Trustees give green light to explore potential of water-testing patent

The University has taken the first step toward the licensing of intellectual property since the creation of the BGSU Research Institute last year.

On Sept. 28, the board of trustees approved the transfer of a patent from BGSU to the research institute for an algorithm that can be applied to images from the LANDSAT Satellite to detect early outbreaks of harmful cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) in lakes and reservoirs.

Dr. Robert Vincent, geology, created the algorithm and developed the method of detection. Vincent has received more than $1 million in research support from NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and has many years' experience in the application of remote sensing technology.

With the transfer, the institute can now license the patent to Blue Water Satellite, Inc., which was created to use the remote sensing method to monitor bodies of water for potentially toxic algal blooms. The company is headed by Vincent, who will be joined by four other employees with a background in sales.

Using the information from Blue Water, reservoir operators can treat outbreaks of algae effectively and efficiently, targeting affected areas. "The beauty is we don't put someone out in a little rowboat in a reservoir," the traditional method of monitoring water, Dr. James Smith, vice president for regional development and economic growth, explained to the trustees' Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Blue Water will sell a monthly subscription service to reservoir operators. The cost of the subscription will be offset by money saved through the resulting reduction in treatment, explained Vincent in materials supplied to the board. There are 152 drinking water reservoirs in Ohio and nearly 12,000 across the United States, he wrote.

Smith added that Blue Water Satellite is receiving a grant from the Regional Growth Partnership to conduct a market survey of the potential for Blue Water. The institute, headed by Dr. John Folkins, hopes to attract investors and either spin off the company or take it public through offering stock in it, Smith said. About $750,000 is estimated to be needed in the first two years to get the company up and running. "Venture capitalists need to see there is research confirming there is a market for this service," Smith told the committee. "If the survey doesn't show potential, we'll pull back.

"This is a really great opportunity to take intellectual property created here at the University and license it commercially," Smith said.

In other action, the trustees:

• Approved a six-year capital budget request to the Ohio Board of Regents. For fiscal years 2009-10, the University is asking for a little over $6 million for the planned Wolfe Center for the Arts, and $6,749,000 for academic building rehabilitation and other auxiliary improvements. Another $7,250,000 for building and auxiliary improvements would come from University-generated funds. In both 2011-12 and 2013-14, the request is for $12,865,000 in state funding for academic building rehabilitation and other improvements, with $7,250,000 and $11,590,478, respectively, to be generated by BGSU.

• Approved giving President Ribeau and Chief Financial Officer Sheri Stoll authority to accept insurance claims settlements on behalf of the University, as required by the insurance pool the University participates in with other members of the Inter-University Council.

• Approved a $50 application fee from students planning to study abroad.
Updates heard

The trustees also heard an update on the strategic planning process requested from each state institution by Eric Fingerhut, the regents' chancellor (who will be on campus Nov. 7 and 8). Initial plans must be submitted in December, which is much faster than one would wish, said Provost Shirley Baugher, but "the energy and commitment from deans, chairs and directors has been phenomenal," she said.

Each college must submit its draft plan to President Ribeau by Dec. 1, and then the plans must be synthesized with other University documents such as the Academic Plan and articulated with the state's framework. Being looked at, Baugher said, are "foundational excellence," or programs that are basic across all colleges, and signature programs, or those that cross disciplines and set the University apart. The results will help define each institution's "centers of excellence," as part of the state plan, Ribeau said. He has appointed a work committee to help move the process along. The effort is "tracking well," he said. "They're asking the right questions," he said, adding, "even if it weren't a master plan process required by the state, this is something we should be doing—though maybe not this quickly."

Efforts are also under way to revise and refine the University's mission statement to more specifically state what differentiates BGSU, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee heard.

In the same committee meeting, Thomas Trimboli, University general counsel, and Marshall Rose, director of the Office of Equity and Diversity, discussed the possible addition of "gender identity and expression" to the University's policies against bias.

The Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Senate have all requested that BGSU modify its policies to prohibit discrimination and harassment based on sexual identity or gender expression, in addition to race, sex, religion and other characteristics. Trimboli explained that in legal precedents, gender expression has been interpreted not as the actual sex of the people in question but how they did or did not conform to traditional expression of their gender.

Rose said that while his office does and would accept cases where someone feels discriminated against on those bases, he would like to see the language inserted in BGSU policy to make it more explicit and to "clarify the scope of our anti-discrimination coverage."

Meet the new, streamlined MyBGSU

Following fall break, on Oct. 8, the campus will see a significant improvement in the look and usability of the MyBGSU secure Web portal, Information Technology Services has announced.

Lead Web Developer Dong Chen has been at work on making the basic "Welcome" page less cluttered and easier both to navigate and customize, and has added several helpful features.

The change was initiated by the Web Advisory Group, a cross-campus committee, whose members gathered feedback from their constituents on the University's Web-based services and provided a set of recommendations.

"The changes are what the constituents asked for, and we appreciate the guidance we received from the Web group," said Kim McBroom, director of marketing and communications, which collaborated with ITS on the project.

Streamlined pages

Now, instead of repeated lists of services in the Blackboard portion and the left navigation bar, all services (such as "View My Paycheck") are located on the left, and users may choose what they would like to see on the right. This will help prevent confusion about which set of
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Links to use, the advisory group said.

The site still provides the convenience of a single login for many functions, from registering for a parking permit to changing one's address, and—for those taking or teaching classes or participating in campus communities—using Blackboard.

Now it is easy to also view Webmail and use Meeting Maker while in MyBGSU, without having to log in a second time—another of the advisory group's recommendations.

The multiple logouts have also been eliminated to reduce confusion.

"We've streamlined the site," said Chen, noting that Campus Update and the CNN headlines are now closer to the top and more visible. In addition, a new portlet allows viewers to see the daily BG News headlines.

ITS will continue to add new portlets as the campus community needs them, he added.

The new layout provides a clearer distinction between Blackboard, which is for course management, and MyBGSU, which is a general-purpose portal, Chen said. Blackboard will appear by default, but can be closed by clicking the small black X in the upper right corner.

Customize your page

By clicking on "Customize Page" in the black bar at the top of the page, users can arrange how their information appears and add portlets such as Webmail, Meetingmaker and weather information.

Simply click "Customize Page," then, below the horizontal boxes, click on any of the "plus" signs. A new page called "Portlet Repository" will open. Click on "Portlet Staging Area" to see a list of portlets you can add to your page. Select the portlet you wish to add, such as Monitor or Webmail, and you will see it added to the list on the right. Click on "Portlet Staging Area" in the bar above, and you will return to that page, where you may select additional portlets.

	if you would like to customize your Welcome page further, you can choose the order in which the links appear by highlighting the name of each portlet in the list and then clicking on the arrows to the right of the list to move it up or down.

When finished, hit "OK" in the upper right corner. Your Welcome page will now show the information you have selected in the order you chose.

You can always undo any of your choices by clicking again on "Customize Page" and selecting "Remove My Personalizations."

If you find you need assistance with any of these operations, simply click "Help" on the right side of the black bar at the top and you will see a list of self-help tutorials on a number of topics. "We provide a shortcut to get help," Chen said.

Perform regular maintenance

To keep your system running optimally, Chen advises emptying the Cache and history from time to time.

To empty the Cache in Firefox, go to the Tools menu bar and choose "Empty Private Data," then click "Empty Cache."

And, though closing the browser will also close MyBGSU, it is best to log out when you are finished with MyBGSU, Chen cautions.

Get, share information

With its tabs for Monitor, Campus Update, Webmail, Quick Links, services and more, MyBGSU is the information center for all campus employees. ITS encourages everyone to make logging in a regular part of their day to stay abreast of campus news and events.
Banks to examine German higher-education transition through Fulbright

When people graduate from college in the United States, they "almost expect to get a call or a card from the alumni office asking for their support," said Michelle Banks, director of annual giving. But in many countries in Europe and the United Kingdom, where state-supported education has long been the tradition, such a request would be unheard of.

All that is changing now as more countries move to a tuition-based system similar to that in the United States. Banks will get a "true insider look at higher education in Germany" when she visits next month through the 2007 Fulbright Seminar for U.S. Administrators in International Education.

"Universities there are looking at their fund-raising models differently now. They have to create a culture of giving where one did not exist before," Banks said, adding, "It's exciting to be able to see the very early stages of this.

"I feel very fortunate to have been one of 25 people across the U.S. who were chosen, and I'm delighted to be going," she said. "I really believe in higher education and the possibilities it creates for students."

Leaving Oct. 27, Banks and her fellow Fulbrighters will spend about three weeks in Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt and Dresden meeting with counterparts at several universities to see how the process is unfolding.

European universities are looking at American models, she said, but "what works here may not work there. They have a much steeper hill both from an organizational and a communication perspective."

The relatively new Fulbright program for administrators comprises three elements: alumni and development, career services, and international education. BGSU's Dr. Jeffrey Grilliot, director of global initiatives and co-director of the Global Village learning community, received an award in the international education division last year and also went to Germany.

Grilliott was very helpful in guiding her through the application process, Banks said. Marcia Sloan Latta, senior associate vice president for University advancement and director of alumni and development, was "incredibly supportive" as well, she added.

The Fulbright experience dovetails with her own studies, said Banks, who is also a part-time doctoral student in communication studies with a research interest in applied communications related to higher education. She hopes to be able to apply what she learns by observing firsthand "the challenges European universities have experienced as they have implemented their fund-raising activities."

She also hopes to bring ideas back to BGSU for staying connected with its international alumni.

"We are so excited about Michelle's opportunity and what this means for Bowling Green State University," said Latta. "International philanthropy, and particularly philanthropy in higher education abroad, is a fascinating area of study. The U.S. has been a strong leader in this field, but we can certainly learn a great deal from what other countries are doing to enlist the support of their alumni and friends as well.

"In recent years we have hosted individuals from Russia and Uzbekistan who have studied in our office to learn more about setting up programs at their own institutions. They have learned from us and we have learned from them, and I'm sure Michelle's experience will be no different."
Daylong symposium to examine ‘Nuclear Asia’

One year after North Korea's announcement of a successful nuclear weapon test, an international panel of experts will gather at the University to discuss global implications of rising nuclear threats in Asia.

“Nuclear Asia: A Symposium on Policy, Proliferation, and Weapons Research in the Cold War and Beyond” is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 12 in 228 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Open to the public, the program will include speakers from the National University of Singapore, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Johns Hopkins University and the Tokyo Institute of Technology, among others.

Symposium chair Dr. Walter Grunden, history, will also make a presentation, “From Hungnam to Yongbyon: Myths and Facts about the Origins of North Korea’s Nuclear Program,” from 2-2:30 p.m. The author of Secret Weapons and World War II: Japan in the Shadow of Big Science, Grunden specializes in the history of weapons of mass destruction, particularly focusing on the Pacific War and the Cold War era.

The symposium will begin with a 9 a.m. welcome and opening remarks from Dr. Jeffrey Grilliot, director of global initiatives and co-director of the Global Village learning community.

From 9:20-9:50 a.m., University Distinguished Alumna Hiroko Nakamoto will discuss the Hiroshima Gateway Project—involving refurbishment of the Hiroshima railway station as a Gateway to Peace—and BGSU's Peace Studies Program. The program's curriculum has been developed with funds from a $1 million gift from Nakamoto, a 1954 fine arts graduate who went on to a distinguished career in architectural interior design. A portion of the gift has also gone toward enhancing the Asian Studies Program.

Following Walker on the program will be:

• Dr. Masakatsu Yamazaki of the Tokyo Institute of Technology, on “Pacifying Anti-American Sentiments: Introducing ‘Peaceful Atoms’ to Japan after the Bikini Incident, 1953-55,” at 10:30 a.m. Yamazaki is recognized as a leading scholar in the history of science in Japan and, especially, as the foremost authority on Japan's nuclear research during wartime.

• Dr. Zaiqing Fang of the Chinese Academy of Sciences’ Institute for the History of Natural Sciences. Fang will address “The Role of the USSR in the Development of China’s Nuclear Program” at 11 a.m.

• Dr. Zuoyue Wang of the California Polytechnic Institute, on “The U.S. and China's Atomic Bomb,” at 11:30 a.m. Wang specializes in the science history of the United States and China.

• Dr. John DiMoia of the National University of Singapore, on “Atoms for Sale: AERI (Atomic Energy Research Institute) and the Origins of the South Korean Nuclear Program, 1955-65,” at 2:30 p.m.

• Dr. Dong-Won Kim of Johns Hopkins University, on “The Role of Academia in the Nuclear Development of South and North Korea, 1953-79,” at 3 p.m. Kim is among the few academic experts on science and nuclear research in the Koreas.

• Dr. Jahnavi Phalkey of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Phalkey will address “Science and Development: The Organization of Post-war Nuclear Research in India, 1946-56” at 3:30 p.m.

The symposium will close with a 4 p.m. panel discussion of the impact of North Korea’s October 2006 nuclear test, recent developments and policy implications for the Asia and the United States.
A free buffet lunch is available to the first 50 registrants, while a social hour and dinner beginning at 6:15 p.m. is $25 per person. Registration forms for both events are on the symposium Web site: www.bgsu.edu/departments/history/nukesinasia/page 36384.html. The registration deadline is Oct. 8.

Symposium sponsors are BGSU's Hiroko Nakamoto Endowment Fund; Asian Studies and Peace Studies programs; College of Arts and Sciences; Graduate College; Graduate Program in Policy History; and history and political science departments.

For more information, visit the Web site, call the history department at 2-2030 or email Grunden at policyhistory@bgsu.edu or wgrund@bgsu.edu.

Arts’ economic impact on northwest Ohio to be announced

BGSU's Center for Regional Development has undertaken what is thought to be the first study of the economic impact of the arts and cultural organizations in this region. Results of the study will be announced during a 6 p.m. event Tuesday (Oct. 2), at the Valentine Theatre in downtown Toledo. The public is invited to attend.

The research was commissioned by the Northwest Ohio Arts Exchange (NWoAX), a group of artists and arts educators and administrators, business leaders and others dedicated to fostering the growth and development of northwest Ohio’s arts community. Founded at BGSU in 2003, the group meets annually for discussions of the state of the arts in the region. Those discussions identified the need to measure the impact of the arts economically.

Dr. Michael Carroll, an economist and director of the Center for Regional Development, said that many might be surprised by the size of the arts’ role in northwest Ohio’s economy. His research is focusing on the arts and cultural organizations in a 27-county area.

“This study is particularly relevant because there is a growing body of research that shows a thriving arts community is crucial to the health and vitality of a region,” he said.

Dr. Katerina Rüedi Ray, director of the School of Art and a NWoAX Advisory Board member, said the arts are “big business and, as businesses, they make money for our economy. The study will show our region to have a strong creative economy—a creative hub in a creative state.”

In addition to Carroll, speakers will include special guest and Ohio First Lady Frances Strickland; Steve Weathers, president and CEO of the Regional Growth Partnership; Toledo Mayor Carleton Finkbeiner; Dr. James M. Smith, BGSU vice president for regional growth and economic development; Ohio Arts Council board member Mary Wolfe of Perrysburg, and Richard Anderson, chairman and CEO of The Andersons.

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‘You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby’ in Wankelman Gallery

Sixty contemporary American illustrators have created portraits of themselves for the traveling exhibit “You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby,” on display through Nov. 9 in the Willard Wankelman Gallery at the Fine Arts Center.

Organized by the Society of Illustrators and curated by Murray Tinkelman, the show depicts how illustrators view themselves: as cutey toddlers, nerdy brats or punky pre-pubescent.
Water conservation is topic of next Arts and Sciences Forum

Environmental artist and activist Betsy Damon, who founded the nonprofit organization Keepers of the Waters, will address the next College of Arts and Sciences Forum, beginning at noon Oct. 8 in 207 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Keepers of the Waters promotes projects that combine art, science and community involvement to restore, preserve and remediate water sources.

Damon’s talk, “The Living Water Garden and Other Projects: It Takes a Village,” begins at 12:30 p.m.; admission is free at that time for those wishing only to hear her talk.

A Santa Fe salsa chicken salad lunch will be served at noon at a cost of $9.32 per person, payable by cash or check. To register for lunch, email mjhitt@bgsu.edu or call 2-2340 by Wednesday (Oct. 3).

Damon also will take part in a symposium on "The Future of Lake Erie." from 2:30-4 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Union Theater. Also participating are BGSU biological sciences instructor Christopher Winslow; Allan Sundermeier, Ohio State University Wood County extension educator; Dr. Patrick Lawrence, geography and planning, University of Toledo and chair of Partners for Clean Streams Inc.; Dr. Gary Winston, director of the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg College; and Philip E. Berkeley, senior planner with the Planning Branch of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo, N.Y.,

The events kick off BGSU’s Water Week, which also includes faculty research presentations Oct. 10 and 11.

Ridge Street to close this week

Ridge Street will close for two or three days this week to allow trucks to deliver fill dirt to the site of the former Saddlemire Student Services Building.

Eight to 10 trucks will be hauling 3,000-4,000 cubic yards of dirt to the site in preparation for the planned construction in 2009 of the Wolfe Center for the Arts.

Review safety policies for weather, decorating

As holidays and colder weather approach, it’s a good time for students, faculty and staff to review BGSU’s policies on avoiding fire hazards while decorating and on the use of portable heaters and halogen lamps, which are prohibited. Call Environmental Health and Safety at 2-2171 for further information.

The decorating policy is at www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page14008.html.
The policy on heaters and halogen lamps is at www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page14014.html.

GLIPA celebrates 55 years of journalism conferences at BGSU

The School of Communication Studies will host junior and senior high school students from Ohio and Michigan on Wednesday (Oct. 3) in a day of journalistic investigation and discovery during the 55th annual Great Lakes Interscholastic Press Association (GLIPA) workshop.

Students and advisors attend sessions that provide them with hands-on experience, constructive competitions and the opportunity to listen to award-winning speakers.

Attendance in recent years has been between 400-600 students and advisors, said Linda
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Glomski, coordinator for GLIPA. Events take place at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union and surrounding buildings.

Glomski said she hopes attendees gain "an increased knowledge of journalism skills, motivation to write and produce the best student publication possible, awareness of ethics, a need for accuracy, and appreciation for our First Amendment and the teacher who is leading this educational journey."

Instructional Media Services to move

The Instructional Media Services (IMS) offices presently located on the first floor of the Education Building will relocate to 103 Olscamp Hall effective 8 a.m. Oct. 8. The IMS reception area and services for graphics, digital photography and billing will be relocating; however, phone numbers will remain the same.

Information regarding IMS services is available on the Web at: www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/ims/.

CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 1

ICS Artists and Scholars in Residence Series, "Errand to Africa: Boston King, the British Empire and the Founding of Sierra Leone," by Dr. Andrew M. Schocket, history, 2:30 p.m., 207 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Center Assembly Room.
Volleyball vs. IPFW, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.
Film Director Series, "A Scanner Darkly" (2006), directed by Richard Linklater, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.
Student Composers’ Forum, featuring works by graduate and undergraduate composition majors, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.
Movie, "Evan Almighty," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Baby Boomer Parents, Teenagers and Sex: Do as I Say, Not as I Did," presented by Women's Center Director Dr. Mary Krueger, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall, in recognition of National Family Sexuality Education Week.
Dissertation Defense, "Confronting Aging and Serious Illness through Journaling: A Study of Writing as Therapy," by Lucie Shetzer, English, noon-1:30 p.m., 205 East Hall.
Concert, the Bowling Green Philharmonia, directed by Emily Freeman Brown, and the BGSU Collegiate Chorale, directed by William Skoog, with clarinetist Kevin Schempf, music, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are $5 for students and senior citizens and $8 for other adults. For tickets, call the box office at 2-8171.

Thursday, Oct. 4

Administrative Staff Council, 1:30-3 p.m., 207 Union.

Friday, Oct. 5

Women's Soccer vs. Central Michigan, 4 p.m., Cochrane Field.
Volleyball vs. Akron, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Saturday, Oct. 6

Volleyball vs. Buffalo, 3 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Sunday, Oct. 7

Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Michigan, 1 p.m., Cochrane Field.
Men's Soccer vs. IPFW, 4 p.m., Cochrane Field.
Movie, "Ratatouille," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.
Monday, Oct. 8
Guest Lecture, by Romanian composer Cornel Taranu, professor of composition at the Gheorghe Dima Academy of Music in Cluj, Romania, 12:30 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

College of Arts and Sciences Forum, "The Living Water Garden and Other Projects: It Takes a Village," with artist and environmental activist Betsy Damon, founder of the nonprofit organization Keepers of the Waters. A Santa Fe salsa chicken salad lunch will be served at noon at a cost of $9.32 per person; Damon will speak at 12:30 p.m., 207 Union. Admission is free for those wishing only to hear her speak. To reserve lunch, contact Mary Hitt at 2-2340 or mjhitt@bgsu.edu by Wednesday (Oct. 3). A Water Week event.

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Guest Artist, question-and-answer session with Margo Garrett of Juilliard, collaborative pianist and the 2007 Helen McMaster Endowed Professor in Vocal and Choral Studies, 4-5 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Continuing Events
Oct. 4-5
Fall Break. No classes, offices open.

Oct. 4-27
Art Exhibition, "The Chronology of Human Relationships," an exhibition of works by BGSU graduate students Jennifer Key and Jessica Takla, Union Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

Oct. 8 and 9
Master Classes, led by the 2007 Helen McMaster Endowed Professor in Vocal and Choral Studies, Margo Garrett of Juilliard, 2-4 p.m. Oct. 8 and 8-9 p.m. Oct. 9, Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Oct. 8-13
Water Week, includes faculty research presentations Oct. 10 and 11; see next Monday's Monitor for various activities and events at locations around campus focusing on water-related issues and topics.

Through Oct. 24
Art Exhibition, Paintings by Diane Pribojan-Rabak, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through Nov. 9
Art Exhibition, "You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby," showcasing childhood self-portraits from 60 of America's top illustrators, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Closed during Fall Break.

JOB POSTINGS

Due to the recently announced hold on all hiring for faculty and staff, no jobs will be posted until further notice.

OBITUARY

Bernard Linden, 79, a professor emeritus of music performance studies, died Sept. 21 in New York. He taught at BGSU from 1960-85.