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BGSU receives grant for green renovations, education

Hayes Hall is getting a green makeover, and students and faculty will reap benefits in enhanced learning opportunities. The project is the result of BGSU's successful application for an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

BGSU will receive \$911,658 to upgrade the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in Hayes. Energy-efficient lighting will also be installed, along with a computer-based building management system to control lights and temperature.

"It's one of those programs that, fortunately, we were able to take advantage of," said Tim Burns, senior project manager in the Office of Design and Construction. "This is the first time I've had a grant like this go through, and it took a lot of effort between many different departments. We're looking forward to getting started."

The project pays off for the University in other ways besides the cost savings from the energy upgrades and the lighter environmental impact. Money from the grant will also be used toward a number of educational opportunities for both students and staff in sustainability and energy-efficient design.

Dr. Nick Hennessy, campus sustainability coordinator, will oversee this component, including the creation of capstone or other academic classes and research in environmental policy, energy or technology with faculty members, staff and students.

"Students and faculty can examine this project from beginning to end," he explained. "They will also be able to learn valuable technological design, policy and project-planning skills as well as get hands-on learning in green technology and design."

Hennessy will present the results of the project to the other Ohio state universities within the University System of Ohio Sustainability area.

Construction at Hayes Hall is scheduled to begin in August, with a completion date of October 2011.

The projects were selected through a competitive review process based on several criteria to fulfill program objectives: project readiness to ensure completion by July 20, 2012; reduction in energy usage and fossil fuel emissions, and direct economic impact in Ohio to create and retain jobs.

Blair honored for connecting computers, writing

Dr. Kristine Blair, chair of the English department, is the recipient of the Computers and Composition Charles Moran Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Field.

Inaugurated in 2003 in honor of the 20th anniversary of the international journal *Computers and Composition*, the award recognizes exemplary scholarship and professional service to the field of computers and writing.

A specialist in online education, digital rhetoric and technological literacy, Blair received the award last month at the 2010 *Computers and Writing Conference* at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. She was nominated by external colleagues who commended her "role in promoting the growth of the field by generously sharing her expertise with colleagues and by mentoring as well as collaborating with new scholars in the discipline."

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Blair edits the refereed journal Computers and Composition Online, a companion journal to Computers and Composition, and directs a computer camp for girls, The Digital Mirror, nationally funded by the American Association of University Women.

Remembering Ray Browne

Family members, friends and former colleagues and students of Dr. Ray Browne, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Popular Culture, gathered June 18 for a memorial tribute to the founder of the discipline of popular culture studies.

Following a service in Prout Chapel, the group moved to the union for a reception and viewing of a display of items chronicling Browne's career and the impact of his contributions.

IN BRIEF

Deadline nears for 2009-10 Family Campaign

Faculty, staff and retirees have until June 30 to make a gift to the 2009-10 BGSU Family Campaign. Gifts made to the Family Campaign – of any size and to any area – contribute to the quality of a BGSU education, help ensure the vitality of the University and strengthen our community.

The Family Campaign has raised nearly \$10 million to benefit students, programs and initiatives.

To make a gift, visit <http://givetobgsu.com/family>.

Philosophy colloquia to feature visiting scholars

The Social Philosophy and Policy Center will host a series of lectures by its visiting scholars this summer. The talks and colloquia will be held on Wednesday afternoons through July 14. Seating is limited. To reserve a space, email center Program Manager Ben Dyer at bdyer@bgsu.edu.

This week's talk will be on "Progressive Challenges to the Rule of Law," by Dr. Bradley Watson, a political science professor who holds the Philip M. McKenna Chair in American and Western Political Thought at Saint Vincent College. Watson is also a Fellow in politics and culture at the Center for Political and Economic Thought. During his stay in Bowling Green, he is working on a book project tentatively titled *A New Republic? Progressivism and Its Critics*.

Also holding colloquia this summer will be Dr. Christopher Coyne, an economics faculty member at West Virginia University and North American editor of *The Review of Austrian Economics*; Dr. Edward Lopez, associate professor of law and economics at San Jose State University and editor of the forthcoming *The Pursuit of Justice: Law and Economics of Legal Systems*; and Dr. Guido Pincione, a professor of law and philosophy at the Universidad Torcuato di Tella in Buenos Aires and a professor of philosophy at the University of Arizona.

Watch the Monitor calendar for listings of each week's speaker.



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Monday, June 21

Sundaes on Mondays, free ice cream, noon-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Summer Workshop Series, Center for Family and Demographic Research, "Regression Diagnostics," with Hsueh-Sheng Wu, noon-1 p.m., 7C Williams Hall.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Active Learning and Problem-based Learning Strategies," 2-3 p.m., 201 University Hall.

Summer Music Institute Piano Camp Guest Artist Recital, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, June 23

Summer Colloquia, "Progressive Challenges to the Rule of Law," with Bradley Watson, political science, Saint Vincent College, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Seating is limited; contact Ben Dyer at bdyer@bgsu.edu for reservations and location information. Hosted by the Social Philosophy and Policy Center.

Thursday, June 24

Bucket Truck Operator Training, with Scott Goodwin, 12:30-4:30 p.m., 2 College Park. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page23277.html>.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Foster Significant Learning Using Integrated Course Design," 1-2 p.m., 201 University Hall.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Socratic Circles," 2:30-3:30 p.m., 210 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

Friday, June 25

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Evaluating Student Learning Using Assessment Rubrics," 9-10 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

Board of Trustees, 1:30 p.m., 308 Union.

Monday, June 28

Second Six-Week Summer Session Begins.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Pragmatic Practices for Teaching Assistants," 11 a.m.-noon, 201 University Hall. Register online at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

There were no jobs posted this week.

Labor Postings

<http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires>

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR website at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/>.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet.

This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

On-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

Off-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html



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