee of 4.75 percent on all City Bucks transactions and will make monthly payments to each merchant for their City Bucks activity.

All Bowling Green area merchants are invited to participate in the City Bucks program, although alcohol sales will not be permitted on the accounts, Schimpf said.

Area merchants will learn more about the debit card program at an informational meeting April 14 in the Wood County District Public Library. Chris Herron, general partner of Uptown Bucks, and University representatives will be available at the meeting to provide information on the new program and answer questions.

Herron will meet later in the day with University officials to work out final details of implementing the debit card program, which will be introduced over the summer.

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BGSU to phase out Central Stores, Printing Services

In response to budget pressures and a changing business environment, the University has announced it will phase out Central Stores and Printing Services in 2005.

The phase-out will occur over the next year, with Printing Services ceasing operations by Feb. 5, 2005, and Central Stores closing its doors by June 30, 2005.

Materials Handling, which now comprises Central Stores, Printing Services, Inventory Management and Postal Services (including Stamper's Postal and Copy Center), will be reorganized into two work groups under director Mark Anderson. Postal Services and Stamper's will report to Troy Lacey, while a new unit called Shipping, Receiving and Property Management will report to Bob Smith. Plans are to have the new unit in place by July 2, 2005.

The five employees affected by the change will be offered other employment prior to the closing of the units. All will be assisted by Human Resources in finding another position on campus. Becca Ferguson, assistant vice president for human resources, and Marsha Serio, manager of employee relations, have met with the employees to begin making preparations for the change.

Several major factors contributed to the decision to phase out these operations, notably a decline in business in each area accompanied by rising costs, according to Jane Schimpf, assistant vice president for auxiliary services. The expense of employee benefits, particularly health care costs, has increased significantly, while departments have already been choosing alternate supply methods for their needs, she said.

The demand for printing services has decreased in part because of campuswide efforts to reduce operating expenses. Many areas now either copy their own materials or use the Web to disseminate information in place of printed materials. With the widening use of alternative means of communicating, sales revenue for printing services is expected to decline further.

Equipment leasing and maintenance costs continue to rise as well, and the cost of replacing outdated equipment is prohibitive, said Christopher Dalton, senior vice president for finance and administration. When the leases on the printing equipment expire at the end of January, BGSU will not renew them, Dalton said. The University will select a prime vendor to handle most campus needs.

Similarly, revenue for Central Stores has declined while costs have risen. Fewer purchases are being made from Central Stores as departments have reduced their operating expenses, either buying less or doing without supplies. In addition, more areas, such as dining services, the Bowen-Thompson Student Union and the Student Recreation Center, are buying supplies directly from vendors who provide "just-in-time delivery," thereby eliminating the need to warehouse items.

The new Shipping, Receiving and Property Management unit will handle storage and delivery of large items that departments may not have room to receive all at once, and will coordinate the receipt and delivery of supplies from vendors.

The unit will also continue to provide all the services the current Inventory Management unit provides, which are moving services, equipment rentals and surplus property management.

Dean of students to participate in higher education program

Wanda Overland, assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students, has been selected to participate in the highly selective Harvard Institute for Higher Education Institute for Management and Leadership in Education program.

The program, to be held June 20-July 4, is designed for experienced administrators

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responsible for thinking strategically about their institutions' academic change agenda and who will help their institutions adapt to a changing future.

"I'm looking forward to reflecting about higher education as a whole and talking with people who have the same issues, concepts and agendas," Overland said.

Participants are selected based on their scope of work, breadth of experience and potential to help their institution respond to changing needs and new opportunities. Typically, 85 to 95 participants are chosen annually from various institutions nationwide.

The Management and Leadership in Education faculty, who come from different institutions from across the nation, is comprised of experts who will guide the Harvard case studies.

During the two weeks, participants attend classes and discuss consideration of new curricula, new modes of delivery, new alliances and more diverse students.

Survivor to speak on Holocaust Remembrance Day

The University community will have a rare opportunity to hear in person a survivor of the Holocaust when Marianne Balshone visits campus April 19.

Beth Griech-Polelle, history, has invited Balshone to visit her class in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day on April 19. She has opened the class to others who wish to hear the stirring story of the Balshone family's experiences in war-ravaged Hungary, how it managed under Nazi rule and of its emigration to the United States. Griech-Polelle noted it is especially important that people take the opportunity to hear Balshone since "with the passage of time, the circle of survivors shrinks considerably."

The class will be held from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in 112 Business Administration Building.

Born in Hungary, Balshone came through the Holocaust alive because of the heroic efforts of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who came to Budapest expressly to save Jews from being deported to concentration camps. Three generations of Balshone's family survived thanks to his intervention on their behalf, and today Marianne Balshone visits schools, universities, churches, synagogues and organizations speaking about her extraordinary story and the man who gave up a life of privilege and wealth to save others. Her mission is to help educate a new generation about the forces of hatred and prejudice and the importance of tolerance and hope.

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Retirement reception to honor Paul Haas

A retirement reception will be given in honor of Paul Haas, economics, from 4-6 p.m. on April 22 in the McFall Gallery. All faculty and staff who have known Haas during his 37 years at BGSU are welcome to attend. Please respond to bberta@bgnnet.bgsu.edu or call 2-2646 by April 16.

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Monday, April 12

Softball vs. Oakland, 3 p.m., softball complex.

Tuesday, April 13

Baseball vs. Indiana Tech, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Graduate String Quartet, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Movie, "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," 9:30 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union. Sponsored by the University Activities Organization.

Wednesday, April 14

Brown Bag Lunch, "Just Blood (No Sweat, No Tears)," by Kristin Rausch, Northwest Ohio Hemophilia Foundation, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Faculty Artist Series, by David Okerlund, baritone, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, April 15

Dissertation Defense, "Frames and Operator Decompositions in Hilbert Spaces," by William J. Rolli, mathematics and statistics, 1:30 p.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

International Film Series, "Russkii Kovcheg (Russian Ark)," a 2002 Russian film directed by Alexander Sokurov, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Classical Guitar Ensembles, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Caribbean Fest, an evening of Caribbean atmosphere with food and live reggae and soca music, 8 p.m.-midnight, Ice Arena Lounge. Sponsored by the Caribbean Association.

Friday, April 16

Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium, "Semisimple and Unipotent Elements in Finite Groups," by Ron Solomon, Ohio State University, 3:45 p.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Lecture, "Historical Perspectives on Problems in the Treatment of Mental Illness," by Elliot S. Valenstein, Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of Michigan and former chairman of the Biopsychology Program, 4 p.m., 112 Life Sciences Building. Sponsored by the J.P. Scott Center for Neuro-

science, Mind and Behavior and the Wood County Historical Center, with support from the Ohio Humanities Council.

Men's Chorus and A Cappella Choir, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Call 2-8171 for ticket information.

Movie, "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," 11 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by UAO.

Saturday, April 17

Spring Harvest: A Festival of Writing, including eight different sessions about both fiction and poetry, 9 a.m., third floor, Union. Call 2-2725 for details. Sponsored by the Creative Writing Program.

Women's Chorus and Collegiate Chorus, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Call 2-8171 for ticket information.

Sunday, April 18

Symphonic Band, 3 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Planetarium Presentation, "The Little Star that Could," a multi-media show for kids age 6-7, 2-3 p.m., Planetarium. \$1 donation suggested.

Movie, "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by UAO.

Monday, April 19

CFDR Speakers Series, "Daily Sexual Interest, Mood, and Partner Support as Predictors of Coitus Among Adolescent Women,"† by J. Dennis Fortenberry, Indiana University School of Medicine, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 207 Union.

Guest Artist Concert, by violinist Isabell Trautwein, cellist Martha Baldwin and pianist Robert Satterlee, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Continuing Events

April 12-May 7

Art Exhibit, annual student exhibitions, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

April 16-25

Theatre Production, "She Stoops to Conquer," by Oliver Goldsmith, 8 p.m. April 16 and 17, 23 and 24, and at 2 p.m. April 18 and 25, Eva Marie Saint Theatre,

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University Hall. Admission is \$10 for adults, including students and senior citizens, and \$5 for children under 12. Call 2-2719 for more information.

April 18-25

Art Exhibit, MFA Thesis Exhibition I, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman Galleries. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

April 19-May 8

Art Exhibit, MFA Spotlight, Union Art Galleries. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays.

Key: CFDR-Center for Family and Demographic Research.

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FACULTY

History. Instructor. Call Peter Way, 2-2030. Deadline: April 26.

History. Instructor. Call Gary Hess, 2-6806. Deadline: May 1.

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

There are no new listings this week.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant Director of Graduate Studies in Business (R-030)—College of Business Administration. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: April 16.

Director and Physician in Chief (04-017NF)—Student Health Services. Salary

is commensurate with education and experience. Review of applications began March 31.

Director of Gift Planning (V-046)—Office of Development, University Advancement (Re-advertised). Administrative grade 18. Review of applicants began Feb. 20. All applicants will receive full and fair consideration until the position is filled.

Residence Hall Director (V-018)—Office of Residence Life (three positions). Administrative grade 13. Review of applications will continue until all positions are filled.

Staff Internal Auditor (R-077)—Internal Auditing and Advisory Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications began Dec. 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

University General Counsel (04-004NF)—General Counsel/Office of the President. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience. Review of applicants began March 1. All applicants will receive full and fair consideration until the position is filled.

OBITUARIES

There were no obituaries this week.