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Campus Picnic, Fest this Friday

The annual All-Campus Picnic will be held Friday (Sept. 6) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the University Hall lawn.

The campus community is invited for free food and entertainment and a chance to visit with one another as the school year gets under way. In case of rain, the picnic will be held in Bowen-Thompson Student Union and residence hall dining centers, with entertainment in the union.

The event is sponsored by the President's Office and the Office of Campus Involvement.

Also, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Campus Fest will be held on the lawn, featuring University clubs and organizations, volunteer agencies, local merchants, live music, games and giveaways.

Highlighting the many ways in which students can get involved on campus, the event is sponsored by Undergraduate Student Government and the Office of Campus Involvement, with additional support from Greek Life, the University Activities Organization, Vision, Kroger and Pepsi.

BGSU a pacesetter with digital video

With the start of the academic year, Bowling Green became the first university in the country to boast digital video availability in every building on campus.

The Digital Video Streaming Service (DVSS) represents a big step forward for the University and renders it a leader in the field of on-campus delivery of digital video media. Several other institutions offer it in selected buildings, but BGSU is the first to take it campuswide, according to Patrick Fitzgerald, general manager of WBGU-TV and director of television services.

The DVSS project is in phase one, Fitzgerald said, noting that further capacities will be added during the next six to eight months.

With the installation of about 360 "set-top boxes" (320 on main campus and 40 at BGSU Firelands), all classrooms and some seminar rooms and labs will have DVD-quality, full-screen, full-motion video that is fully controllable by the instructor.

The new system will also allow "seamless interaction" with BGSU Firelands, according to Anthony Short, project director and director of television learning services.

The technological advance is possible due to the significant upgrades the University made two years ago to its computer network with the BGSU supernet technology infrastructure project. Though the project is housed at WBGU, "this is not a TV station project, it's a University project," Short said.

Putting together the complex system required the collaboration



Anthony Short, director of the Digital Video Streaming Service, demonstrates the use of a classroom set-top box by remote control. Viewers may use the streaming video guide to tune into any program currently showing anywhere on campus, as well as to search the database for any video in the 4,000-item WBGU-TV library.

of many people in several areas of the University, including Information Technology Services, Instructional Media Services and WBGU-TV.

Three companies—VBrick, TiltRack and Virage—have worked intensively with BGSU for the past two years to create the new software and hardware needed for the groundbreaking venture.

"What's unique about this project is that it required taking pieces from all three areas and making it look and work as one product," said Bruce Petryshak, chief information officer at BGSU.

The new system offers greater flexibility to faculty and students in the use of instruc-

tional media. Using personal computers and logging in through their MyBGSU accounts, students may stream videos 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Instructors may schedule showings from their desktop computers using a Web-based program accessible through their MyBGSU account. Eventually, faculty will be able to link videos to their Web-based syllabi.

"One advantage of this is that it offers a very robust search engine," Short said. The search engine will include face and voice recognition, as well as transcripts of all videotapes and other pertinent information.

Faculty can preview videotapes from their desktop
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Familiar faces in new places as academic year begins

The University greets the start of the academic year with some familiar faces in unfamiliar places. Several University employees have assumed new duties over the summer. Following is a partial listing of recent changes:

- Richard Hebein, who was elected secretary to the BGSU Board of Trustees in June, took on expanded duties Aug. 1 when he became University secretary as well. In addition to providing administrative support to the board and the president, Hebein is a member of the President's Cabinet and serves as the president's liaison to Faculty Senate, Graduate Student Senate and the President's Advisory Council.

He will also plan and coordinate major University functions.

- Vickie Shields, telecommunications and women's studies, has been appointed to the position of associate dean for student affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences. She has assumed some of the duties formerly performed by Hebein.

In addition:

- Shields and Catherine Cardwell, coordinator of library user education, will serve as interim co-directors of the General Education Program, following Beth Casey's resignation from the position.

- Larry Weiss, associate vice president for University relations and governmental affairs, has taken over the community outreach activities in Bowling Green and

northwest Ohio formerly handled by the board secretary.

- Eileen Sullivan has been chosen to lead collaborative learning efforts which bridge the administratively separate academic and student affairs areas, and to expand her role in the values initiative at the University.

Sullivan has been executive assistant to President Sidney Ribeau the past four years. She will now hold the title of assistant vice president for academic and student affairs and director of the values initiative. Reflecting the collaborative nature of the position, she will report to both Edward Whipple, vice president for student affairs, and John Folkins, provost and vice

president for academic affairs.

As director of BGSU's values initiative, Sullivan will expand upon her previous role as co-chair of what has been called the University Committee on Values and the Bowling Green Experience. That committee will become an advisory group chaired by Sullivan and Donald Nieman, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

- Fiona MacKinnon has assumed the duties of interim associate dean for student affairs in the College of Education and Human Development. She succeeds Cindy Hendricks, who has returned to full-time teaching in the Division of Teaching and Learning, School of Education and Intervention Services.



'Camelot'

Michael Searle of Perrysburg portrays King Arthur, with Diane McEwen-Martin, also of Perrysburg, as Queen Guinevere, in the Bowling Green Summer Musical Theatre production of Lerner and Loewe's "Camelot."

Encore performances are set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday (Sept. 6-7) in Kobacker Hall. For tickets, call the box office at 2-8171.

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BGSU Theatre takes center stage

BGSU Theatre will raise the curtain on its 2002-03 season on Sept. 26.

Kicking off the fall season will be two one-act plays, "Bash," by Neil LaButte, and "Crave," by Sarah Kane. Show dates are Sept. 26-29 in the Joe E. Brown Theatre in University Hall. All tickets are \$5.

The annual Newcomers production will bring new talent to the stage in the humorous tour de force "The Dining Room," by A.R. Gurney Jr. Dates are Oct. 24-27 in the Joe E. Brown Theatre. All tickets are \$5.

"Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill," a collaborative production with the College of Musical Arts Opera Theatre, is set for Nov. 1-3 in Kobacker Hall. Tickets are \$12, \$10 and \$8; to order, contact the Kobacker Hall box office at 2-8171.

For the holiday season, the theatre department is reviving the classic Dickens tale "A Christmas Carol," with extra performances. Dates are Dec. 3-8 in University Hall's Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, students and senior citizens, and \$5 for children under 12.

The spring season opens Feb. 21 with another joint production with the College of Musical Arts Opera Theatre—the classic operetta "Pirates of Penzance," by Gilbert and Sullivan. Dates are Feb. 21-22 and Feb. 28-March 2 in the Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, students and seniors, and \$5 for children under 12.

In March, in connection with Women's History Month, the theatre department will present the poignant "Vinegar Tom," by

Caryl Churchill. Dates are March 20-23 in the Joe E. Brown Theatre. All tickets are \$5.

The final production of the spring season will be "Our Country's Good," by Timberlake Wertenbaker. Performances will be April 4-6 and 11-13 in the Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, students and seniors, and \$5 for children under 12.

Rounding out the season are the annual productions for young audiences by the theatre department's Treehouse Troupe. The ageless "Beauty and the Beast" tale is told in "A Red Rose," by Le Clanche du Rand, and in celebration of the Ohio bicentennial, Ohio inventors are honored in "Inventing Ohio," by F. Scott Regan, theatre. Show dates are April 25-27 in the Joe E. Brown Theatre. All tickets are \$5.

All tickets for Eva Marie Saint Theatre and Joe E. Brown Theatre productions will be available after Sept. 16 at the second-floor box office in University Hall. The box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To purchase a season or fall pass, call the box office at 2-2719 or the theatre department at 2-2222. Season passes, which offer a 20 percent savings, represent one ticket for all shows and cost \$40 for adults and \$35 for seniors and students. Fall passes, which are only redeemable for fall-semester productions, are \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students. Checks may be made payable to the BGSU Theatre Department. For more information or a season brochure, call 2-2222.

Digital video

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computers using Windows Media for PCs or QuickTime Video for Macintosh machines. On desktop computers, the delivery format is MPEG 1; in the classrooms it is MPEG 2, or DVD quality. The difference in quality is not discernible, Short said, but both are far superior to that to which most people are accustomed.

Even before installation of the BGSU supernet began, the University was facing the renovation of its 35-year-old analog tape system. Going digital seemed the logical step, Short said. "Everything is moving to a digital environment. This will expand and enhance an already excellent service," he said.

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campus calendar.....

Monday, Sept. 2

Labor Day, classes canceled; offices closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Assembly Room.

John Denver Memorial Peace Cloth - Opening Ceremony and Reception, 6-7 p.m., 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The Peace Cloth can be viewed Monday-Thursday from noon-9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from noon-6 p.m. through Sept. 12. Sponsored by Graduate Student Senate with support from other campus offices and organizations.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Brown Bag Luncheon, "In-gathering 5th Annual Opening Program," noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. Drinks and desserts provided.

Friday, Sept. 6

All-Campus Picnic, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., University Hall lawn. Free food and entertainment. In case of rain, the picnic will be held in Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored

by the President's Office and the Office of Campus Involvement.

Eighth Annual College Student Personnel and Higher Education Administration Convocation, 3-5 p.m., 101A Olscamp Hall. Speaking will be Ellen Williams, intervention services and winner of the 2002 University Community Fellowship Award.

Continuing Events

Through Sept. 27

Art Exhibit, "Inventing Contemporary Ornament: A National Invitational Exhibition," featuring the work of 14 jewelers and metalsmiths, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays 1-4 p.m.

Through Sept. 25

Art Exhibit, "This Is Not a Photograph," Willard Wankelman Gallery. See gallery hours above.

Sept. 6-7

BGSU Theatre Production, "Camelot," 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are \$8, \$10 and \$12; to reserve, call 2-8171.

job postings.....

NOTE: Due to the current hiring freeze, interviews may be conducted but no job offers may be extended at this time.

Contact Human Resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED

Employees wishing to apply for this position may request a "Request for Transfer" form. The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9.

Administrative Assistant 1 (C-68-Vc)—Office of the President/Board of Trustees. Pay grade 8.

The following position is being listed on and off campus. The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13.

Programmer/Analyst 2 (C-67-Vc)—Center for Family and Demographic Research (grant funded). Pay grade 11. Twelve month, part time.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant Director of Residence Life for Educational Initiatives (S-080)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative

grade 14. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Director (S-036)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Administrative grade 19. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Director of Principal Gifts (02-083)—Office of Development. Administrative grade 20. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Major Gift Officer (02-066)—Office of Development. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Manager (S-049)—University Dining Services (two positions). Administrative grade 12. Review of applications will continue until the positions are filled.

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