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Western trip gives BGSU education majors insight into adolescents

"The classroom is the world outside," according to Barbara Childers, educational psychology.

Childers put her philosophy into action in May, when she took four education majors on a weeklong "field trip" to Minnesota and South Dakota, where they worked with 48 students of Parkers Prairie, Minn., eighth-grade science teacher Marlene Schoeneck and several geology students from the University of Minnesota, Morris.

The eighth-grade field investigations trip was a collaboration between the BGSU students; Childers; UMM, and Schoeneck, a BGSU alumna and Childers' high school classmate.

"It was the adventure of a lifetime," said Childers. "Every future educator should have such an experience."

For BGSU students Andrea Scott, Danielle Croy, Julie Altieri and Melanie Smith, the trip was a chance to see the theories they have studied in their educational psychology class come alive and to use them as tools in dealing with real eighth-graders. Theorists' names such as Piaget, Maslow, Skinner and Bandura suddenly became very important when the students had to analyze and respond to the situations that developed when adolescents were living and learning together day and night, especially when problem behaviors arose, Childers said.

"The evolution of the social dynamics of the group over the week was a condensation of what you'd see in a classroom over a three-month period," Childers said, adding that it was not the situations themselves but how they were resolved that provided the learning experience for the BGSU students.

They also saw Childers and Schoeneck model the teaching and social-management strategies they will need later in their own classrooms.

While visiting Badlands National Park and other sites in Minnesota and South Dakota, the eighth-graders learned about a range of topics including geology, ecology, Native American carving traditions and wind-generated electric power. The experience was designed to further their sense of curiosity about the world and encourage their love of learning through inquiry.

Scott, from Centerburg; Croy, from Ottawa; Altieri, from Parma, and Smith, from Maumee, were able to apply fundamental theories in an educational setting and practice teaching strategies, particularly inquiry-based education.

"Marlene was an excellent role model in this," Croy said. "She would continually come up with more leading questions to get them to think about what they were observing."

Schoeneck said that the quality of the eighth-graders' journal entries following purely inquiry-based experiences versus the more "teacher-led" experiences gave evidence that students learn best outside the traditional classroom, when they are in charge of their own knowledge acquisition. "It makes you think about activities you plan for the classroom—if they're not inquiry-based, you can see the students won't get as much from them," she said.

Living day to day with the younger students provided immediate feedback on what worked and what didn't in their teaching, as well as a close-up look at the social interactions among children and their teachers that can impact learning.

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"I would just be listening to the kids talk or watching what they were doing," said Croy of her time with the students. "The theories were all there. You just have to know what you're looking for."

The BGSU students practiced building relationships with the eighth-graders so the students felt safe with them, and established the social foundation without which learning cannot reach its full potential, Childers said.

In one example, when they encountered a behavior problem early in the trip, they applied Albert Bandura's theory known as the reciprocal determinism model—which posits that a person's world, behavior and cognition, or perspective, are all interdependent. The BGSU students changed the "environmental" portion of the equation to effect a positive change in the behavior and cognition of the students involved.

Nightly discussions provided a forum to reflect on and review the day's experiences.

"It's so much different from student teaching or observing in a classroom," Croy said. "You learn much more about yourself—how to teach, how to interact. It's a lot of life lessons."

Childers said she feels this type of experience, even before education majors begin their student-teaching, provides an invaluable benefit to their learning and understanding, better enabling them to apply what they learn in the college classroom to real life.

She said she found the desolate South Dakota landscape akin to the mundane routine often encountered in the educational world.

"Variety is just as important in education as it is in landscape," she said. "Without it, you can lose your bearings and sight of your goal."

Egelman to direct Student Health Services

The University has hired a new director for its Student Health Services. Dr. Glenn Egelman will begin work at BGSU July 6, Bettina Shuford, assistant vice president for student affairs, has announced.

He replaces Dr. Josh Kaplan, who died in December.

Since 2001, Dr. Egelman has been the director of health services for Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., as well as an associate staff physician at Saratoga Hospital.

Board certified in internal medicine since 1995, he received his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1991.

Dr. Egelman brings a wealth of experience in college student health care, Shuford said. Before joining Skidmore College, he was the college physician from 1998-2001 at the State University of New York at Stony Brook Student Health Service, where he was also an assistant professor of clinical medicine. He was a staff physician at the University Health Service of the University of Rochester from 1994-98, also serving as a clinical senior instructor and clinical assistant professor of medicine there.

Dr. Egelman has been president of the New York State College Health Association since 2003 and has served on the association's board of directors since 1998. His many professional memberships include the American College of Physician Executives and the American College Health Association, as well as the Society of General Internal Medicine and Physicians for a National Health Program.

From 1999-2002 he served on the editorial review board for a health and wellness magazine published by Rodale Press in partnership with the American College Health Association.

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Last year, Dr. Egelman was named by The Saratogian newspaper to the "20 under 40" list of "movers and shakers" in the Saratoga region for his accomplishments at Skidmore College.

University hires new general counsel

The University has chosen Thomas Trimboli, deputy general counsel for Howard University, as its new general counsel.

Trimboli received a bachelor's degree in business administration from St. John's University in New York. He holds a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Prior to working at Howard University, Trimboli was general counsel for Unified Industries, Inc., in Virginia. He has also worked extensively as counsel to various committees of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Trimboli is a member of the New York and District of Columbia bar associations.

Pending his admittance to the Ohio Bar, Trimboli will hold the title of special assistant to the president. He begins work at Bowling Green on June 21.

Trimboli replaces Nancy Footer, who is now the general counsel for the University of North Texas system.

CSC golf outing scores hole in one for scholarships

The Classified Staff Council golf outing, held June 4, was the most successful to date, according to CSC Treasurer Barb Garay. The annual outing raises money for CSC-sponsored scholarships through team registrations, hole sponsorships and raffles. Sponsorship of holes was up this year, as was the number of teams playing—to 25.

Ticket sales for raffle prizes raised more than \$2,000. Winning the 50-50 raffle was Trustee Michael Marsh, who donated his prize money back to the scholarship fund.

Money raised last year allowed CSC to present 16, \$250 scholarships this year to employees and their dependents. Council's goal is to continue increasing the number of sponsored scholarships by two each year, according to Garay.

"Accolades go to everyone who helped—from those who organized to those who played to all those who bought tickets. The bottom line is everyone is a winner because the money goes to scholarships," Garay said.

'Oklahoma!' to open Huron Playhouse's 56th season

The Huron Playhouse will open its 56th season on June 29 with "Oklahoma!," the Department of Theatre and Film has announced.

Ohio's oldest continuously operating summer theatre, the playhouse's shows will be staged Tuesday through Saturday evenings weekly through July 31.

"Oklahoma!" will run through July 3, followed by Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" from July 6-10; "The Fantasticks" from July 13-17; Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" from July 20-24, and, closing the season, Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" from July 27-31.

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Curtain time for all productions is 8 p.m. at the McCormick School auditorium on Ohio Street in Huron.

For ticket information and reservations, call the box office at 419-433-4744.

IN BRIEF

BG@100 update

BG@100—the implementation of new PeopleSoft administrative systems on campus—has welcomed Dee Dee Friedman from PeopleSoft to the position of technical lead for the project. Friedman began on June 1 and will be with the project for a minimum of three months.

Project team members have been studying the language in which PeopleSoft reports are delivered, called Structured Query Report, and the details of reading PeopleSoft tables and how they may be downloaded to Excel.

Further project details continue to be available at <http://www.bgsu.edu/BGat100>.

CALENDAR

Monday, June 14

Summer Music Institute, Clarinet Camp Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, June 16

Summer Movie Series, “Pirates of the Caribbean,” 6 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by the Office of Campus Involvement.

Thursday, June 17

Dissertation Defense, “Student Understanding of Abstract Algebra: A Theoretical Examination,” by Oxana Grinevitch, mathematics, 5:30 p.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Friday, June 18

Dissertation Defense, “Perceptions of Career-Technical Education Superintendents and Secondary Directors in Ohio on

Leadership Preparation Experiences,” by John (Kip) Crain, School of Leadership and Policy Studies, 4 p.m., 113 Education Building.

Sunday, June 20

Summer Music Institute, Super Sax Camp Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Monday, June 21

Summer Music Institute, Piano Camp Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Summer Movie Series, “School of Rock,” 9 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by the Office of Campus Involvement.

Continuing Events

Through June 20

Buckeye Boys State, campuswide.

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FACULTY

English. Instructor (two positions). Call

Simon Morgan-Russell, 2-7543. Deadline: June 25.

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Visual Communication and Technology Education. Instructor. Call the department, 2-2437. Deadline: June 25.

Biology or Chemistry. Assistant Professor/Instructor. Call Kelley Smith, 2-2015. Deadline: July 2 (new date).

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

View a job description at: www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/

The following position is being advertised on and off campus:

Computer Operator 1 (C-32-Ve)—Information Technology Services. Pay grade 7. Twelve-month, part-time position. Deadline to apply: 1 p.m. June 25.

ADMINISTRATIVE

View job descriptions at: http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/

Assistant Director of Residence Life for Educational Initiatives (V-039)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications began May 14 and will continue until the position is filled.

Manager—Budgets and Operations (R-048)—College of Arts & Sciences. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: June 25.

Project EXCITE Manager (V-046)—College of Health and Human Services. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: June 25.

Applications Developer (V-053)—BG@100 Project. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will begin July 2 and continue 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.

OBITUARY

Boleslav Povsic, 83, a professor emeritus of romance languages, died June 4 in Twinsburg. He taught at BGSU from 1963-90.