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Telephone Directory

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Campus Information	765-285-5000
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Counseling Center	765-285-1736
Disabled Student Development	765-285-5293
Dining	765-285-1967
Health Center	765-285-8431
Housing and Residence Life	765-285-8000
Learning Center	765-285-1006
Multicultural Center	765-285-1344
Parking Services	765-285-1208
Police	765-285-1111
Registration and Academic Progress	765-285-1722
Scholarships and Financial Aid	765-285-5600 800-227-4017
Student Center Programs	765-285-1031
Student Legal Services	765-285-1888
Student Life	765-285-2621
Student Rights and Community Standards	765-285-5036

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FACILITIES: Cutting-edge glass art facility to support new degree programs opens in fall

A cutting-edge facility in which Ball State will introduce a new glass art curriculum for graduate and undergraduate students—the first such program in Indiana—will open in the fall semester. The center will be named for one of Indiana's most influential supporters of art and an avid glass art collector.

The Marilyn K. Glick Center for Glass, made possible by gift from a fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation established by Marilyn and Eugene Glick, will provide comprehensive educational opportunities in the arts through an innovative and intensive studio environment and make possible the

creation of the first bachelor and master of fine arts degrees in glass in Indiana. The 10,000-square-foot center for hot glass instruction will feature three glass furnaces, glass blowing and workspace, a cold shop, and a photo documentation lab on a site in the southwest corner of campus, across from Ball Memorial Hospital and adjacent to Christy Woods.

The high-tech equipment and workspace will attract national and international visiting artists as well as undergraduate and graduate students interested in the glass program and complement Ball State's acclaimed Museum of Art and Department of Art.

The center, the first facility constructed on campus to take advantage of the geothermal heating and cooling project, also creates a unique environment for interactive fine arts experiences for Muncie and central Indiana residents. An outreach program will be established to include professional glass workshops and children's art classes. Every semester, the center will open its doors to children from the Delaware County area for classes. Ball State art education students will lead the children in arts activities, with enrollment anticipated to be between 80 and 100 elementary-age students each semester.

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CONNECTIONS: Online systems simplify access to student data

Ball State University has embarked upon a new approach to support and facilitate student and parent dialogue about academic performance.



Nancy Cronk

The federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) gives students the sole authority to determine who has access to their information, including grades. In compliance with FERPA, Ball State has developed a new student Web service called My Education Gateway (MEG). MEG allows students to view their education records in a single location, and if students choose, to authorize up to four parents/family members to view those education records in their own Parent Education Gateway (PEG).

"Since it became available in the fall semester, interest in this service has really

WHAT IS FERPA?

Students who are currently enrolled or formerly enrolled, regardless of their age, are subject to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The law was passed by Congress in 1974 and grants four specific rights to students:

- the right to see the information that Ball State has concerning the student
- the right to seek to amend those records and in certain cases append a statement to the record
- the right to consent to disclosure of his/her records
- the right to file a complaint with the Department of Education Compliance Office in Washington D.C.

An educational record is any record, file, document, or other material that contains information directly related to the student and maintained by Ball State. The law requires students to give their consent before a faculty or staff member can discuss academic progress with anyone other than the students, including parents.

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Dates to Remember

March 22, Monday

Course withdrawal for spring semester ends
Course request for fall semester begins

April 13, Tuesday

Course request for fall semester ends

May 1, Saturday

Final exam day for Saturday classes

May 3–7, Monday–Friday

Final exam period

May 8, Saturday

Commencement
Residence halls close at 6 p.m.

May 16, Sunday

Residence halls open at 9 a.m.

May 17, Monday

Summer semester begins

May 21, Friday

Last day to register for summer semester

May 31, Monday

Memorial Day—no classes

June 28, Monday

Course withdrawal for summer semester ends

July 5, Monday

Independence Day observance—no classes

July 23, Friday

Summer semester ends

July 24, Saturday

Commencement
Residence halls close at 6 p.m.

Marilyn K. Glick Center for Glass, rendering



SUPPORT: Parents Fund provides safe entertainment, scholarships

This semester, students will call parents to request contributions to the Ball State Parents Fund. The gifts are used to provide safe and fun weekend programming, emergency financial assistance, and scholarships for incoming freshmen.

“Ball State parents are very supportive and generous when it comes to supporting Ball State students,” says Jennifer Marsh, director of annual giving. “They are eager to contribute to such worthwhile programs as Late Nite, which offers safe entertainment and activities on campus each week for students, and to the emergency aid fund, which helps students in need. Parents appreciate knowing that their gifts will have an immediate impact and will improve the college experience for their own students as well as others.”

Gifts may be made at any time by calling toll free 866-953-2653, or from a secure and convenient online giving site accessible through www.bsu.edu/giving. At a meeting this fall semester, the Parents Advisory Council (PAC) voted to support the following with Parents Fund dollars:

- \$10,000 for the Late Nite program for the 2009–10 school year
- \$22,500 for 15 one-time scholarships to incoming freshmen for the fall semester of 2010
- \$25,000 for emergency student aid through the Jack Beyerl Emergency Aid Fund.

Late Nite is perhaps the most visible of the projects funded through the Parents Fund and impacts the most students.

“An average of 900 students enjoy Late Nite each weekend,” Marsh says. “For the past seven years, this program has enjoyed growing popularity on campus because of its high-energy entertainment in a safe, alcohol-free environment. Every weekend, students enjoy activities such as movies, karaoke, crafts, bowling, and billiards. It’s all free, including the food! Students love it because it’s lots of fun. Parents love it because they know their students are safe.”

For the past 12 years, the PAC has supported offering \$1,500 scholarships to 10 incoming freshmen. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize the leadership potential of students who have not been awarded other university scholarships. These scholarships are an important recruitment tool and offer students some needed financial support. Incidentally, these scholarships also aid the university’s retention rate, as statistically more than 90 percent of the recipients stay at Ball State, Marsh says.

“Thanks to the generosity of our parent donors over the past two years, this fall the PAC voted to give 15 \$1,500 scholarships. The increase in the number of scholarships offered is very exciting as we usually have an average of 200 applicants,” Marsh says.

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Ball State, Muncie, and central Indiana have strong historical connections to glass, dating back to July 1887, when the Ball brothers selected Muncie as the location for their glass factories. Several major industrial glass companies still operating within central Indiana are interested in the glass program and can serve as corporate partners. Based on these relationships, and others, the university is confident that there will be tremendous interest on the part of alumni, friends, companies, and organizations in assisting with the Glick Fund’s \$5 million matching gift challenge and ultimately

becoming active participants in the glass program.

“I know this gift will be a lasting legacy to my mother’s interest in glass art through a world-class program for undergraduate and graduate students at Ball State, and it will be a wonderful resource to the Muncie community,” says Marianne Glick, an artist and member of the Ball State Board of Trustees.

For information about making a gift to support this project, please contact University Advancement toll-free at 866-953-2653 (BOLD) or visit www.bsu.edu/bold.

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taken off,” says Nancy Cronk, registrar. “We have lots of parents who are very well-versed in PEG. They appreciate that they can go in anytime and see the performance of their student or get information without having to wait for their student to either call them back or send them a text message.”

Students can log in to MEG at <https://apps.bs.edu/MyEducationGateway> to view academic information and to grant access for others to view information such as grades, class schedules, and overall academic standing with the university (in good standing, on academic probation, or disqualified).

To get access, a parent or family member needs to visit www.bs.edu/peg and sign up for a Ball State Passport ID.

It is crucial that the parent take this step before the student attempts to grant access. Next, the student must log on to MEG, click on “Parent Education Gateway” (located in gray box on right column), click “Edit Permission,” and complete the online permission form. When Web permission is granted, the parent/family member will receive an e-mail.

Students and parents will find there are two levels of access the student may grant, “Web access” and “conversation access.”

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—Nancy Cronk, registrar

Parents unable to view information online may want to talk with their students to find out which level of access they allowed. If only “conversation” access has been granted, the parent has the ability to call specific university offices to discuss certain information but will not be able to view any of the student’s information through the Web. It is also important to know that students have the right to change the access settings at any point in time.

Cronk says she anticipates the next features to be made available on the MEG/PEG system will include transcripts, enrollment verification, and student financial information.

For more information, please contact the Office of Registration and Academic Progress at registrar@bsu.edu or 765-285-1722 or visit www.bs.edu/registrar.

■ Police offer classes, safety services

At Ball State, we are committed to maintaining a safe environment for our entire community. To that end, university police offer a variety of services to protect students and their belongings on and near campus. The department is staffed by professional, capable officers, and it is the first campus law enforcement agency in the state to achieve international accreditation. Please urge your student to take advantage of all our department has to offer, including:

- defense classes for men or women
- safety checks of off-campus housing
- bicycle registration
- invisible ink to mark belongings
- Charlie’s Charter escort service.

Your student can find safety tips and links to additional university resources at www.bs.edu/safety.

■ College students and the U.S. Census

Late last year, the State of Indiana asked for Ball State’s help in ensuring our students are accurately counted in the 2010 U.S. Census. Because census data is used for planning, such as determining where to build hospitals or expand roads, it is important that residents be counted where they live for most of the year. Commuter students who reside with parents or guardians during the school year should be accounted for on those households’ forms, but otherwise you should leave them off your forms so no one is counted twice.

Students who do not live with parents or guardians full-time will need to fill out their own forms and return them via U.S. mail or to a designated location on campus. That location will be announced at www.bs.edu/2010census, and will also offer assistance to students filling out the forms.

Students in a residence hall or sorority or fraternity house will receive census forms in April; off-campus students will receive theirs in March. All students living at one off-campus address are considered one household, so only one form should be completed with information about all the people living at that address.

Thank you for helping us to support the U.S. Census Bureau’s efforts.

PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members of the Parents Advisory Council serve as liaisons between all parents and the university. Their names and contact information are provided for readers who may wish to contact them with questions or comments. Approximately 17 representative families, with no more than 15 from Indiana, serve on the council.

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