

Ball State's writing program wins national award

Ball State's writing program was recently honored for its work in teaching composition to students.

The program recently received the Conference on College Composition and Communication's (CCCC) Writing Program Certificate of Excellence for 2006-07. Ball State representatives will receive the honor March 23, 2007 at the CCCC conference.

The CCCC awards committee recognized the Ball State writing program as "exemplary due to its solid approach to teaching composition as an act of reading and writing across modes of communication."

The program was also cited for its excellence in meeting the needs of students and faculty, including offering faculty professional development opportunities and using best teaching practices.

Started in the 1960s, Ball State's writing program is administered by the university's English department. Most students take at least two semesters of writing at Ball State.

The CCCC, which has 6,000 members worldwide, supports and promotes the teaching and study of college composition and communication. More information about the organization may be found at www.ncte.org/cccc.

Ball State doctor offers strategies to beat the flu

Flu season is here, are you prepared?

Although it's early in the season, the Ball State Health Center is already seeing an increase in patients with flu symptoms, according to Dr. Kent Bullis, medical director of the center.

The flu is most common in January and February, but it can occur any time between October and April. The Health Center tends to see a bump in flu cases when the weather changes dramatically.

Bullis is expecting a typical flu season and is suggesting proactive advice to lessen your chances of becoming infected.

"The best way to prevent the flu is to keep your hands and foreign objects away from your mouth, get as much sleep as you need each night to feel rested when you awaken, exercise, eat a well-balanced meal daily, drink plenty of fluids, don't smoke and get a flu shot," he said.

Ball State has created a Web site - www.bsu.edu/fluinfo/ - with additional practical measures to reduce your chance of infection.

Flu shots are offered to Ball State students for \$22 at the health center. It is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Freshman Connections brings author and producer to Ball State

Ball State's Freshman Connections is bringing author and documentary producer John de Graaf to campus Nov. 14 for two interactive sessions.

De Graaf has been producing documentaries for public television for 29 years. His prime-time specials include, "For Earth's Sake," "Affluenza" and "Running Out of Time." In addition, he recently completed new documentaries about world hunger, fair trade and policies to help working mothers in America.

He is the co-author of "Affluenza: The All-Consuming Epidemic."

De Graaf will discuss "What is an economy for, anyway?" at 3:30 p.m. in Teachers College, room 101. He plans to offer innovative ideas about how the economy should create the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

Later, he will host a film screening and discussion about "Affluenza" at 7:30 p.m. in Pruis Hall. The one-hour film explores the high social and environmental costs of materialism and overconsumption.

These events are sponsored by Ball State's Freshman Connections, Council on the Environment, Students for a Sustainable Campus and Department of Philosophy.

Bracken Library holds contest to develop a digital sign for Bookmark Café

Gear up to get creative. Bracken Library's Bookmark Cafe is searching for its marketing tool and wants Ball State students, faculty and staff to be a part of it.

The library has created a contest to design the digital content for display in front of the cafe to attract customers. The content will be displayed as a sign or on a 50-inch plasma TV monitor.

Ball State University Dining will award first through third places. All winners will have their entry played on the Bookmark Cafe digital sign. First prize is a four-gigabyte iPod Nano. Second and third places will receive \$100 and \$50 dining accounts, respectively.

The entries may contain animation, video, sound and music and must utilize the Bookmark Cafe logo. Content must be a minimum of one minute, although longer entries are encouraged. Content must also be formatted to play on a standard DVD player and run on a continuous loop.

Entries must be submitted by Jan. 10 to Lucas Miller, University Dining, 140 Carmichael Hall, or to ltmiller@bsu.edu. Winners will be announced Jan. 12.

For more information, including a sample, visit:
ilocker.bsu.edu/users/ltmiller/BSU_SHARED/Bookmark%20Cafe%20logos/.

Artists to reveal artistic inspirations at premiere of new Ball State Museum of Art exhibit

Now's your chance to pick the brains of artists whose works are featured in a new exhibit premiering Nov. 16 at Ball State Museum of Art.

Artists Adam Brown, Hans Breder and Golan Levin will discuss the inspiration for their art and answer questions from visitors during "Conversations with the Artists" at 3:30 p.m. at the museum.

The artists' works are among those included in a new exhibit, "Engaging Technology: A History and Future of Intermedia," that premieres at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16 and opens officially Nov. 17 at the museum.

"Engaging Technology: A History and Future of Intermedia" brings together a collection of works by intermedia pioneers and emerging intermedia artists. The selected works are representative of how digital intermedia art has developed during the past 40 years and provides insight to where this art form is headed.

The exhibit will be on display through March 11.

"Conversation with the Artists" and the exhibition are free and open to the public.

Guest curator John Fillwalk, director of the Institute for Digital Intermedia Arts and Animation (IDIAA) at the Center for Media Design (CMD), organized the exhibition with Tania Said Schuler, the museum's curator of education.

Sponsors include the Friends of Ball State University Museum of Art, the CMD and IDIAA.

For more information, visit www.bsu.edu/artmusuem or call (765) 285-5242.

Who's Who in the World lists Ball State professor Vic Lawhead for the second time

Ball State professor emeritus Vic Lawhead has added another distinction to his distinguished career. He has been listed for a second time in the Marquis Who's Who in the World.

"I didn't know about this until I was contacted about approving a biography," he said of the recognition, which will appear in the 2007 edition of the publication that profiles top achievers around the world. "I've been asked how do you get in this, and I've said I don't know. They've always contacted me first about including my biography."

He also was in the 2006 edition of Who's Who in the World. In addition, he appeared in Who's Who in America since 1966.

When asked about his repeat appearance in Who's Who in the World, the former dean of undergraduate education at Ball State said humbly he was thankful.

"It was nice to be thought of for this recognition after 65 years in education," he said.

However, the recognition doesn't come as a surprise to James Ruebel, dean of the Honors College that Lawhead helped create in the 1960s.

"Vic Lawhead is the true founding father or - as he insists - grandfather of the honors program at Ball State, the one who shaped and refined its early history so that it could succeed," Ruebel said. "The goals of the Honors College curriculum today remain much as originally established under his leadership in the 1960s: to foster critical thinking, reading and writing for lifelong learning."

Although Lawhead retired in 1984, his concern for students is still strong.

Now 87, he continues to teach a colloquium about issues in education to 15 Honors College students.

"I think teaching is my first love," he said.

Lawhead grew up and attended schools in Kokomo, where he later taught social studies. He joined Ball State in 1950. His career has included consulting work with UNESCO.

"My work was with several international conferences they held about access to higher education," he said. "It fit very well because at Ball State at the time we were growing at a rate of about 1,000 students a year, and we were dealing with issues of fast growth."

In addition to a widely varied career, Lawhead has a wealth of personal stories to tell. For example, during his Navy career from 1943 to 1946, he trained Russian naval crews on May 8, 1945 - V-E Day.

He also recalls being in Nagasaki to sweep the harbors for mines shortly after the atomic bomb was dropped there on Aug. 9, 1945.

In addition to his military experiences, Lawhead has rubbed elbows with the likes of Eleanor Roosevelt and Ethel Kennedy when they visited Ball State on separate occasions.

"Mrs. Roosevelt came to the house and Mrs. Lawhead made lunch. Later she wrote a beautiful note thanking us," he said.

Fall faculty award nominations sought

Faculty and administrators are once again being asked to nominate their peers for outstanding contributions to the Ball State community. The annual fall faculty meeting in Emens Auditorium is highlighted by the presentation of the awards.

Frank Sabatine, interim associate provost and dean of the School of Extended Education, encourages nominations of colleagues by their peers.

"The goal of these awards is to recognize true excellence, dedication and performance," he said.

Tenured and tenure-track faculty members and full-time, full-year contract faculty members are eligible to be nominated for the following:

- Outstanding Creative Endeavor Award
- Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award
- Outstanding Faculty Award
- Outstanding Faculty Service Award
- Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
- Outstanding Research Award
- Outstanding Teaching Award

In addition, continuing contract administrators, including department chairs, are eligible to be nominated for the Outstanding Administrative Service Award. All nominees are evaluated by a team of their peers. Nominations must be received by Jan 19.

For more information or to receive nomination forms, contact Debbie Dorste at ddorste@bsu.edu or 285-3716.

Complement Thanksgiving dinner with treats by Ball State's Banquet and Catering

Ball State's Banquet and Catering is offering a variety of tasty pies, rolls and breads to complement any Thanksgiving dinner.

Items, which may be ordered by the public, include:

- Homemade pumpkin pie — \$6.25

- Homemade Dutch apple pie — \$6.75
- Homemade Dutch almond cherry pie — \$6.75
- Homemade pecan pie — \$9.25
- Homemade orange yeast rolls — \$9.95/dozen
- Homemade golden yeast rolls — \$8.40/dozen
- Pumpkin cake roll — \$16.95
- Homemade bread: Zucchini, banana nut or pumpkin — \$6.25/loaf

Orders are due by Nov. 17 and can be picked up Nov. 22 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the L.A. Pittenger Student Center Ballroom unless prior arrangements have been made.

For information, contact Banquet and Catering at (765) 285-3500.

Ball State employees urged to give generously in United Way campaign's final days

Ball State's United Way campaign coordinators are reminding employees that only three days remain in the university's annual fundraising drive for the charitable organization.

Currently, Ball State employees have contributed more than \$171,807 to the campaign benefiting the United Way of Delaware County.

University Human Resource Services is administering the campaign, which ends Nov. 16.

Marta Stephens, coordinator of WorkLife Programs, and Susan Naylor, coordinator of faculty/professional personnel, are in charge of organizing United Way activities throughout the year.

For more information about Ball State's United Way campaign, visit www.bsu.edu/unitedway.

ON CAMPUS

New fund to benefit School of Physical Education, Sport, and Exercise Science

Gifts totaling \$12,100 will support international activities within the School of Physical Education, Sport, and Exercise Science.

The Sung-Jae and Gemma Park International Fund will assist the department in international travel for students and faculty members, receptions and local accommodations for international visitors.

Sung-Jae Park is a professor emeritus of sport and physical education and director emeritus of the Far East Asia Program. He has taught and held numerous positions at Ball State during his 36-year career.

He received his master's degree from Ball State, doctorate from Ohio State University and bachelor's degrees from Yeungnam University and Yongin University.

On campus child care offered for spring semester at Ball State

Applications are now being accepted for the spring semester at Ball State Child Study Center.

Ball State students provide high-quality child care featuring safe and developmentally appropriate activities at the center, which is operated under the auspices of Ball State's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, said Robin Box, director of the center.

Child care is available for Ball State faculty, staff, students and the community. Tuition rates range from \$165 to \$495 per semester.

Applications are accepted through the semester, but it is best to apply early because spots fill up quickly. The spring semester sessions begin Jan. 15.

The Child Study Center is on West Cardinal Street, east of Worthen Arena and behind Pizza King.

For more information about session times or to apply for a space, contact the Child Study Center at (765) 285-1987 or visit www.bsu.edu/fcs/csc.

Deadline set for service award selection, retirement recognition

Eligible staff and service personnel have until Dec. 15 to select awards for their years of service.

Employees celebrating 10 to 40 years of service during the 2006-07 fiscal year can choose from several gifts including personal items or other accessories.

Award forms will be mailed Nov. 13 and must be returned to WorkLife Programs in University Human Resource Services no later than Dec. 15. Employees who do not return forms by the deadline will receive a preselected item.

The entire collection can be seen at www.bsu.edu/hrs/worklife/awards.

Eligible staff and service personnel considering retirement who wish to be honored at the 2007 recognition programs must contact Payroll and Employee Benefits by Jan. 31 to complete the necessary documents.

Employees registering for retirement after Jan. 31 will be recognized at the 2008 programs.

For more information, contact Marta Stephens at (765) 285-1187 or mstephen@bsu.edu. For more information about retirement eligibility and benefits, contact Payroll and Employee Benefits at (765) 285-8461.

Documents signed by America's founding fathers featured at Bracken Library

The Friends of Alexander M. Bracken Library is hosting "Founding Fathers and Signers of the Declaration of Independence" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in Bracken Library, room 225.

Tom Schnuck will share his collection of historic documents featuring signatures of those who also signed the Declaration of Independence.

The presentation is a part of a series sponsored by the Friends of Alexander M. Bracken Library.

The events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available at the Emens parking structure after 7 p.m.

For more information, contact John Straw, director of the Archives and Special Collections Research Center, at (765) 285-5078.

Internal grant information sessions for faculty and staff

There will be two sessions for internal grant information at noon and 4 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Student Center, room 306.

All Ball State faculty and staff are invited to attend, but reservations are required. Contact Jackie Davis at (765) 285-1607 or jsdavis@bsu.edu to register.

Upcoming deadlines for internal grants:

- New faculty research and creative arts: Jan. 9
- Faculty intellectual property: Jan 9

For more information about internal grants, visit www.bsu.edu/research.

Leahy, an Irish and Scottish musical experience, comes to Emens

The Canadian band Leahy will perform its blend of Irish and Scottish music at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in Emens Auditorium.

The group is eight musical brothers and sisters who mystify audiences with a whirlwind of fiddle-driven music, dance and vocals combining their Irish and Scottish roots to create their own sound, said Robert Myers, director of Emens.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth, \$18 for Ball State staff and faculty, \$5 for Ball State students and \$15 for Artist Series subscribers. Groups of 20 or more are \$15 per ticket. Tickets are available at the Emens box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at (765) 644-3131 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

For more information, call (765) 285-1539.

American Indian heritage focus of museum's Art High at Noon program

The Ball State Museum of Art is recognizing National American Indian Heritage Month at "Art High at Noon," Nov. 14 and 28.

A museum docent will explain featured artworks to visitors during the noon programs, and participants are encouraged to express their ideas and ask questions in an informal atmosphere.

"Art High at Noon" is a free drop-in tour every other Tuesday at the museum.

Dates and topics include:

- Nov. 14: Museum docent-in-training Danny Byrd will guide visitors through viewing and discussion of pipes and vests of the Plains Indians.
- Nov. 28: Visitors will observe Southwestern Indian pottery and baskets with docent Stefanie Clark.

The events are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.bsu.edu/artmuseum or call (765) 285-5242.

Tech Tuesday November event

TechPoint's Tech Tuesday will take place from 7:45 to 9 a.m. Nov. 21 at the Alumni Center, 2800 W. Bethel Ave.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will include speakers from Indiana's Education Technology Council. They will discuss the new Indiana Plan for Digital-Age Learning for students in grades K-12.

Tech Tuesday is part of the Vision 2006 Community Technology Initiative. The meetings on the third Tuesday of each month allow for interaction and networking among information technology professionals, entrepreneurs and business leaders.

To register, go to the Vision 2006 Web site at www.muncietechtoday.com/Calendar/eventList.asp.

For more information, contact Krista Flynn at kflynn@bsu.edu or (765) 285-5679.

IN THE NEWS

Patrick Barkey, director of economic and policy studies, Bureau of Business Research

A Nov. 5 article in The Indianapolis Star quoted Barkey about the biggest election issue in Indiana – the economy.

According to the article, Indiana is adding jobs, but slowly. Personal income is up, but it is not keeping pace with inflation. Foreclosures and bankruptcies remain big problems.

"Everything I've seen in the economy is that this is a so-so year," Barkey said.

Barkey was also quoted Nov. 3 in The Indianapolis Star.

Michael Bloxham, testing center director, Center for Media Design

Bloxham was interviewed for the radio show Nightside, which aired on KSL Newsradio Nov. 2.

The show discussed the ways in which prime-time television is changing.

"Prime time as such is being blown to pieces or rather fragmented for some people," Bloxham said. "Now there is the potential for me to define my own version of prime time and it's much more likely to be based around whatever is convenient for me."

Nancy Carlson, chairwoman, Department of Telecommunications, and **Rodger Smith**, director, Institute for Digital Entertainment and Education

An article in the autumn 2006 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Newsletter quoted Carlson and Smith about the 50 Emmy nominations Ball State has received since entering the regional Emmy Awards competition in 2000.

According to Carlson, the university's commitment to developing its telecommunications department into a national model for programs in news, film and entertainment has been a driving force behind the accomplishment.

"Our students being nominated each year in the same categories as professionals demonstrates the high caliber of our telecommunications program," she said.

For the second consecutive year, Ball State students also won a gold medal in the competition.

"This is another major win, and our success over the past two years is causing people in the film industry and in academe to recognize that Ball State is a destination point in the Midwest for students interested in cinema," Smith said.

Center for Media Design

The Center for Media Design's 3,000-square-foot digital research facility was the topic of a two-page spread in the November 2006 issue of Media Magazine.

The article featured pictures of the facility, which aims to provide researchers with insight into how consumers interact with technology, as well as facilitate communication between home and office. One half of the building mimics the interior of a house, while the other half serves as a medical office.

A study by the Center for Media Design that examined the amount of television commercials watched during prime time was also featured on the Web sites PestandLawn.com, adjab.com and media.dot.com.

College of Architecture and Planning

A Nov. 1 article on InsideIndianaBusiness.com discussed the ways that members of the College of Architecture and Planning will assist the city of Speedway at the Speed Zone Work Zone, a weekend work session that will give residents and business stakeholders a chance to give input into community revitalization efforts.

Faculty, students and members of the Speed Zone planning team will work with residents at tables and drafting boards around the facility to gather suggestions.

Electronic Field Trip

Ball State's Electronic Field Trip, "Eruption! An Island Rising from the Sea," was the topic of a Nov. 7 article in the Times Union (New Albany, N.Y.)

The field trip will take students to various locations at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park such as a lava tube, crater or rain forest. Participants will field questions from their peers during a live call-in show, and educators will be on hand to answer e-mail queries.

James Glass, professor of architecture

Glass was quoted Oct. 24 in The Indianapolis Star about the benefits of having historic schools in neighborhoods around Indianapolis.

The city has been debating about what to do with its abandoned historic schools. While it can cost more to renovate an old building versus building new, many residents feel there should be no price tag on preserving history.

"[Historic schools] can be part of the fabric in a neighborhood, a part of its identity," Glass said. "We live in a fairly rootless society where there's lots of transience. People perhaps feel a sense or a need for continuity in their physical environment."

Steve Jones, professor of information and communication sciences

An Oct. 29 article in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette quoted Jones about the problems a lack of high-speed Internet service can pose for people living in rural areas.

Only about 25 percent of rural residents have high-speed Internet connections at home, versus 46 percent of suburban residents and 44 percent of urban residents.

"Without broadband services, rural residents may miss out on opportunities to work from home or take distance learning courses," Jones said.

Larry Markle, director, Disabled Student Development

Markle was quoted in the fall 2006 issue of Careers & the disABLED magazine about a recent study about the amount of time it takes for disabled students to graduate from Ball State.

Researchers found it takes a Ball State student on average 4.45 years to earn a bachelor's degree as compared to 4.61 years for a student with apparent disabilities and 4.67 years for people with nonapparent disabilities.

"Our findings dispel the myth that students with disabilities cannot do the work or take more years to complete their degree programs," Markle said. "Our students with disabilities are successful because the campus culture has eliminated many of the barriers that sometimes keep them [from reaching] their goals."

Ray Scheele, professor of political science

A Nov. 5 article on FoxNews.com quoted Scheele about his opinion of Republican congressman Chris Chocola.

"I think he represents the district pretty well," Scheele said. "He's serious, he's been back to the district quite a bit during his tenure and he stays in touch."

Scheele conceded, however, that in the end Chocola may just be a victim of the national mood. Many Republicans, angry with decisions made by Indiana's governor and the president, may not be voting along party lines.

"This is a race in which people are apparently looking for a change," he said.

Scheele was also quoted Nov. 1 in the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel.

SPOTLIGHT

Presentations

Richard Bellaver, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, "Reader's Perceptions: the Book as Device or as Aesthetic Object," Fourth International Conference on the Book, Boston.

Nancy Brooks, Department of Educational Studies, "Deconstructing the Role of Curriculum Monitor through the Arts of Inquiry," Seventh Annual Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference, Marble Falls, Texas.

Ronald Davis, School of Physical Education, "Using Peer Assistants to Promote Fitness in Adapted Physical Education," Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Indianapolis.

Ronald Davis and **Eric Dugan**, School of Physical Education, "Differences in Performance of Wheelchair Basketball Players selected for the U.S. National Team," Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Indianapolis.

Ronald Davis, School of Physical Education, **Jerome Kotecki**, Department of Physiology and Health Science, and **Michael Harvey**, Department of Special Education, "Responsibilities and Training Needs of Paraeducators in Physical Education," Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Indianapolis

Jay Gillette and **Frank Groom**, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, and **Larry Cannon**, Teleplex, conducted a videoconference between the graduate students at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Télécommunications at the Brest and Rennes campuses in France and CICS discussing master's degree programs.

Jennifer George-Palilonis, Department of Journalism, "A Practical Guide to Developing and Distributing Multiple Media Texts," Fourth International Conference on the Book, Boston.

Frank Groom, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, presented a series of lectures on VoIP and MPLS at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Télécommunications at the Brest and Rennes campuses in France.

Mark Groover, Department of Anthropology, "Exploring Water-Based Settlement and Site Complexity Patterns: The Mississinewa Reservoir Survey Revisited," Midwest Archaeological Conference, Urbana, Ill.

Gregory Morrison, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, "Police Countermeasures in Response to Dangerous Encounters with the Public, 1960-2003," annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles.

Keith Sweger, School of Music, bassoon master classes at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Music and at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Music.

Carla Vidoni, School of Physical Education, "Social Skills in Physical Education: How Can I Tie It into Instruction?" Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Indianapolis.

Sherry Woosley and **Donald Whitaker**, Academic Assessment and Institutional Research, "Making Achievement Possible: Using Assessment to Impact First-Year Students," 2006 Assessment Institute, Indianapolis.

Publications

Mir Masoom Ali, Department of Mathematical Sciences, "Derivation of Product and Ratio Distributions of the Elliptically Symmetric Laplace Distribution," *Journal of Statistical Studies*, 25, 35-41.

Don Ester, **John Scheib** and **Kim Inks**, School of Music, "Takadimi: A Rhythm System for All Ages," *Music Educators Journal*, 93 (2), 60-65.

John Scheib, School of Music, "Policy Implications for Teacher Retention: Meeting the Needs of the Dual Identities of Arts Educators," *Arts Education Policy Review*, 107 (6), 5-10.

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