

Ball State's commencement ceremonies Dec. 17 in Worthen Arena

Ball State University will honor 1,183 graduating students Dec. 17 during winter commencement ceremonies.

Terry King, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will preside over the event and President Jo Ann M. Gora will address the graduates. The ceremonies begin at 2 p.m. in Worthen Arena and are scheduled to last about two hours. No tickets are required.

About 9,000 people are expected to attend the program, which recognizes students who have completed their degree requirements by the end of the fall semester. There will be 785 graduates receiving bachelor's degrees, 244 master's degrees, 134 associate degrees, and 20 doctoral or specialist in education degrees.

Participants will assemble for the traditional procession at 1:15 p.m. Students receiving associate, bachelor's and master's degrees will meet on the concourse level of Worthen Arena, Gate 3. Doctoral and specialist degree candidates will meet inside the arena lobby near the main ticket office on the ground floor.

Each graduate will proceed across the stage as his or her name is read. President Gora will greet the advanced degree candidates as their names are read. College deans will greet the baccalaureate and associate degree candidates.

For more information about commencement activities, go online to www.bsu.edu/commencement or contact Sharon Woodruff, commencement coordinator, at (765) 285-1689.

Ball State's College of Architecture and Planning earns multiple national rankings

Multiple programs within Ball State's College of Architecture and Planning have been listed among the nation's best, according to a new national publication.

"Planetizen 2007 Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs," which based its rankings on a compilation of statistical data and surveys of architecture and planning practitioners and academics, rated Ball State's urban planning program 17th nationwide. Multiple specialty areas in urban planning were also ranked in the top 10.

- Zoning administration-fifth

- Lowest tuition-fifth
- Technology-sixth
- Land use planning - seventh

In addition, the guide ranked the architecture department's graduate program in historic preservation seventh among graduate degree programs in the preservation field.

The accolades in the inaugural publication place Ball State in with excellent company. To put the overall ranking in context, 14 of the 16 urban planning programs listed ahead of Ball State have doctoral programs, said Eric Kelly, acting chairman of the urban planning department.

"We are pleased with the credit our program is receiving from practitioners and academics around the country. It's something I believe we'll continue to improve upon," he said. "I am also pleased to see that we were in the top three in the Midwest and that we outranked all of the practice-oriented programs that I consider as our peers."

James Glass, director of the graduate historic preservation program, agreed.

"We are pleased to have our program ranked at this level by practitioners in the allied fields of architecture and urban planning," said Glass, director also of the Center for Historic Preservation. "The ranking reflects the immersive learning experiences that our students gain through the Center for Preservation in helping rejuvenate historic main streets of cities and towns, revitalize neighborhoods and find new uses for historic buildings."

For more information on the rankings, go to www.planetizen.com/guide.

Ball State to play key role in Vision 2011

Ball State will play a key role in the five-year Vision 2011 initiative to foster economic development in Muncie and Delaware County.

As the Muncie-Delaware County Economic Development Alliance launches its next economic development initiative on the heels of the successful Vision 2006 campaign, Ball State faculty and staff will again lend their expertise to the initiative, said Ball State President Jo Ann M. Gora.

"As the community works to foster, grow and attract the knowledge-based businesses that are driving the 'new economy,' Ball State is poised to work in tandem with other entities in Muncie and Delaware County, ensuring that education and training available from all resources are leveraged to the community's greatest advantage."

The Vision 2011 goals include improving wages, bringing more jobs to the area and ensuring that Muncie and Delaware County become recognized nationally for excellence in free enterprise, small government, superior education and quality of life.

Vision 2011 builds on the successes of the Vision 2006 program, which has resulted in the projected creation of 2,146 new jobs, more than \$63 million in new payroll and \$325 million in new capital investment to the community, according to Terry Murphy, vice president of economic development at the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.

Ball State's involvement in Vision 2006 has been significant. For example, more than 25 percent of the individuals serving on the Vision 2006 Community Technology Initiative committees are from Ball State. In addition, two vice presidents, one dean and a senior faculty member were on the executive committee for the initiative.

Some of the major businesses recruited as a result of the community economic development efforts include Diamond Plastics, Save-A-Lot, MPT-Muncie, Keihin Aircon North America, U.S. Ethanol Holdings LLC and Sallie Mae.

"The objectives of Vision 2011 are aimed at raising the bar substantially," Murphy said. "We've set and adopted goals that seek to improve wages, increase the number of high-skill, high-pay and advancement jobs and work to develop a community that is attractive to knowledge-based businesses, which in turn will enhance our overall quality of life."

Vision 2011 aims to increase economic diversity by:

- Expanding and retaining existing businesses
- Attracting new businesses and expanding the area's tax base
- Recruiting and retaining technology- and knowledge-based industries and workers
- Promoting the medical community at the destination point for health care in East Central Indiana
- Promoting agri-business as a way to diversify the local economy and provide new opportunities for the region's farming industry
- Creating more downtown development, including \$32 million in new private investment
- Coordinating community and regional resources to generate economic growth
- Promoting a positive quality of life
- Strengthening workforce education

The alliance includes representatives of the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, Delaware Advancement Corporation, Muncie Redevelopment Commission, Delaware County Redevelopment Commission, Muncie Economic Development Commission and Delaware County Economic Development Commission.

For more information, contact Pat Davis, Vision 2011 campaign coordinator, at (765) 749-0169.

Ball State students travel to Southeast Asia to explore social issues

Twenty-two Ball State students and four faculty members are conducting a field trip during the holidays to learn about the problems facing people living in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.

The students and anthropology faculty members Evelyn Bowers, Jim Coffin, Maggie Coffin and Gerry Waite will meet with people from each country during the trip from Dec. 18 through Jan. 7.

"Hopefully the students will be able to gain new perspectives and compare their lives to others in the world. They will also learn not to judge others by our standards of living, but instead learn about their standards and culture," said Jim Coffin, director of center programs and international field studies at the Marshall E. Rinker Sr. Center for International Programs.

Ball State junior Cindy Keller expects that will be true in her case.

"The trip is important to me as an anthropology major because it is an opportunity to see and experience other cultures firsthand," Keller said. "I'm hoping to come away with the ability to be more respectful and with an increased awareness of other people whose culture may be different from my own."

Some students were motivated to join the field trip for personal reasons.

"I worked at a daycare through high school, and the two children I enjoyed the most were a Vietnamese brother and sister. Their spirits were so high," said Emma Smith, a sophomore majoring in telecommunications. "Then I found out they were abused by their parents. I was interested in their culture so I started to research. I wanted to understand them. I wanted to know more about their home life and their traditions."

The expedition is part of an annual series of field trips taking students to different parts of the world. But, this year it coincidentally tied in with the Freshman Connections program, which encourages incoming students to read a common book to create a shared learning experience, promote a sense of community and ease students' transition to college. This year's book was "First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers" by Loung Ung.

The memoir relates Ung's story of growing up in a middle-class family in Phnom Penh when Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge forced people to evacuate at gun point in 1975. For the next four years, the Ung family lived on the run from the Khmer Rouge.

In Cambodia, field trip participants will have the chance to talk with survivors of the killing fields, the genocidal era in which close to 2 million people died during the Khmer Rouge rule.

While in Thailand, the group will participate in the daily activities of the villagers in hill tribes near the border with Myanmar (Burma). The students will hold group discussions with the villagers concerning current problems.

Students will be able to experience the changes of Vietnam's social and economic life since the Vietnam War while traveling to numerous cities between Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and Hanoi.

Participants will receive six credit hours for their time in Southeast Asia. Students must write two 15-page papers - one subjective and one objective - and keep a journal as their primary source for data.

They will also participate in a post-trip campus forum expressing what they learned during the trip abroad, including their opinions on issue resolutions and their interactions with the Thai, Cambodian and Vietnamese people.

"The group will bring back new values to present at the forum for the public and fellow students," Coffin said.

Next year's field trip will be to Australia.

Creativity + Innovation Award launched

Ball State's University Marketing and Communications office has launched a new award to spotlight students' creative achievements as part of the "Education Redefined" initiative.

The Creativity + Innovation Award recognizes outstanding projects of undergraduate students in good academic standing. Nomination forms can be submitted by anyone involved in the project, including faculty and staff members.

"These are the kinds of works that a professor might encourage a student to enter into a contest, submit to an academic journal or conference, or hold up to their own peers as examples of the great creative or innovative work that is done at Ball State," said Nancy Prater, university Web coordinator.

New winners are selected each month by a panel of faculty judges, and selected projects are featured on the Web site www.bsu.edu/portfolio. Two cash prizes of \$300 and \$500 will be awarded at the end of the 2006-07 academic year.

Senior theater majors Kaitlin Fumarolo and Ethan Mathias won the first award for their work on "Lovers, Liars and Clowns," an original musical staged in October at the Cave Theatre, a lab theatre often used for experimental productions.

The show chronicled a life-changing experience for a grocery store employee and the three women in his life, and was told through original dialogue and the music of Steven

Sondheim. Fumarolo served as the director, and Mathias provided musical direction and accompaniment.

The musical began with no script, music or story. At the first rehearsal, Fumarolo and Mathias gave the four cast members a CD, asking them to choose songs that inspired them to create a character. They then wrote the dialogue, selected the music and set the choreography together, creating a truly original project.

For more information about the award, visit www.bsu.edu/portfolio.

Ball State journalism graphics major excited to study at Poynter Institute this summer

Erin Cubert, a Ball State senior studying journalism graphics, won a prestigious spot at the Poynter Institute's 2007 summer fellowship for young journalists.

Cubert was one of four winners selected for the six-week fellowship June 3 to July 13 at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla. She also won a scholarship that will pay for the cost of the program.

"I am excited to be immersed with so many different people who are the cream of the crop. I will have a chance to pick their brains and get inspired," she said.

This experience will have long-term benefits for Cubert and her career, journalism instructor Ryan Sparrow said.

"Poynter is a fantastic place to broaden her view of what the industry is like, and she will be very marketable after this experience," Sparrow said.

The Poynter Institute is a premier training center for young journalists and professionals who want to improve their writing, designing and photojournalism skills. The institute teaches through seminars and hand-on experiences, while offering personalized, guided instruction.

Participants are selected for the summer fellowship based on submitted work and interviews.

Cubert is the Ball State chapter president of the Society for News Design (SND); graphic editor for The Daily News, Ball State's student newspaper; art director for Expo, a student-run magazine; and a designer for J-Ideas, an organization that works to increase excellence in high school journalism.

Cubert entered a competition to win a spot at Poynter while attending the SND annual workshop in late August in Orlando.

"They got rid of the regular application process. Instead you had to create a graphic about

what you learned during the workshop, and then go through an interview process," she said. "I used sketches I had seen during a presentation as an inspiration and let myself go on the paper."

The winners were announced at a luncheon Cubert didn't attend. She was unaware she won until an intern contestant, William Couch, congratulated her.

"I was so shocked, it was kind of astounding," she recalled.

Cubert graduates in May. After her summer at Poynter, she plans to return to Ball State to pursue a master's degree in digital storytelling.

Ball State's international student programs thrive, enrollment up 29 percent

Ball State has recorded a record-high for its international student enrollment after rebounding from a post-Sept. 11 drop.

New enrollment increased 29 percent this fall, when 193 students representing 51 countries enrolled at Ball State. The total breaks the 1996 record of 171 new international students.

The increase was due in part to the efforts of Marty Bennett, director of International Services, who developed a five-year strategic plan that included attending college fairs, recruiting and working with key exchange partners to develop more productive relationships and programs.

The result of Bennett's work is summarized by international students such as Xiaojing Cheng, a graduate student from China who is majoring in applied linguistics.

Cheng decided to attend Ball State because of the selection of courses and knowledgeable professors.

"I've taken quite a number of courses, both in my department and other departments at Ball State," Cheng said. "Many of the projects I did were beneficial to my learning and growing academically and personally."

Bennett hopes that the international programs will continue to thrive because participants bring so much to the university, he said. Currently, 511 international students representing 84 different countries are enrolled at Ball State.

"This program exposes students who don't have the opportunity to visit other countries and cultures to students who have different customs, beliefs and traditions," he said. "It really broadens horizons."

The increase in international students comes after several years of declining enrollment due to a combination of events, Bennett said.

For example, before the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, immigration rules were passed to implement a more comprehensive tracking system that required higher education institutions across the nation to closely track international students. The system also required students to pay a \$100 fee before that could make an appointment to get their visas, he said.

After Sept. 11, the declining enrollment continued because prospective international students had more difficulties getting visas and viewed the U.S. as a less welcoming place, Bennett said.

In addition, universities in other countries saw the benefits of international student diversity and received government funding for recruitment. Now, the U.S. government is more actively promoting America as an educational destination to international students, realizing their contributions toward economic good, diversity and multiculturalism, he said.

International students - by the numbers

- 193 - Number of new international students enrolled this semester
- 150 - New international students enrolled in the 2005-06 academic year
- 171 - Previous record-high enrollment of new international student set in 1996
- 510 - Total international students enrolled at Ball State
- 84 - Number of different countries represented by international students enrolled at Ball State

Ball State professors documenting dying language in Mexico

Because a large number of the world's languages may disappear within one or two generations, a pair of Ball State linguists are working against the clock to document and preserve a native language in Mexico.

After trekking across Mexico to record dying native languages for nearly a quarter century, Carolyn MacKay and Frank Trechsel, members of Ball State's English department, are working with the residents of Pisaflores, Mexico, who speak Tepehua.

The indigenous language is in danger of disappearing as its native speakers become more culturally and economically integrated into modern Mexican society, Trechsel said.

"Pisaflores is a small, isolated community near the Gulf coast of Veracruz, which is located in the east central part of the country," he said. "The village is cut off by a river that can only be crossed by boat. It is extremely hot, especially during the summer when we are free to do our fieldwork.

"The residents of Pisaflores speak both Spanish and Tepehua, but we're concerned that once a new highway is constructed within a few miles of the village, many of them will abandon Tepehua as their language of choice for everyday communication." he said.

"The highway represents a way out. The young people will likely leave to find opportunities in Mexico City or the United States. At that point, the Tepehua language will disappear with the last elderly speakers — just as other minority languages have disappeared in Mexico and elsewhere around the world."

MacKay and Trechsel have visited the community each summer for most of the last decade, working with local residents in order to create an oral and written record of their language.

The faculty enlisted several native speakers to help devise a practical orthography, or writing system, for Tepehua. They have produced three bilingual children's book.

"We had to design the orthography ourselves," MacKay said. "That was one of the hardest parts. Several of the sounds in Tepehua do not occur in Spanish, so some of our spelling conventions are unique. You'd be surprised how sensitive people can be about how their language looks on paper."

Trechsel said the community's residents were initially suspicious of their efforts.

"They didn't understand the need to have their language written down on paper," he said. "They also didn't see why we would be interested in documenting it for posterity. It took years to develop solid working relationships. Now we are treated as old friends."

MacKay and Trechsel, who produced the books with support from the National Science Foundation, hope they will encourage native speakers to learn to read and write Tepehua, as well as educate and entertain their children.

"Until now, the people of Pisaflores had no written materials in their language," MacKay said. "If we can motivate just a handful of families to continue to use Tepehua in their everyday interactions and pass it along to their children, we have a chance of reversing the trend toward abandonment of the language."

Two of the books — "Where Are You, Kitty?" and "Is Your Mother a Turtle?" — are based on popular children's books written in English. A third, "The Parrot," is a native Tepehua folktale that tells the story of how parrots acquired their distinctive gait. Full color illustrations drawn by a resident of Pisaflores accompany each text.

"We were lucky in that one of our main consultants turned out to be a very skilled and talented folk artist," Trechsel said.

Printed at Ball State's Printing Services, the books have been distributed to schools, teachers, and libraries throughout Pisaflores. The Pisaflores community has already asked for more copies of the bilingual books, and MacKay and Trechsel will return to the region this summer to distribute the remaining copies and assess further needs and interests.

"We are dedicated to documenting the Tepehua language in Pisaflores," Trechsel said. "It is a part of an ongoing effort to document as many languages as possible before they become extinct. The loss of even one language is a tragedy for linguists and other social scientists. It is the same for biologists when a species disappears. You can never get it back."

ON CAMPUS

Food drive has locations all over campus to make donating convenient

Ball State Staff Council is sponsoring a collection drive for nonperishable food and toiletries through Dec. 15.

Items such as canned food, toilet paper, soap, shampoo and toothpaste can be dropped off at a number of locations around campus or by calling (765) 285-5100 to arrange for pickup.

Donations can be dropped off at:

- Administration Building, room G4
- Alumni Center, reception area
- Architecture and Planning, room 402
- Art and Journalism, room 276
- Arts and Communications, room 200
- Ball Communication Building, room 221
- Bracken Library, first floor lobby by east elevators
- Carmichael, room 200
- Cooper Science - biology department, room 121
- Health and Physical Activity Building, room 225
- LaFollette, front desk
- Lucina, basement break room
- North Quad, lobby by room 112
- Parking Services
- School of Music, room 207
- Service and Stores, by central stores window
- Student Center, room 131
- Teachers College, lobby by elevators
- West Quad, room 110
- Whiting Building - accounting department, room 303

For more information, contact Sylvia Ewert, Staff Council president, at (765) 285-5100 or sewert@bsu.edu.

Ball State's Beta Alpha Psi chapter honored nationally for 16th consecutive year

Ball State's Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) was awarded a superior chapter designation for the 16th consecutive year.

The designation is the highest award presented by the national BAP organization to chapters, and it recognizes excellence in service to the community and professional development.

Very few chapters have maintained such a consistent record, said Mark Myring, faculty adviser for Ball State's chapter.

"This is truly a remarkable accomplishment and a reflection of the dedication of the members and accounting faculty," Myring said.

BAP is an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals who achieve excellence in academic performance and complete an extensive program of community service and professional development.

Members of Ball State's chapter include:

- Juniors Josh Gallion, Denise Jutte, Brittany Singleton and Sara St. Clair
- Seniors Nicole Palmer, Anna Barber, Jamie Kooi, Christopher Messmann, Jana Miller, Ashlie D'Angelo, Janine Siefert, Damon Smith, Zachary Richards, Kevin Umberger, Nicholas Crabtree and Chris Arrington
- Graduate students Tamara Sipes, Natalie Shafer, Joseph Randolph and Kara Thome

Ball State students to have work published in national writing journal

Three Ball State students and a professor have been recognized for their creative writing by Thoreau's Rooster, a nonfiction journal published by Assumption College in Massachusetts.

Recent graduate Steven Shattuck received the editor's prize for his story "Tumbling Dice," a depiction of a dysfunctional family, which judge Bill Roorbach described as fresh "with its epistolary counterpoint and welter of voices."

Senior Tara Sumrall earned an honorable mention for her portrait of a complicated father titled "My Peripeteia." Roorbach said it contained good language, bright settings and nice dialogue.

Recent graduate Sam Edmonds' story "Red Metallic" also will be included in the publication as will a piece by Barbara Bogue, assistant professor of English, who wrote a tribute to Krystal Madison, a student who died last spring.

Sumrall is majoring in telecommunications and English. Shattuck graduated in the spring with a major in telecommunications and a minor in creative writing. Edmonds recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in English.

For more information, visit www.assumption.edu/rooster.

Deadline nears for service award selection

Eligible staff and service personnel have only a few days remaining to select awards recognizing their anniversaries with Ball State.

Ball State annually has recognized service personnel since 1956 and initiated the staff recognition program in 1965. Employees are recognized beginning with their 10th anniversary and in five-year increments thereafter.

Dec. 15 is the deadline to submit forms to WorkLife Programs for the recognition gift employees are eligible to receive. 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.

For more information, contact Marta Stephens at (765) 285-1187 or mstephen@bsu.edu.

IN THE NEWS

Ball State charter schools

The Office of Charter Schools was featured in a Nov. 28 article in the Herald Times (Bloomington) for granting the organizers of a proposed Anderson charter school permission to proceed with the final step in the proposal process.

Ball State is the only university in Indiana to authorize charter schools, which are public schools free from many regulations that bind traditional schools.

Ball State Council on the Environment

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) is featuring Ball State on its Web site, www.aashe.org, through mid-January.

The AASHE spotlighted Ball State for its continuing implementation of sustainability initiatives campus-wide through the Council on the Environment (COTE). COTE was created in March 2001 to encourage the development of an environmentally responsible campus community. It comprises representatives from each of the university's academic colleges and vice presidential areas, the student body and the Muncie community.

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

A Nov. 29 article in The Indianapolis Star quoted Barkey about the best way the government can tax citizens.

"The purpose of taxes is to raise revenue," Barkey said. "The best tax is one that taxes everything and has the lowest rate possible."

According to Barkey, it's better for government because it means revenues are stable, and it benefits taxpayers because they don't invest energy in tax-avoidance behaviors.

Barkey was also quoted in an article in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette and wrote an article that was featured in the Indianapolis Business Journal.

Michael Bloxham, testing center director, Center for Media Design

Bloxham was quoted in an article in the December 2006 issue of MediaPostPublications about the ways in which people are using their computers like televisions.

"The difference between the TV and the PC is getting less almost by the month," Bloxham said. "They're kind of morphing, and the only real difference is the size of the screen, where I'm using it, my need state or mind state, and, at the moment, the amount of interactivity."

Building Better Communities

Ball State's Building Better Communities was mentioned in a Dec. 4 article in the Chicago Sun-Times for its work on a comprehensive plan for the town of Lowell, Ind.

The goal of the plan is to bring focus back to the downtown, which has a strong historic significance for the community and Lake County.

Elaine Fisher, director, Building Better Communities

A Dec. 1 article in the Herald Journal (Monticello) quoted Fisher about a comprehensive plan Building Better Communities is writing for Reynolds, Ind. (aka BioTown).

The plan will deal with the best use for land, transportation issues and how to protect green space and farm land.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to work on a project that is truly unique ... and provide some good services to a small community," Fisher said.

Jo Ann M. Gora, Ball State president

Gora was quoted in a Dec. 5 article on the Web site USNews.com about the importance of technology on college campuses.

"Technology is one of the key things that students are looking for in a campus, but they don't always know what they want or how they'll use it," Gora said.

Gora was also featured on Nov. 29 newscasts on WISH-TV channel 8, WRTV channel 6 and Fox 59 and was quoted in an article on the Web site InsideIndianaBusiness.com about the opening of the Ball State Indianapolis Center. Her editorial about Ball State's "Education Redefined" initiative was featured in the Hammond Times.

Jim Lowe, director of engineering and operations, Facilities Planning and Management; and **Tom Morrison**, associate vice president for human resources and state relations

A Nov. 27 article in the Herald Times (Bloomington) quoted Lowe and Morrison about the new construction taking place on Ball State's campus.

Lowe and Morrison hope that the new construction projects, like Park Residence Hall and the Communication and Media Building, will ultimately help attract students.

SPOTLIGHT

Creative Endeavors

George Wolfe, School of Music, "An Evening of Chamber Music: Fundraiser Concert for Java Quake Victims," Asbury Methodist Church, Austin, Texas.

Presentations

Richard Bellaver, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, "Introduction to Usability," Second Annual World Usability Day Conference, Kite Conference Center, Indianapolis.

Jackie Buckrop, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, National Communication Association conference, San Antonio.

- "Engaging the 'NeXter' in the Postmodern Basic Course: What NeXters Need from Us and What We Can Expect from Them"
- "The 'Sort of Impromptu' Campus Speech: Great Ideas in Teaching Speech"

Jackie Buckrop, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, and **Frank Gray**, Department of Communication Studies, "Making the Basic Course Richer and WISER," National Communication Association conference, San Antonio.

Jim Chesebro, Department of Telecommunications, National Communication Association (NCA) conference, San Antonio.

- "A Critical Response to 'Queer Theory and Communication'"
- "The Internet as a Dramatistic Site of Symbolic Action"
- "Media Effects Research: The Transformation from a Rational-Systems-Narrative Scheme to Emotions"
- "R. Anthony Slagle: Scholarly Strategies of a New Generation"
- "Characteristics and a Placement of Marshall McLuhan's Ph.D. Dissertation 'The Classical Trivium'"
- "Remembering Bernard L. Brock"
- Participated in NCA Legislative Assembly, Past Presidents Association and as editor of NCA's online journal, Review of Communication

Patrick Collier, Department of English, presented at the Modernist Studies Association Eighth Annual Conference, Tulsa, Okla.

John Dailey, Department of Telecommunications, "Creative DVD Navigation," International Digital Media and Arts Association 2006 Conference, National University, San Diego.

Michael Doyle, Department of History, workshop, "'Talkin' About a Revolution': The Counterculture of America in the 1960s," Ottawa Hills High School, Toledo, Ohio.

Frank Felsenstein, Department of English, presented at the Mid-Atlantic World History Association, East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Emese Ivan, School of Physical Education, "The 'Hidden Competition' of International Relations - The Changing Face of Central European Sports System," annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement Slavic Studies, Washington, D.C.

Pamela Hartman, Department of English, presented a paper at the National Council of Teachers of English conference, Nashville, Tenn.

Michael Holmes, Center for Media Design, "Concurrent Media Exposure: A Critique of Obsolete Assumptions in Media Theories," National Communication Association conference, San Antonio.

Andrea Jenkins, Department of English, presented at the Midwest Modern Language Association conference, Chicago.

Carolyn MacKay, Department of English, "A Preliminary Survey of Double Object Constructions in the Totonac-Tepehua Languages," Hermosillo, Mexico.

Beth Messner, Department of Communication Studies, "The Rhetoric of Oppression," National Communication Association conference, San Antonio.

Kenan Metzger, Department of English, "Complete Teachers Continuing to Resist the Testing Tyranny: Strategies for Educators," National Council of Teachers of English conference, Nashville, Tenn.

Deborah Mix, Department of English, "Call Me Ruth: Housekeeping in Moby Dick," Why It Matters Now Symposium, Albany, N.Y.

Robert Pritchard, Department of Journalism, panelist, "Practitioner Turned Educator: A Report from the Trenches," Public Relations Society of America International Conference, Salt Lake City.

Robert Pritchard and **Vince Filak**, Department of Journalism, "Gaining a Seat at the Table: The Intersection of Power, Leadership and the Dominant Coalition," Educators Academy Super Saturday, Public Relations Society of America International Conference, Salt Lake City.

Peggy Rice, Department of English, "Educational Drama as a Tool for Critical Conversations about Race and Gender," National Council of Teachers of English conference, Nashville, Tenn.

Matthew Shaw, University Libraries, presented a paper at the Midwest Modern Language Association conference, Chicago.

Kirsten Smith, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, "Teaching the Business of Digital Media," International Digital Media and Arts Association 2006 Conference, National University, San Diego.

Kirsten Smith, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, and **Paul Buis**, Department of Computer Science, "Integrating Software Usability into the Development Process Using the Expert Review Model and Expert Reviewer Reporting Tool," Software Engineering Research Center Fall 2006 Showcase, Ball State Alumni Center.

Glen Stamp, Department of Communication Studies, "The Inauguration of the Mark L. Knapp Award in Interpersonal Communication," National Communication Association conference, San Antonio.

George Wolfe, School of Music and Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

- "Motivic Improvisation," Eugene Rousseau International Saxophone Master Class, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
- "Nonviolence as a Spiritual Path: How to Become More Dangerous Dead Than Alive," St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas

Publications

Richard Bellaver, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, "Characters of the Information and Communication Age," AuthorHouse Press.

Recognitions

Robert Pritchard and **Vince Filak**, Department of Journalism, received top faculty paper honors for "Gaining a Seat at the Table: The Intersection of Power, Leadership and the Dominant Coalition" at the Public Relations Society of America International Conference, Salt Lake City.

Service

Ione DeOllos, Department of Sociology, was elected vice president of the Indiana Conference of the American Association of University Professors.

Brian Dietz, Student Programs, was selected to serve a three-year term as the regional director for the Indiana-Ohio-Michigan region of "The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Other Drug Issues."

Jay Gillette, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, chaired the publicity committee at the Second Annual World Usability Day Conference, Kite Conference Center, Indianapolis.

Kirsten Smith, Center for Information and Communication Sciences, conference chair, Second Annual World Usability Day Conference, Kite Conference Center, Indianapolis.

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