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## University is charter member of materials network

Although exact funding levels are not precisely known, the University will receive approximately \$200,000 of the \$2.193 million allocated by the Ohio Board of Regents for creation of a materials network.

Bowling Green is one of four charter members in MatNet, as it is commonly known. The network, newly funded by the regents, is among seven research groups that link leading researchers in Ohio who are investigating related questions.

The regents say the networks will strengthen Ohio's capacity to address some of the most important questions in fields that hold promise for the state's future economic growth. The award-winning consortia were chosen for funding through a competitive review of 22 proposals.

Funds for MatNet will be used to purchase advanced equipment for materials science research at Bowling Green, Case Western Reserve, Ohio State and the University of Cincinnati.

Materials science includes the study of metals, ceramics, polymers and electronic and optical device materials. Ohio is considered a leading state in the education of materials-based scientists, engineers and technicians.

According to Dr. Robert Boughton, physics and astronomy, Bowling Green has been involved in planning the network for several years. He and a group of other researchers from several universities met for the first time three years ago to discuss how they might cut costs by minimizing duplicate equipment and opening laboratories to researchers from outside their own institutions.

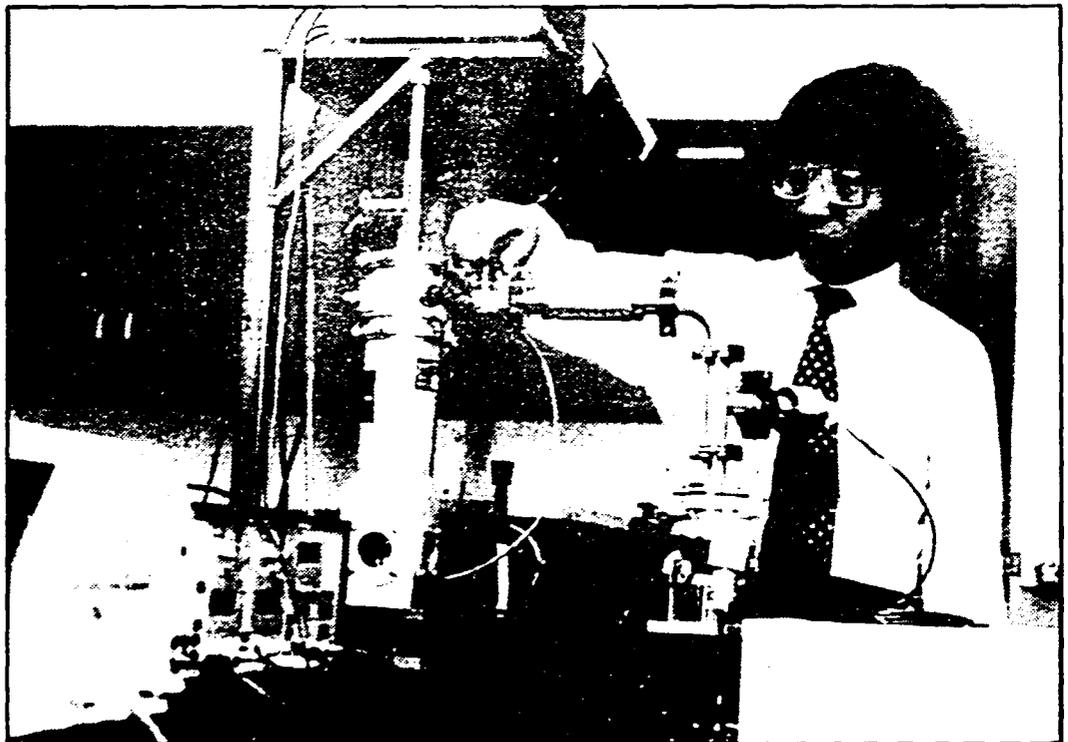
"Because research equipment is so costly, it doesn't make sense to have several universities purchasing the same equipment at a cost of a half million dollars each," Boughton explained. "There was also the realization that no single institution can have everything it needs."

State support of MatNet is seen as helping to enhance Ohio's competitiveness by strengthening its academic research facilities and increasing the rate of scientific development and technology transfer to commercial products.

Bowling Green's participation in the network is interdisciplinary, Boughton noted. It includes faculty from physics and astronomy, geology, biological sciences, technology systems and photochemistry.

Initial funding allocated to the University will be used for a photoelectron microscope and for equipment for electro-optics research.

The equipment, which Boughton described as "the best in the world," will be available for use by anyone in Ohio whose research proposal is approved by a review committee. It is expected that eventually the equipment will be in use around the clock, with approximately 10 percent of the time allocated to researchers from other universities and from industry. The only charges will be for supplies, Boughton said.



*New equipment will enhance Bowling Green's already strong materials science program, thanks to a grant from the Ohio Board of Regents to four universities that are charter members of a materials network. State support of the network is expected to enhance the rate of scientific development and research in Ohio.*

"We anticipate having researchers from nearly every materials science graduate program in Ohio use MatNet, as well as researchers from Wright Patterson (Air Force Base) and NASA Lewis Research Center. The wild card is industrial people. We don't know yet how many we'll have," Boughton said.

Specific areas of research targeted by

MatNet are developing new materials for use in electronic device applications and developing innovative ways to create and fabricate new materials.

At the same time, as the Ohio Board of Regents pointed out in announcing funding for MatNet, the network will provide unique opportunities for students to receive technical training.

## CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL

At the July 20 meeting of Classified Staff Council held at Firelands College, members discussed the distribution of the 4.05 percent salary pool increase recently approved by the Board of Trustees.

Chair Bob Kreienkamp reported that the CSC Executive Committee met with Bob Martin, vice president for operations, June 28 and was asked to present recommendations to University administrators regarding the salary pool. On July 1, after consulting with the CSC Salary Compensation Committee, the executive committee proposed a two percent increase in hourly wages plus 11 cents per hour. This increase, effective July 4, was reflected in the July 30 classified staff paychecks.

"We made these recommendations because we were concerned that the people in the lower paid positions wouldn't be getting enough money to cover extra increases in health care costs," Kreienkamp said. "The 11-cent-an-hour recommendation favors those in lower paid positions by giving them a slightly higher percentage increase."

Members of the CSC Salary Compensation Committee said at the July 20

meeting that their recommendations differed from those of the executive committee. The salary committee members preferred a straight percentage increase given to all classified staff rather than a fixed monetary amount. Committee members suggested that fixed amounts penalize individuals at the higher end of the pay scale.

In other business:

- Pat Kitchen and Sandy White were introduced as new members of CSC;
- It was announced the fall convocation for all classified staff will be at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30, in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

## Falcon's Nest changes hours

The Falcon's Nest in the University Union will be closed this week (Aug. 9-13) for maintenance work. Cafeteria service will be available in the Bowl 'n Greenery from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the week.

## New admissions cycle underway

The University is now accepting applications for the 1994 entering freshman class.

Application materials have been sent to nearly 21,000 students who have expressed an interest in attending the University. John W. Martin, director of admissions, said that number represents an increase over previous years. He said the 1994 freshman class will number about 3,100 students, which is about the same as this fall's entering group.

The University limits its freshman class to approximately 3,000-3,100 new students each fall because of the state-mandated enrollment ceiling of 16,000 full-time equivalent students.

## Athletic department needs volunteers

The athletic department is seeking faculty and staff who are interested in working as ticket-takers and gatekeepers at football and/or basketball games during the 1993-94 seasons. In exchange for their work they will receive season tickets to hockey and/or basketball games.

Workers report one-half hour before the gates open, work approximately three hours per game and are always done by halftime. For more information, call Phil Goldstein, athletics, at 2-2401. A limited number of positions is available.

## CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### New vacancies

Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon Friday, Aug. 13.

- 8-13-1 **Communication Technician 2**  
Pay Grade 10  
Library Systems
  - 8-13-2 **Electronic Technician 1**  
Pay Grade 29  
Physical Security Services
  - 8-13-3 **Housekeeping Manager 3**  
Pay Grade 29  
Custodial Department
  - 8-13-4 **Vehicle Operator 1**  
Pay Grade 4  
Shuttle Service  
Academic year, part-time
  - 8-13-5 **Word Processing Specialist 1**  
Pay Grade 25  
College of Business Administration
- Correction
- 7-30-21 **Stores Clerk**  
Pay Grade 3  
Food Operations  
Academic year, full-time

## FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

The following administrative staff positions are available:

**Food Operations:** General Manager. Contact Personnel Services (2-2227). Deadline: Aug. 27.

**Ice Arena:** Supervisor of maintenance and facilities. Contact Personnel Services (2-8426). Deadline: Aug. 13.

**Office of Development:** Associate director of development/planned giving. Contact Personnel Services (2-2227). Deadline: Aug. 12.

**Physical Plant:** Recycling coordinator. Contact Personnel Services (2-2227). Deadline: Aug. 13.

**President's Office:** Special events coordinator. Contact Dr. Lester Barber (2-2214). Deadline: Aug. 13 or until position is filled.

The following faculty positions are available:

**Music Composition/History:** Assistant or associate professor (temporary, full-time). Anticipated. Contact Office of the Dean, College of Musical Arts (2-2188). Deadline: Aug. 15.

**Marketing:** Associate/full visiting professor (terminal, full-time). Contact Dr. James West (2-2041). Deadline: Sept. 1.

## Rowney studies Russian economy

Dr. Don Rowney, history, has received more than \$82,000 in funding to support his research on economic development in Russia.

Rowney, an internationally recognized expert on Soviet history, will conduct research on the characteristics of Russia's state administration of economic development over the past century, from roughly 1880 to the present.

His findings will be used by economists and government officials who are responsible for reforming or analyzing current events in Russia in order to cope with changing political and economic circumstances.

The National Council for Soviet and East European Research has provided \$60,000 in funding for the project, which is entitled "Industrial Administration in Russia, Historical Constraint and Reform." The funds will enable Rowney to be released from teaching obligations to spend six months conducting research. The grant also will provide support for a Bowling Green doctoral student to serve as his research assistant.

The National Council for Soviet and East European Research was founded in 1978 as a nonprofit academic organization by the leaders of some of the nation's most respected universities and scholarly societies. The council was created to encourage and sustain high-quality research and related activities dealing with the development of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Competition for funding from the council

## Holiday schedule reviewed for 1993

The personnel office has issued the following reminder about holidays for the remainder of 1993. They will be observed as indicated:

- September 6 (Monday) Labor Day
- November 11 (Thursday) Veterans' Day
- November 25 (Thursday) Thanksgiving
- November 26 (Friday) Reassignment of Presidents' Day (floating holiday)
- December 23 (Thursday) Reassignment of Columbus Day (floating holiday)
- December 24 (Friday) Christmas Day.

## FOR SALE

Environmental Health and Safety has for sale an IBM-type personal computer, 286 CPU, math coprocessor, 640K of RAM, a 30 megabyte hard drive, 5 1/4" disk drives, AT keyboard, and a monochrome (amber on black) monitor. \$300. Call 2-2171.

The College of Business Administration is selling an AB Dick Model 565 mimeograph machine purchased in 1985. Best offer. Contact Joyce Hyslop at 2-8823.

is keen and support for historical research is rare, according to Rowney. The professor said he thinks his project was chosen for funding in part because of the stature of Bowling Green's history department and its policy history program, as well as the cooperative efforts of the University's Graduate College and the program in economic and public policy for scholars from Central and Eastern Europe.

Reports on Rowney's research will be distributed to the U.S. departments of State and Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, members of Congress and the National Security Agency.

In addition, the work will result in a book and portions of it will be presented during an interdisciplinary conference scheduled in the fall of 1994.

The conference, which will bring together prominent economists, political scientists and sociologists, will focus on the relationship between the state and economic development. It is being organized in cooperation with Bowling Green Eminent Scholar Edward S. McClennen of the University's Department of Philosophy and the East and Central European studies program.

Rowney also has received travel grants and other support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the International Research and Exchanges Board and an \$8,000 research grant from the University's Faculty Research Committee for the summer of 1994. These awards will go toward supporting two months of full-time archival research in Russia.

"Doing research in Russian history is difficult in several respects," Rowney said, "but the most consistent difficulty is certainly finding the substantial amounts of money necessary for it."

A key to his success in obtaining those funds is recognition that historical systems and past behavior are critical to understanding and evaluating present-day policies, Rowney said.

"It is clear that arguments grounded in economic and political data that explicitly link the past and present policies are increasingly interesting and persuasive to both the public and academic communities," he said.

## Personal leave policy clarified

Classified and administrative employees are reminded that personal leave may be used only in minimum incremental units of two hours, i.e., in two-, four-, six- or eight-hour increments.

The personnel services office reports that there seems to be some confusion regarding the use of personal leave. Employees with questions should contact their supervisors or the personnel services office.

## It's not too late for Mud Hens night

Tickets are still available for BGSU's night at the Mud Hens today (Aug. 9). Faculty, staff and students are invited to take part in this special event.

The Mud Hens will pay a doubleheader with Norfolk beginning at 6 p.m. at Skeldon Stadium. A representative of the Bowling Green group will be selected to throw out the first pitch.

Tickets can be purchased at the Mileti Alumni Center until 5 p.m. today. Ticket prices are \$5 for box seats and \$4 for reserved seats.