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Building's classroom facilities are unique in Ohio

Olscamp Hall dedication ushers in new era of learning

Today isn't just the first day of a new school year. It marks the beginning of a new era in technological advancement and learning for the University.

Paul J. Olscamp Hall, the \$13.5 million classroom building which features equipment to be used for distance learning, will be dedicated at 12:30 p.m. today (Aug. 22). All university personnel are invited to attend.

Gov. George V. Voinovich and Dr. James Appleberry, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, are slated to be the keynote speakers at the ceremony.

Other honored guests at the dedication include President Olscamp; Dr. Douglas Neckers, executive director of the Center for Photochemical Sciences, and C. Ellen Connally and John Mahaney Jr., both members of the University's Board of Trustees.

"This building is capable of doing incredible things. It will keep the University at the crest of the technology wave."

—President Olscamp

The two-story, 95,000-square-foot building can seat more than 2,000 students in 30 classrooms, seminar rooms and lecture halls. There is also a 600-seat conference center that can be divided into two smaller sections with movable sound-controlling partitions.

While the new building will ease the demand for classroom space on the campus and the 600-seat conference room is a welcome addition to the University's conference capabilities, it is literally the wiring which makes the building unique and its educational potential unlimited.

Designed by The Collaborative of Toledo and built by Rudolph/Libbe of Walbridge, Ohio, the building's single purpose is communication.

No classroom building in the state has the capabilities for learning and communication that this building has, according to Tony Short, director of learning services for WBGU-TV 27 and the person responsible for coordinating the installation of the high-tech equipment in the building.

"In Ohio, this building is unique and

it is state-of-the-art," he added.

Every room in the building is wired with fiberoptic cable, allowing for unlimited electronic expansion and changes. Many of the rooms have TVs, VCRs, computers and other audio-visual equipment built in and one 20-seat classroom has a computer at every student's desk.

But it is the three "teleteaching rooms," which clearly demonstrate the building's potential. The three rooms will seat a maximum of 20, 60 and 300 students, respectively.

Each room has a front console from which the professor (or an assistant in a nearby control room) can operate two types of VCRs, a slide projector, an audio system, a computer with graphics capabilities, and a copystand with a video camera. Whatever is being projected, displayed or broadcast can be seen by the students on two TVs, which the professor can also control from the console.

As the professor lectures, any of these media can be used to demonstrate the points being discussed.

But what makes this more than just a room filled with electronic gadgets are the three television cameras positioned around each room and the microphones which are built into the teaching podium and to each student's desk.

The professor can remotely control these cameras, and the pictures from the cameras can be transmitted to any distant location.

Depending on where the signal must travel, the transmission can be done by cable, microwave, telephone lines or satellite, making the transmission as practical and cost-effective as possible.

In addition, if the locations receiving the program have cameras and microphones, those pictures can be sent back to the classroom. At the very least, a telephone hook-up can be made between the classroom and the distant locations, allowing the off-campus students to ask questions, even if they cannot be seen.

In a typical class, Short said, one of the TV cameras could be focused on the professor, another on the students, and the third on one of the television screens which is displaying the professor's supporting materials.

In this way, the students at the distant locations can see the professor when he or she is talking, the students when they are asking or answering questions, and the supporting materials which are amplifying the points the



The recently opened \$13.5 million classroom building and teleconferencing center was named in honor of University President Paul J. Olscamp.

professor is making.

In essence, distance disappears, Short said.

In another configuration, a class can have a guest lecturer without the need for that guest to leave his or her home city. The students and guest will be able to see and, of course, hear each other, allowing for question-and-answer periods or other interactions.

Short said the potential is that students can be exposed to people that they might otherwise never have the

chance to meet. A governor, senator, CEO or foreign government official, for example, may never be able to find the time to travel to Bowling Green to meet with a class, but can make it to the nearest broadcast center to meet via satellite.

How the building can be used is limited only by the imagination of the

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Professor is internationally renowned for his work in genetics

Dr. Ron Woodruff is named a Distinguished Research Professor

Dr. Ron Woodruff, biological sciences, has been named a Distinguished Research Professor by the University's Board of Trustees.

One of the highest honors awarded to a faculty member, the title recognizes professors who have earned outstanding national and international recognition through research and publication in their chosen fields of study.

Woodruff is internationally renowned for his extensive research in the field of genetics using *Drosophila*, commonly known as the fruitfly. He is the director of the Mid-America *Drosophila* Stock Center, a facility housed at the University that provides species of fruitflies to researchers and educational facilities.

Woodruff's work has been supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Environmental Health Services and NATO.

"Ron has established himself as a highly respected expert in all facets of mutagenesis," said Dr. Mark Gromko, biological sciences, who on behalf of the department nominated Woodruff for the honor. Mutagenesis is the study of chemicals that cause mutations in DNA.

"He has worked and published with a large number of collaborators representing laboratories from all over the United States and several foreign countries, including Australia, Brazil, Switzerland, Canada, Spain, Great Britain, Kenya, Sweden, India, Japan and the former Soviet Union," Gromko said.

During his career, Woodruff has garnered numerous awards, grants and fellowships, including the prestigious Fulbright Research Award and the National Institute of Health Career Development Award.

His work is published in more than 20

different journals and five edited books and symposia. His work has also appeared in such publications as *Science, Nature, Genetics, Developmental Biology, Mutation Research, Genetical Research, Heredity, Environmental Mutagenesis* and *Genome*.

As a result of his expertise in genetics, Woodruff has been called to serve on committees and subcommittees of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Genetics Society of America, the American Society for Testing and Materials and the Ohio Biological Survey.

In addition to his research, Woodruff was lauded for his work with graduate and undergraduate students. Of the 16 graduate students he has advised, several are currently in postdoctoral positions around the country, two hold faculty positions and one holds an

administrative position in government, according to Gromko.

A native of Texas, Woodruff received his bachelor's and master's degrees from East Texas State University in 1966 and 1967, respectively. He received his doctorate from Utah State University in 1972.

He taught at the University of Texas at Austin, did research at the University of Cambridge in England and did research at the University of Oklahoma before joining the Bowling Green faculty in 1977.



Ron Woodruff

University raises \$4 million in private funds for the third year in a row

For the third time in as many years, the University has raised more than \$4 million in private funds.

At the June 30 close of the fiscal year, a total of \$4.2 million had been raised for the 1993-94 year. While that number was down slightly from last year's record \$4.5 million, Kenneth C. Frisch, development, said overall he is very pleased with the year's performance.

Among the highlights of the year was the wrap-up of a two-year \$1.825 million arts campaign that raised a total of nearly \$2.19 million for the School of Art, theatre

department, dance program, College of Musical Arts and the Arts Unlimited program.

New records were also established in alumni giving and pledges made through the University's telefund. This year a record 15,024 alumni contributed nearly \$2.1 million to their colleges, departments or special programs such as athletics or the marching band. The annual telefund raised more than \$658,000 in pledges. That money helped buy books in the library and new computer terminals. It funded several scholarships, allowed

faculty and students in the College of Technology to build an electric car, funded a part-time career development specialist position in the College of Arts and Sciences and much more.

The University's largest bequest ever, from the estate of James Good, a 1951 graduate, also was received during the 1993-94 fiscal year. A portion of that gift will be used to fund the College of Business Administration's first endowed chair.

"All students and faculty benefit from the generosity of alumni and friends,"

Frisch said. "We are a much better University because of the private support received."

Dr. Philip R. Mason, vice president for University relations, said that, in total during the 1993-94 fiscal year, \$7.9 million passed through the BGSU Foundation Inc. to be used for a variety of programs, projects and scholarships. This amount includes much of the \$4.2 million raised during 1993-94 as well as interest earned on invested endowment funds given in previous years. The University's endowment funds now total about \$49 million, he said.

OLSCAMP HALL

From the front

faculty members and students who will be using it, Short said.

To make certain that as much imagination can become reality as possible, the cost of the building includes a TV satellite truck which can be used to go to remote locations and send back programs to the classroom.

Janet Schnupp-Lee, education curriculum and instruction, is planning on putting the TV truck to use this fall in a College of Education and Allied Professions classroom methods course.

Five times during the fall semester, the truck will be going to an elementary school in Ohio and video cameras will be set up in the classroom of an exemplary and/or award-winning teacher.

Bowling Green students, back in their own classroom on campus, will be able to observe the teachers and students, observe the techniques the teachers use and then talk to them afterward.

"Video is the only way this type of program could be accomplished," Schnupp-Lee said. "Even if we could organize a field trip to a teacher's classroom, having all of those college students in the back of the room would create an unrealistic situation. The video

camera is unobtrusive, the activity is live and the feedback is immediate. I'm looking forward to it," she added.

"This classroom building is going to change the way we think about education at Bowling Green," President Olscamp said. "There is a need for the globalization of our University and this building gives us the technology to make that possible."

As an example of how that may happen, Olscamp announced that the University is seeking permission from the Ohio Board of Regents to offer a master of library science degree beginning this fall.

What makes the degree unique is that all of the classes will be taught at the University of Arizona and Bowling Green students will "attend" via satellite communication.

"This is the future," Olscamp said, adding that a fiscally responsible institution will not be able to justify the hiring of faculty and the commitment of other resources to start a program which is being done—and done well—at another university, regardless of where it is located.

Dr. Inge Klopping, assistant dean for information services in the College of

Business Administration, echoes the president's thoughts, but adds that while most people's first reaction is that students and faculty can now communicate halfway around the world, teleteaching will be extremely valuable much closer to home.

"There are certain areas of the state where higher education is not possible without a long drive. Teleteaching fills that need. It goes out to the consumer and it gives the University the opportunity to serve people it couldn't serve before," she said.

The benefits could even reach into the high schools. Suppose, Klopping said, there are three students in a high school that would like to take a Russian language class.

It would be financially prohibitive to offer a class for those three students, but they could electronically sit in on a University class. Or if there are three students in 10 different school districts, a special teleteaching course could be designed for them.

"We will see an increase in the use of long distance learning. We need to be reaching out to high school and community college settings. It will help serve publics that we could never reach before

and that will help keep the University competitive," she added.

Before anything can be done, however, Short said that faculty will need to understand the capabilities of the building. To that end, orientation seminars and application workshops will be held throughout the fall.

One population that does not need an orientation is the students, Klopping said. Students have grown up with the technology—MTV, Nintendo and the Internet.

"They're in a different world," Klopping said, adding that it is the faculty that will need to catch up. "Technology can enhance instruction. It can make a classroom more exciting and make students more inquisitive." "Teleteaching is a positive start for education in the 21st century," she added.

"This building is capable of doing incredible things," Olscamp concluded, adding, "It will keep the University at the crest of the technology wave."

But he also added that the technology is changing so rapidly and so dramatically, that this building is not the end of the story. "It's just the beginning."

FUNDING OF FACULTY/STAFF GRANTS

James M. Smith, world class manufacturing, \$42,800 from the Ohio Board of Regents, for the funding of a project to provide education and training on computer numerical control machining technology for individuals, teachers, business and industry in the Firelands College service area.

William Leutz, WBGU-TV, \$40,193 from the Ohio Educational Broadcast Network Commission, for the funding of generation and maintenance of WBGU-TV's broadcast signal at the transmitter sight and the master control of the broadcast signal.

Rex L. Lowe, biological sciences, \$2,200 from the Nature Conservancy, for the funding of sample analysis of periphyton to evaluate the ecological impact of pollutants on Big Darby Creek. He also received \$2,500 from Procter & Gamble Company, for the funding of analyses of periphyton samples from Procter & Gamble's experimental stream facility. He also received \$20,370 from Procter & Gamble Company for analysis of periphyton sample analysis.

Richard Kennell, musical arts, \$1,055 from the Trinity United Methodist Church, for the funding of one graduate music assistant to be assigned to assist the Trinity United Methodist Church. He also received \$4,294 from the Trinity United Methodist Church, for the funding of one graduate music assistant to be assigned to assist the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Don Bright, business education, \$8,400 from the Ohio Department of Education, for the funding of an All Ohio Summer Conference for teachers in vocational and career education.

Chan Hahn, management, \$15,000 from the Nation Association of Purchasing Management, for the funding of research activities in the purchasing field.

Douglas Ullman, psychology, \$1,000 from the Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, for the funding of one advanced psychology doctoral student trainee to the Wood County Mental Health Center Transitional Service Program's Community Action Project. He also received \$1,000 from the Wood County Mental Health Center, for the funding of one advanced student trainee to serve as a facilitator of the Community Action Project of the Transitional Services of Wood County Mental Health Center; \$1,716 from the Flower Hospital, for funding of the placement of one advanced clinical psychology student; and \$12,082 from the Children's Resource Center, for the funding of the placement of one advanced clinical psychology graduate student at the Children's Resource Center.

Winifred O. Stone, Graduate College, \$1,200 from Cleveland State University, for the funding of an undergraduate research assistantship under the STARS program, a faculty mentoring program for high ability undergraduate minority students. He also received \$16,000 from the U.S. Department of Education, for the funding to assist in implementing objectives designed to enhance minority enrollment in the under-represented areas of psychology, business administration and mathematics; and \$2,400 from Coppin State College, for the funding of a stipend for a McNair Scholar engaged in a summer research project at BGSU.

Donald Gehring, higher education and student affairs, two grants of \$3,002.06 each from the Medical College of Ohio, for the funding of an appointment in the Office of Student Affairs, School of Medicine, Medical

College of Ohio.

Helen J. Michaels, biological sciences, \$1,000 from the Nature Conservancy, for the funding of a study of factors limiting the long term reproductive success of the Prairie Lupine, host plant to the Kame Blue Butterfly. She also received \$17,975 from the National Science Foundation, for the funding of research on the evolution of the endemic Geranium species of the Hawaiian Islands.

Robert DeBard and Deborah Knigga, Firelands, \$23,469.62 from the Private Industry Council, Fremont, Ohio, for the funding of training in a variety of on-going, job specific programs from the specified Firelands College curriculum.

Paul F. Endres, chemistry, \$13,800 from the National Science Foundation, for the purchase of a pulsed laser system.

Barry Piersol, technology, \$3,600 from the Northeast Kitchen & Bath, Ohio, for the funding of supervised job positions for College of Technology students. He also received \$14,000 from TL Industries, for the funding of student cooperative employment appointment with TL Industries, Northwood, Ohio. He also received \$7,200 from the CAD Craft, for the funding of supervised job position for a College of Technology student.

Craig Wittig, environmental programs, \$19,500 from the Wood County Board of Commissioners, for the funding of the purchase of composting equipment, polystyrene material recycling equipment and recycling storage containers.

Carmen Fioravanti, biological sciences, \$136,772 from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, for the funding of a study to determine the best strategies for chemotherapeutic attack on adult parasitic helminths.

Todd Waggoner, technology, \$1,000 from the faculty development committee that will be matched by the Neuraware Corporation, for the funding of software to be used in manufacturing courses to help simulate decision making processes. He also received a \$19,800 Society of Manufacturing Engineers Algor Software Gift grant, software which will allow for the study of components under various stresses and temperatures.

Ron Woodruff, biological sciences, \$185,066 from the National Science Foundation, for the funding for the fourth year of a five-year funding cycle for the Stock Center.

Bruce Smith, cooperative education, \$1,006.80 from the BG Swim Club, for the funding of the BGSU students to serve as trainee assistant swimming/diving coach(es) with the BG Swim Club.

Yujie Ding, physics and astronomy, \$50,000 from the National Science Foundation and Air Force Office of Scientific Research, for the funding of research into the implementation of miniature and integrable correlators, spectrometers, and phase detectors.

Robert Vincent, geology, and **Edgar Singleton**, physics, \$24,779 from the Hughes Santa Barbara Research Center, for the theoretical study to determine if methane can be imaged and if so, the minimum concentrations required for imaging.

New editor named for *Monitor*

Sheila Rieser, former editor of *The Johnstown Independent* in Johnstown, Ohio, is the new editor of *Monitor*.

She succeeds Melissa Peper Firestone, who has taken up the practice of law in her hometown of Napoleon, after serving for seven years as editor of *Monitor*.

A native of Columbus, Rieser received a bachelor's degree in journalism from The Ohio State University and was editor of *The Independent* for the last six years. She also worked for *The Grove City Record* and in the public relations office of OSU's College of the Arts.

MONITOR POLICIES

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Monitor is a publication produced for faculty and staff of Bowling Green State University. It is a means for faculty and staff to communicate with one another on issues of importance to a segment of the University community or to the entire community.

Material is generally accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, although it is assumed that some items which come in at the last minute will take precedence if they are of an important nature. Persons who miss copy deadlines have no guarantee that material will be published.

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Due to the volume of notes received, faculty/staff notes are published on a space available basis.

All items submitted for publication in the Faculty & Staff section must be given in writing. No notices will be taken over the telephone. This lessens the chance for errors.

Items are published in chronological order of receipt of the item within a category and are used at the discretion of the editor.

Only those activities which are of a professional nature are published. *Monitor* does not accept notices concerning bridge tournaments, election to service club offices, etc. Faculty, administrative and classified staff are welcome to submit items for publication in one of four categories:

- Grants;
- Publications (books, journal articles, etc.);
- Recognitions (election to office, appointment to committee, etc.);
- Presentations (papers or lectures presented at professional meetings).

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Monitor accepts "Letters to the editor" for publication in a "Commentary" section.

An editorial advisory board which includes appointed representatives from the Faculty Senate, Administrative Staff Council, Classified Staff Council and the Affirmative Action Office reviews all letters submitted for publication. Letters can be faxed or delivered to *Monitor*.

Commentaries should not exceed 600-800 words. All letters which exceed the allowable length will be returned to the author to condense.

If a commentary is submitted for publication in *Monitor*, the author must affirm that it will not be published in any other campus publication until it has appeared in *Monitor*. Letters which are submitted simultaneously or have been previously published in the *BG News* will be refused because both publications reach the faculty/staff audience.

The deadline to submit letters is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication in the following Monday's *Monitor*. All letters must be signed and typed.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. R. Serge Denisoff

Dr. Ronald Serge Denisoff, 55, retired professor of sociology, died Aug. 12 in St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee.

Denisoff joined the University in 1970 and retired in 1990. He was the author of numerous books, including *Inside MTV*, *Solid Gold: The Popular Record Industry*, *Tarnished Gold: The Record Industry Revisited* and a biography on Waylon Jennings.

He had been the editor of the *Journal of Popular Music and Society* and had contributed to *Rolling Stone* magazine and the *Journal of American Folklore*.

He received a bachelor's and master's degrees from San Francisco State College and his Ph.D. from Simon Fraser University.

He is survived by his wife, Ursula, of Bowling Green.

Memorials may be made to the Music Library and Sound Recording Archives at the University.

Dr. Vergil Ort

Dr. Vergil K. Ort, 86, professor emeritus in the College of Education and Allied Professions, died Aug. 13 at his Bowling Green home.

Ort taught at the University from 1956 until his retirement in 1973. He was named an associate dean in 1959.

He directed the program advisement for undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Education and also wrote a number of articles and monographs about education.

He served on the Faculty Senate and the Scholarly Advancement Committee.

Ort received a bachelor's degree from Defiance College in 1931, a master's from the University of Michigan in 1937 and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1955.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine (Love) Ort, professor emeritus of English at the University.

Memorials may be made to the Lorraine and Vergil Ort Scholarship fund at the University or the American Heart Fund.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

New vacancies

Posting expiration date for employees to apply: Noon, Friday, Aug. 26

8-26-1 Personnel aide
Pay grade 6
Personnel services

FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Academic enhancement: Assistant Director, Student Support Services. Contact Personnel Services (2-8426). Deadline: Aug. 26.

Career planning and placement services: Microcomputer coordinator. Contact Personnel Services (2-8426). Deadline: Aug. 26.

Enrollment Services/Firelands: Coordinator of Financial Aid. Contact Office of the Dean, Firelands College-BGSU, 901 Rye Beach Road, Huron, 44839. Deadline: Sept. 1.

Office of Personal and Professional Development/Firelands: Business and Industry liaison (part-time). Contact Office of the Dean, Firelands College-BGSU, 901 Rye Beach Road, Huron, 44839. Applications accepted until position is filled.

DATEBOOK

Monday, Aug. 22

Opening Day, 8:30 a.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, University Union. Refreshments served from 8:30-9 a.m. General meeting for faculty and administrative staff begins at 9 a.m. with remarks by Dr. Eloise E. Clark, vice president for academic affairs, President Olscamp and Dr. Dorothy U. Behling, chair of the faculty senate.

College Faculty Meetings, 10:30 a.m., arts and sciences in Lenhart Grand Ballroom, business administration in 1007 Business Administration Building, education and allied professions in

Jenson Auditorium, musical arts in Bryan Recital Hall, health and human services in the Town Room of the University Union and technology in 127 A and B Technology Building.

Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m., McFall Assembly Room
Dedication of Paul J. Olscamp Hall, 12:30 p.m., conference room, Olscamp Hall.

Graduate Faculty Meeting, 3 p.m., Jenson Auditorium, Education 115.

Wednesday, Aug. 24

Fall classes begin.

Accessing Internet will be easier with new BGNNet computer link

Surfing the Internet and receiving electronic mail will be easier for faculty, staff and students this year with the formation of a new computer link called BGNNet.

Like its counterpart, a campus mail server nicknamed "Andy," BGNNet will make it possible for someone with a computer and modem to access the Internet and World Wide Web, send and receive e-mail and search databases, including the list of materials available at the University's library and other libraries on the OhioLink network.

To use BGNNet, faculty, staff and students must register for an account at Jerome Library.

BGNNet registration will be offered through Sept. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30

p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fridays. Registration will also be offered on two Sundays, Aug. 28 and Sept. 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Labor Day from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The registration process is expected to take approximately 20 minutes and includes the showing of a short video. A campus I.D. is required.

The library is also offering hour-long guided tours through BGNNet, to teach people how to make use of its capabilities.

Those who already have an "Andy" account will automatically receive a BGNNet account and do not need to register. "Andy" is also now being referred to as BGSUvax.

Several new staff members join BGSU

Administrative staff members who have either joined the University or changed positions on campus recently include: Sharon P. Horgan, occupational safety and health technician, environmental health and safety;

Mitzi M. Sanders, assistant volleyball coach, intercollegiate athletics; Francis X. Powers, head hockey coach, intercollegiate athletics; Rochelle E. Applebaum, associate athletic director, intercollegiate athletics; Sheila A. Davis, residence hall manager, residential services; Donna M. Garafalo, residence hall director, residential services; Kelly K. Greenfield, residence hall manager, residential services; Doreen L. Long, residence hall director, residential services; Ute P. Lowery, complex coordinator, residential services; Geraldine M. Muir, residence hall

manager, residential services; Artyce-Joy Priesman, residence hall director, residential services; Elizabeth M. Soto, residence hall manager, residential services.

Holidays scheduled

The first holiday of the new school year will be Sept. 5 (Monday), Labor Day.

Other holidays scheduled for the rest of 1994 are Nov. 11 (Friday) Veterans' Day; Nov. 24 (Thursday), Thanksgiving Day; Nov. 25 (Friday), reassignment of Presidents' Day, a floating holiday; Dec. 26 (Monday), observing Christmas and Dec. 23 (Friday), reassignment of Columbus Day, a floating holiday.

If a holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday.

Biology retreat set

To increase communication among departmental researchers and to bring faculty and graduate students up-to-date on research goals and accomplishments, the Department of Biological Sciences is holding its second annual research retreat at the Maumee Bay State Park Conference Center on Sunday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Research talks will be presented and new faculty and graduate students will be introduced to the department.

SNEAK PREVIEWS

Did you know that Bowling Green State University has the only inland marine biology lab of its kind in the Midwest?

Ocean life is abundant in Bowling Green, although the ocean shores are not. Arthropods, mollusks, crabs, snails, clams and many more salt water species reside at the University. With hundreds of species represented, the marine biology lab offers hands on experience for students hundreds of miles away from the water.

The marine biology lab is only one of a dozen different areas within the University that will be open to the public during the first ever all campus Open House on September 24. Employees and their families are especially invited.

Gatherings set for administrative and classified employees

Administrative staff and classified staff will have the opportunity to mingle with co-workers to mark the beginning of another academic year at gatherings planned for both groups Monday, Aug. 29.

The annual Administrative Staff Reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. in the conference room at Olscamp Hall.

The highlight of the event is the presentation of the Ferrari Award to an outstanding administrative employee.

The annual Classified Staff Convocation will be held from 9-11 a.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

Speakers will be President Olscamp, Bob Martin, vice-president for operations, and Kathy Eninger, chair of classified staff council.

The agenda will also include the presentation of classified staff awards.

Transportation Services will provide vans to bring classified staff from outlying areas of the campus to the University Union.

Group 1 vans will depart at 8:15 a.m. from the east side of the football stadium to pick up classified staff at the north side of the Ice Arena. The vans will then arrive at the road between the health center and Moore Musical Arts Center, where they will depart at 8:25 a.m. The vans will continue to the Kreisler Residence Hall parking lot on Mercer Road and depart there at 8:30 a.m. They will then move to the Harshman Residence Hall parking lot on Mercer Road and depart there at 8:36 a.m. The vans will then stop at the north side of Conklin Hall and depart at 8:40 a.m., move to the west side of Rodgers Quadrangle and depart at 8:45 a.m. and then continue to the University Union.

Group 2 vans will leave the Physical Plant/Inventory Control area at 8:40 a.m. and proceed directly to the University Union. A van will also depart from the WBGU-TV station at 8:40 a.m.

Address includes a look back and a glimpse into the future

Olscamp ushers in his final year at the University helm

Opening Day at the University marked a beginning as well as an ending this year.

President Olscamp, who is retiring in June, gave his final Opening Day address to faculty and administrative staff in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom Aug. 22.

In a speech that was peppered with moments of self deprecating humor and expressions of appreciation, Olscamp looked back on his 12 years at the University and projected what the future could hold.

He reflected on budgetary problems of the 1990s, which included the reduction of \$13 million in state funding in less than two years and the elimination of 145 faculty and staff positions.

"I believe we weathered the storm better than I at least thought we would, although I do not expect days of great plenty in the immediate future, and I think many of you believe that too," Olscamp said.

He thanked the faculty for their "strong expression of trust and hope in our present governance system," referring to the vote against collective bargaining last spring. He said he felt that the vote showed "at least in part" that the faculty thought the budget crisis was "handled with an honest heart."

Using slides, Olscamp showed how the University has grown since he began his tenure. Some of the improvements he noted included:

•Libraries and Learning Resources holdings have increased from 2.3 million items in the 1981-82 fiscal year to 4.2 million items during the 1993-94 fiscal year.

•Computers and terminals on campus have increased from 302 in 1981-82 to 4,900 in 1993-94 and the number of computer labs on campus has jumped to 21 in 1993-94 compared to only one in 1981-82.

•The number of tenure track faculty hired with terminal degrees has grown

from 56 percent in 1981-82 to 100 percent in 1993-94 and there has been an increase in full-time female and full-time minority faculty.

•Four University colleges offer night degrees now, compared to 1981-82 when no such programs were offered.

•The University has increased its facilities with nine new buildings and additions since 1982.

•The University endowment has grown from \$900,000 in the Foundation and \$1 million in University funds to an anticipated \$50 million by June.

After reflecting on the accomplishments of the past, Olscamp talked about the future and how the rapid advances in technology will demand a significant change in the methods of teaching.

"We must adapt to the necessities of changing technology more rapidly than we are doing. This will require the re-allocation and raising of a much larger percentage of our budget than has been accomplished during my tenure as president," he said.

The president briefly mentioned the work of the Non-Academic Functions Committee, which looked at the management structure and performance of personnel. Based on their findings, Olscamp said, the University "needs to develop and maintain a much higher level of constant training and retraining for staff." He also recommended the development of a system to train University managers to do their jobs "in a professional, skilled and compassionate way," he said.

The president recommending the strengthening of some of the graduate programs in advance of the Ohio Board of Regents review of all graduate and professional programs, a project which begins this year. He said the University should also look at offering additional graduate doctoral degrees in the College of Musical Arts and the College of Business Administration.



Faculty and staff gather for refreshments during the Opening Day convocation in Lenhart Grand Ballroom Aug. 22. Faculty Senate President Dr. Dorothy Behling (right) chats with Dr. Raj Padmaraj, finance (left), and Dr. Audrey Rentz, higher education and student affairs.

"I don't know if anyone in this job has ever left it feeling that everything they hoped for got done, but I doubt it," Olscamp said. "I certainly won't be the first. I'd like to have started a second doctoral degrees in business and music launched. I'd like to have completed the renovation of the physical plant, or at least to have blown up South Hall. I'd like to have seen two more additions to the Research/Enterprise Park ..., to have recruited more minority students, and to have achieved higher rankings in faculty salaries. I wish I'd never said 'we don't have a parking problem, we have a walking problem,' and I wish I'd closed the place after the third day of 20 below Fahrenheit weather last year, or at least

gotten an unlisted number beforehand." Olscamp thanked many faculty and staff members and friends by name and expressed general appreciation to others. "The Faculty Senate and I have not always been known as congenial collaborators, but in fact, in spite of some of our noisy differences, the Senate and its committees made possible everything from the Role and Mission Statement to the massive re-allocation of resources which made what has been done in such places as Libraries and Learning Resources possible. The entire community is in your debt." Olscamp ended his speech with the words, "Thanks again and I'll be seeing you around." He intends to teach at the University following his retirement.

Behling: Next few years to present challenges for faculty

The next few years will be crucial ones for the University's faculty, said Dr. Dorothy Behling, chair of Faculty Senate, in her Opening Day address in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom Aug. 22.

The search for a new University president, proposed changes in the Academic Charter and addressing the results of gender equity studies are some of the challenges facing the faculty this year, Behling said.

These challenges, however, provide an opportunity for the faculty to work together "in a spirit of true collegiality," she said.

"BGSU has just come through a difficult and divisive period, culminating in a faculty vote on collective bargaining this past spring. The faculty were almost

evenly divided on the issue of collective bargaining ... However, I believe the faculty members have already begun to put aside past differences and temporary animosity," she said.

Behling noted some of the accomplishments of last year's Senate, which was chaired by Dr. Benjamin Muego. Those included:

•a commitment to a child care facility
•the approval by the Board of Trustees of an increase in the amount that faculty are reimbursed for travel
•establishment of a faculty scholarship fund
•a year-long comprehensive study on gender equity conducted by an ad hoc committee of the Senate.

Two studies conducted by the Senate committee last

spring "reveal serious gender inequities relative to promotion and salaries at BGSU," Behling said. She expressed regret that President Olscamp formed his own committee this summer to study the gender equity issue.

Looking ahead to the job facing this year's Senate, Behling said faculty salaries will again be an issue. "With the cost of living increasing between three and three and a half percent annually over the past four years, faculty have lost ground," Behling said. "We cannot have a first-rate university without competitive salaries."

Behling also thanked Judge Ellen Connolly, president of the Board of Trustees, for seeking input from faculty in the search for a new president.