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Project CYCLE putting new teachers in area special education classrooms

David Manley had a degree, and a job, in human resources, but two years ago, at age 33, he was ready for something different.

"I'd always wanted to become a teacher, and during that time, I just felt it was time for a change," the University of Findlay graduate said.

That change came in the form of Project CYCLE (Changing Your Career Line to Education), a program that trained Manley to become a special education teacher—his current job at Scott High School in Toledo.

He was one of 26 working adults, each with a bachelor's degree in other fields, who have completed the first two-year project. In August, all 26 received master's degrees in education from BGSU.

Selected from among roughly 300 prospective participants who attended preliminary informational meetings, they came to the University from business, factory and social work, even the ministry and the mortuary, and have emerged as licensed teachers in Wood County and Sandusky schools, as well as in Toledo.

The Ohio Department of Education funded the project—one of 11 of its kind in the state—with \$190,000 in grant money over two years. Grant awardees were Lessie Cochran, Cindy Hendricks and Ellen Williams in the College of Education and Human Development. The main idea was, and is, with a second two-year program in progress now, to address a shortage of special education teachers in Ohio and to diversify the teaching force in the process.

In addition to training more teachers, the first round of Project CYCLE has met the latter goal with "a broad definition of diversity," said Cochran, School of Intervention Services. Not only are 21 of the first 26 graduates either African-American, Hispanic or Asian-American, but six are men and the group members' ages range from the 20s to the 60s.

They entered the project in summer 2002 with a common desire to change careers to education, a field with which some were already affiliated as substitute teachers or coaches. They had also met requirements for having an undergraduate degree—with a grade point average of at least 2.5—demonstrated writing skills, and an acknowledgement by the partnering schools that they would hire the participants and provide a mentoring program for them as beginning teachers.

"The first summer we started, we hit them pretty intensively with five courses," Cochran said. Classes were held four evenings per week so the students could keep their day jobs.

During the 2002-03 academic year, the students took two classes two nights a week in Toledo. At the same time, under a conditional teaching permit, they were placed in classrooms during the day to begin teaching with the help of mentors. Manley, for instance, taught special education classes at Libbey High School and Spring Elementary School in Toledo during his two years in the project.

"All through the schoolwork, the majority of them were teaching full time," said Hendricks, School of Teaching and Learning.

After teaching with conditional permits the first year, the nontraditional students worked with alternative education licenses last fall. All graduated with a reading endorsement—requirements included attendance at a Summer Literacy Institute in 2003—and most have now qualified for the next step in licensure, as provisional "intervention specialists."

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Of the 26, 23 are now full-time teachers in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade—most of them in Toledo—while others are substitutes. And the hope is that the voluntary mid-career change will help enhance their commitment to teaching at a time of increasing enrollment in special education statewide.

Some have given up higher-paying jobs to pursue their new teaching careers. Because the change is their personal decision, it is expected to contribute to their higher rate of retention as education professionals, noted Williams, School of Intervention Services. Because they're older, added Cochran, many also have established roots in their community.

Since most have families of their own, they also haven't had as much concern with classroom discipline as their younger colleagues typically do, said Hendricks. The older teachers' concerns have centered more on things like classroom supplies and equipment, she said.

For his part, Manley said he went into the classroom without any particular worries. "I guess I was just excited to be teaching," he said. "Once we started, it just fell into place."

Also an assistant football coach at Libbey, he is one of three members of the first CYCLE group who have begun taking doctoral classes in leadership and policy studies at BGSU. "I would just like to go on and finish up the last rung of the ladder," he said, referring to a Ph.D. and expressing interest in getting into school administration eventually.

Manley is also among the first graduates who are helping support the second group of project participants, most of whom are from Hancock County. Project CYCLE II, which began last spring semester, is among only three continuations of the program that have been funded by the state based on success of the first round, the directors said.

"It was demanding, but it was probably the best experience I ever could have had," Manley said.

Reporters seek out BGSU experts

When it comes to covering the 2004 political scene, news organizations ranging from the Associated Press to Der Spiegel, MSNBC and ABC's Nightline have sought out BGSU faculty and students for interviews.

Faculty in history, political science, economics, popular culture and speech communication, among others, have been interviewed, reports BGSU Media Relations Director Teri Sharp.

"When the news media call Marketing & Communications for assistance, we try to link them to faculty scholars who can provide them—and ultimately the public—with factual information and expert opinion based upon thorough knowledge of the subject," Sharp explains.

With the presidential campaign and the war in Iraq dominating the news, many requests for assistance have been questions related to these topics. Reporters also are asking about student involvement in the presidential campaigns and voter registration.

"For those of us involved in promoting the University, it's gratifying to have reporters so interested in talking with our students and faculty scholars, and to have them be so willing to assist journalists," Sharp said, adding, "It's also nice to see the University's reputation further enhanced by BGSU experts being quoted in the news."

Here's a sampling of television appearances and stories in which BGSU sources have been quoted:

In July, Marc Simon, chair of political science, discussed the film "Fahrenheit 9/11" during

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a live interview on AM Saturday, the WTOL-TV news magazine. An expert on terrorism and the Middle East, he appeared on Channel 11's News Talk with Jerry Anderson Sept. 20, the day a Hillsdale, Mich., man working in Iraq was beheaded. He made a second appearance on AM Saturday on Sept. 25, when he discussed terrorism and attacks against Americans in Iraq.

David Jackson, political science, whose dissertation and recent book examined the impact of the entertainment industry on the youth vote, was interviewed by the Associated Press for the story, "Bush a little bit country, Kerry is rock 'n' roll," which appeared online and in newspapers nationwide. Sarah Kellogg from the Washington Bureau of Newhouse News interviewed him for a Sept. 26 article "MoveOn concerts hope to move voters—to the polls." The story appeared on www.Mlive.com, a Web site for a Michigan daily newspaper conglomerate.

In addition, Jackson was interviewed by Minnesota Public Radio about the presidential race in Ohio; WTVG-TV in Toledo, about youth and the African-American vote; The Blade and the Associated Press, about the selection of music used at campaign rallies; The Plain Dealer, about northwest Ohio politics and provisional voting in Ohio, and CJSW radio in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, about the relationship between entertainment and politics.

More recently, Jackson discussed campaign music on ABC-TV's Nightline. That segment aired Oct. 18.

Political scientist Jeffrey Peake is a media commentator on elections, presidential politics and public opinion. Since providing commentary during President Bush's first northwest Ohio visit last winter for FOX News in Toledo, he has been interviewed by WTVG-TV and WTOL-TV and newspapers in Bowling Green, Cleveland, Columbus, Fort Wayne and Toledo, among others. On Oct. 11, he discussed the presidential election on MSNBC's "Lester Holt Live" program via satellite from the studios of WBGU-TV.

Martin Wolk, chief economics correspondent for MSNBC.com, called from Seattle seeking information on northwest Ohio's economy. After talking with economist Michael Carroll, he decided to personally visit the region. Carroll assisted him in making local connections. The result was a positive story about business in Wood County and an online link for MSNBC.com readers to the Web pages of the University's Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service.

Art instructor Gordon Ricketts gave his personal political views to Joe Hallett, author of a page-one look at voters in Wood and Lucas Counties that appeared Sept. 17 in the Columbus Dispatch.

The Detroit News interviewed Jeremy Wallach, popular culture, for the Sept. 29 story, "Fired-up musicians play politics," while music archivist Bill Schurk revealed to The Blade's Ryan Smith in a Oct. 6 article that Jerome Library has a CD copy of a recording by John Kerry's band, "The Electras."

The Blade followed up with "Area collegians ask peers to vote Nov. 2" in which reporter Kim Bates described how BGSU students are mobilizing to register voters to cast their first presidential vote.

Kelly Lecker of the Columbus Dispatch also was interested in what BGSU students are thinking. She talked with Monika Winkler, president of the College Republicans, for her Sept. 3 story, "Concert tour aimed at booting Bush."

Paul Alday, director of forensics and debate, and members of the BGSU debate team watched President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry debate on Oct. 6, then went on the WTVG 11 p.m. news to offer their post-debate analysis live from the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Political science instructor Tom Wiseman, a former mayor of the city of Defiance and a Defiance County commissioner, was sought out by the AP for a series of articles about resulting conflicts between the various levels of government. An Aug. 28 story, "Ohio GOP

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in Midst of Money Scandal,” appeared in the MaconTelegraph.com, pennlive.com, Akron Beacon Journal, Philadelphia Inquirer, the Guardian in the United Kingdom, Tallahassee Democrat, San Jose Mercury News, Duluth News Tribune, Tuscaloosa News, Newsday in New York, the Charlotte Observer in North Carolina and the Miami Herald, among scores of other newspapers and Web sites. He was quoted again in national Associated Press coverage of the Republican National Convention. One of the stories, “As Ohio GOP comes home, pressure on to put problems aside for Bush’s sake,” appeared on the popular boston.com Web site.

NPR affiliate WPKT-FM, which serves Hartford and New Haven, Conn., aired a story Sept. 2 in which popular culture professor Jack Santino discussed the symbiotic relationship between politicians and celebrities, particularly the political use of celebrities. He also gave a commentary on the political conventions for Public Radio International and an interview with NPR’s Morning Edition about the ribbon-shaped car magnets that are cropping up everywhere.

When reporter Alexander Osang and photographer Thomas Dworzak from the German news magazine Der Spiegel were in town working on a story, Scott Borgelt of Marketing & Communications spent an afternoon giving them a campus tour. The reporter made a total of three visits to the community for an article about what people in this university town think about presidential politics and the war in Iraq.

Liette Gidlow, history, made three appearances on Toledo’s Channel 11, where she discussed the Democratic and Republican national conventions. She also offered perspective on how presidential illness raises public awareness of disease in a Sept. 15 Columbus Dispatch article, “Suddenly, baby boomers feel Clinton’s pain.” In addition, she was interviewed Sept. 26 by MSNBC/Newsweek on Air, which is heard on 190 radio stations across the country, and on Oct. 1, by the national ABC Radio Network.

BGSU celebrates faculty/student research at campus conference

“Engaging Minds Across Disciplines” is the theme of the third annual BGSU Research Conference, taking place Nov. 4 and 5 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

The all-campus research conference, coordinated by the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research, showcases the scholarly and creative endeavors of the University’s faculty and graduate students, from all disciplines and all BGSU colleges.

A poster session, which is open throughout the conference, features more than 160 presentations and displays featuring the research and artistry of nearly 300 BGSU faculty and students from 32 departments, encompassing the sciences, technology, business, art, music, and education, along with their collaborators from around the world. Also represented will be private industry, and state and federal government agencies.

The BGSU Researchers’ Luncheon, at noon Thursday, will also feature historical impressionist Peter Small shares as the Wizard of Menlo Park, Thomas Alva Edison, according to Tom Kornacki, SPAR associate director. Lunch reservations are due by Wednesday (Oct. 27). Also presented at the luncheon will be the Olscamp Research Award and the Young Scholars Award. For reservations, contact SPAR at 2-2481 or email spar@bgsu.edu.

Panel discussions are a highlight on both days of the event:

Thursday, Nov. 4

- Research and Creative Activity at BGSU: The Deans’ Perspectives
- “The Continuing Evolution of the DuPont/University Interface”
- Focus on Ohio
- Successful Technology Transfer

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Friday, Nov. 5

- What Are the Hot Topics in Research?
- New Media and Emerging Technologies: How Far Have We Come?
- The ABCs of Research Collaboration: Panel Discussion
- Five Minutes of Fame

A reception at the close of the conference on Friday afternoon will provide time for guests to speak directly with the researchers about their featured work.

For more information on the conference, including room locations and times, visit http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/spar/Research_Conference/.

Update on potential changes to voting system

The upcoming election has stirred rumblings of possible changes to some longstanding policies on voting. Despite a federal judge's recent ruling that Ohio voters may vote in any precinct within their county, Wood County Board of Elections Director Terry Burton is advising people against using this option.

Because the ruling is being appealed and may not stand, "I advise voters to plan on the system being the same," he said.

Perhaps more importantly, he added, if the change does remain in effect, voters who choose to cast their ballots outside their precincts will be able to participate only in the federal elections—for president and U.S. senators and congresspeople.

"As a voter, I would not want to forfeit my state and local voting rights," Burton said. "Even though it might be more convenient to vote where you work instead of in your home precinct, it would mean giving up your right to vote on local tax issues, for example," he explained.

At BGSU, a polling place will be set up in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union for students living on campus.

IN BRIEF**BGSU observatory open for lunar eclipse**

The BGSU Observatory will be open for public viewing of the total eclipse of the Moon on Wednesday evening (Oct. 27) from 10 p.m. until midnight if the sky is clear. Visitors will be able to watch the eclipse unfold from a rooftop observing area and view the Moon and other celestial sights through the observatory's telescopes.

During an eclipse, the full Moon enters the Earth's shadow and is illuminated only by faint red sunlight bent into the shadow by the Earth's atmosphere. The Moon will begin to enter the shadow at 9:14 p.m. Total eclipse commences at 10:23 p.m., when the Moon has moved completely within the Earth's shadow, and lasts until 11:45 p.m., when the Moon starts to move out of the shadow. The eclipse ends at 12:53 a.m. when all of the Moon is back in direct sunlight.

Visitors should come to the lobby of the BGSU Planetarium. From there they will be guided to the observatory. Admission is free. A recorded message telling if the observatory

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is open or has been closed due to cloudy weather will be available at 2-8831 beginning at 9 p.m. the evening of the eclipse.

Review minutes of BG@100 Executive Steering Committee

The BG@100 Executive Steering Committee oversees the BG@100 project and has overall responsibility for the project including scope, timelines and priorities.

Committee members are Bruce Petryshak, chief information officer; Christopher Dalton, senior vice president for finance and administration; Linda Dobb, executive vice president, and Ron Lancaster, computer science.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Meeting minutes documenting the work of the committee are available for reference at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/page5239.html>.

CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 25

WellAware Presentation, "Personal Health Care Management for BGSU Employees," with Stephen Horowitz, family and consumer sciences, and Joanne Navin, C.N.P., 2-3 p.m., 207 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by the Office of Human Resources. Call 2-8421 for further information.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

The Henry A. Garrity Documentary, Film and Lecture Series: Films in French, "Les Invasions Barbares (The Barbarian Invasions)," 2003, Canada/France, directed by Denys Arcand, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, first floor, Hanna Hall.

Concert, Clarinet Choir, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Movie, "Fahrenheit 9/11," 9:30 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by UAO.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Brown Bag Lunch, "Building a Family Through Adoption," with Rachel Vannatta, educational foundations and inquiry, noon-1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

ICS Lecture, "Failures of Memory, Memories of Failure," by Ana Del Sarto, romance languages, 2 p.m., 201A Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society. For more information, call 2-0585.

Workshop, "Recognizing Depression, Preventing Suicide," designed for faculty, staff and teaching assistants, 4-5 p.m., 320

Saddlemire Student Services Building. **Art Talk**, by Allison McGowan, ceramist, Phoenixville, Pa., 6 p.m., 1101 Fine Arts Center. Co-sponsored by the School of Art, the Ceramics Club and the Medici Circle. **Faculty Artist Series**, featuring Timothy Olt, tuba, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, Oct. 28

Office Support Staff Training, "Customer Service Excellence," with Christine Seiler, marketing, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 207 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by Human Resources. Call 2-2628 for more information.

Men's Soccer vs. IPFW, 3 p.m., Mickey Cochrane Field.

Dean's Distinguished Alumna Lecture, "The Real Meaning of the Sistine Chapel Ceiling as Michelangelo Intended," by Mary T. Wolfe, 4-5 p.m., 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Great Debates Series, "Should Gay Marriage Be Legal?" with moderator Lou Katzner, philosophy, 7-8:30 p.m., 113 Olscamp Hall. Sponsored by the philosophy department.

International Film Series, "Ringu (Ring)," 1998, Japan, directed by Hideo Nakata, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall. **Concert, Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble**, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, Oct. 29

Dissertation Defense, "Wearing the

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Rainbow Triangle: The Effect of Out Lesbian Teachers and Lesbian Teacher Subjectivities on Student Choice of Topics, Student Writing, and Student Subject Positions in the First-year Composition Classroom," by Cynthia Mahaffey, English, 1-2:30 p.m., 108A Hanna Hall.

Volleyball vs. Western Michigan, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Hockey vs. Lake Superior, 7:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

Guest Artist, Raymond Kilburn, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Movie, "Fahrenheit 9/11," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by UAO.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Hockey vs. Lake Superior, 2:35 p.m., Ice Arena.

Volleyball vs. Eastern Michigan, 3 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Football vs. Eastern Michigan, 6 p.m., Doyt Perry Stadium.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Movie, "Fahrenheit 9/11," 9:30 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by UAO.

Monday, Nov. 1

Dissertation Defense, "Taking/Doing Diversity Still: A Critical Focus Group Study Investigating Differences, Community, and Social Justice in Pedagogical Practices," by Christine Pease-Hernandez, School of Communication Studies, 9 a.m., 310 West Hall.

Dissertation Defense, "Would a Farm by Any Other Frame Smell As Sweet? New

Frames, Factory Farms, and Social Protest," by Jeanette Wenig Drake, School of Communication Studies, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 310 West Hall.

Continuing Events

Through Nov. 10

Art Exhibition, "Crucial State: Selections from Ohio Arts Council 2004 Fellowship Award Winners," including BGSU photographer Brad Phalin, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Through Nov. 10

Art Exhibition, "The Proper Inflection," by Mille Guldbek, art, Kennedy Green Room, Moore Musical Arts Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

Through Nov. 21

Art Exhibition, "INTERVENTIONS," featuring pieces from artists Ken Aptekar, ChanSchatz, Mark Dion and Ellen Harvey, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Through Nov. 23

Planetarium Show, "Space Dreams: Our Quest to Explore the Universe." Shows are at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$1 donation suggested.

Through Dec. 3

Art Exhibition, painting by Neil Jussila, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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Natural and Social Sciences—Firelands. Assistant Professor. Call the dean's office, 2-0623. Deadline: Jan. 7, 2005.

Public and Allied Health. Assistant/Associate Professor (two positions). Call Betsy Bunner, 2-2905. Deadline: Jan. 7, 2005.

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.

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

The following position is advertised on and off campus. The deadline for employees to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5.

Dispatcher (C-116-Re)—Public Safety (collective bargaining unit). Part-time position, 16-30 hours per week.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Assistant Director of External Affairs (V-117)—Alumni Affairs. Administrative grade 13. Deadline: Oct. 29.

Director of Marketing and Promotion (V-115)—Continuing and Extended Education. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: Oct. 29.

Associate Director of Operations (V-116)—Student Health Service. Administra-

tive grade 17. Deadline: Nov. 9.

Senior Associate Director (V-119)—University Dining Services. Review of applications will begin Nov. 15 and continue until the position is filled.

Manager, University Dining Services (V-035)—Division of Student Affairs (Re-advertised). Two positions, administrative grade 12. Review of applications began Aug. 6 and will continue until the positions are filled.

Coordinator for Greek Affairs (V-091)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 13. Review of applications began Aug. 27 and will continue until the position is filled.

Director, Office of Educational Outreach (04-100NF)—BGSU Firelands. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications began Sept. 17 and will continue until the position is filled.

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.