SETGO students learn valuable research lessons

Heather Allamon learned the hard way that scientific research is all about making mistakes. The junior biology major from Crestline is studying the effects of light intensity and water clarity on the foraging rates of larval fish through the Science, Engineering and Technology Gateway Ohio (SETGO) program.

“When I first started the lights were too hot,” Allamon said. “They warmed up the water and killed all the fish. When you’re doing your own research project sometimes you have to think on your feet and redesign what you’re doing.”

Allamon is one of 40 students on campus this summer engaged in independent research through SETGO. Students receive a $3,500 scholarship and will spend a total of 10 weeks working on their projects while being mentored by faculty.

Tim Speegle, an environmental science major at Owens Community College who is transferring to BGSU in the fall, is learning all about the challenges that come with going out into the field and putting a project idea into action. He is studying drinking water reservoirs and whether or not they can support use as a fishery for Yellow Perch.

“Research doesn’t always fit your schedule,” he explained. “I have had to reschedule sample gathering trips several times—but this project has opened my eyes as to what all is involved in actually supporting life and what aspects of nature influence that. I see myself continuing in environmental science and research and one day working in environmental restoration.”

Tia Collier, a biochemistry junior from Toledo, is hoping she can apply the skills learned this summer to her future career as a forensic physician assistant. Collier is using DNA markers to determine whether orchids discovered this spring are lady’s slipper orchids—a variety believed to have been wiped out from one of only two remaining sites in Ohio.

“I’ve enjoyed the SETGO experience so much,” Collier said. “You learn so much in such a short amount of time.”

Students say collaborating with graduate students and faculty on issues and ideas is one of the most rewarding parts of the process. Erin Tucker, a biology senior from Avon, is working with Jessica Sewald, a graduate student. The pair is investigating the foraging activities of bats in the Oak Openings Region using echolocation monitors and mist netting. Tucker is specifically looking at whether bats are more active in areas with lots of roost tree availability.

“I’ve learned a lot this summer about research in general and field work,” said Tucker. “We have a lot of fun when we’re out there. The SETGO experience has been really positive and I’ve gained a lot more confidence.”

Funded by the National Science Foundation, SETGO is designed to increase the number of science, math, engineering and technology graduates in the region.

The students will show the results of their work in a poster session from 2-4 p.m. Friday (July 23) in 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The event is open to the campus community.
‘The Curious Savage’ next at the Huron Playhouse

The adventures of Mrs. Ethel Savage are at the center of a charming and heartwarming comedy taking the stage at the Huron Playhouse.

In “The Curious Savage,” Ethel’s stepchildren commit her to a sanatorium in an attempt to get their hands on millions of dollars left to her by her late husband. Savage remains determined to establish a fund to help others realize their hopes and dreams and receives assistance from her “family” at the sanatorium to carry out her plans.

The shows are at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday (July 20-24) at the playhouse, located in the McCormick Middle School on Ohio Street in Huron.

Tickets are $14 for students and senior citizens, $16 for other adults and $11 for children under 12. For reservations, call 419-433-4744.

IN BRIEF

Willard Drive widening effecting Lot 1 entrance

This week, the Willard Drive entrance to Lot 1 will be closed as part of the construction project widening the street. Drivers will be able to access Lot 1 from East Merry Avenue. Pedestrian access to Willard may also be restricted. The closure is expected to last until mid-to-late-August.

To view a map of the restricted area and suggested walking routes, click on Pedestrian Detour Map at http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/page37873.html. This site also contains the latest information on other construction activity and road closures. Pedestrians and drivers are asked to use caution around all construction sites on campus.

Faculty and staff invited to a free lunch

BGSU Athletics and the Falcon football program are hosting a free lunch Thursday (July 22) at the Doyt Perry Stadium for all faculty and staff. The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the south end zone.

Head Football Coach Dave Clawson will be joined by several players, coaches and department staff members to hand out ticket information for the 2010 season. The BGSU Bookstore is offering a free t-shirt to any faculty or staff member who makes a Season Ticket or Falcon Flex Pack purchase at the event.

If you are interested in attending, please call 2-2401 by 5 p.m. today (July 19) to reserve a spot. Attendees can park in the grass lot located just behind the scoreboard tower.
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**CALENDAR**

**Monday, July 19**

**Tuesday, July 20**

**Wednesday, July 21**

**Classified Staff Council,** 10 a.m. to noon, 1001 Cedar Point Center, BGSU Firelands.

**Thursday, July 22**

**Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop,** "Designing a Learner-centered Syllabus," 2:30-3:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page74986.html.

**Friday, July 23**

**Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop,** "Deep Learning: Can you make it happen?" 9-10 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page75113.html.

**Saturday, July 24**

**Mountain Dulcimer Workshop,** 9 a.m.-noon, $59 fee. For more information or to register visit http://cee.bgsu.edu/container.php?x=community.

**Juggling Workshop,** 12:30-2 p.m., $29 fee. For more information or to register visit http://cee.bgsu.edu/container.php?x=community.

**Ukulele Workshop,** 2:30-4:30 p.m., $59 fee. For more information or to register visit http://cee.bgsu.edu/container.php?x=community.

**Blackjack Workshop,** 5-7 p.m., $29 fee. For more information or to register visit http://cee.bgsu.edu/container.php?x=community.

**Sunday, July 25**

**Monday, July 26**

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

**Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop,** "Integrating Your Courses with BGSU Learning Outcomes & Core Values," 3:30-4:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page74987.html.

**Continuing Events**

**July 20-24**

**Summer Theater.** "The Curious Savage," 8 p.m. nightly, Huron Playhouse, McCormick School, Ohio Street, Huron. Tickets are $14 for students and senior citizens, $16 for other adults, $11 for children under 12, and $13 for groups of 15 or more. Season passes are $65. For reservations, call 419-433-4744.

**JOB POSTINGS**

**FACULTY**

There were no jobs posted this week.

**Labor Postings**

http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=acinfohires

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/hr/.

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/hr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

**Off-campus classified:**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

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

**OBITUARY**

Melvin L. Murray, 86, a longtime broadcaster and former BGSU trustee, died July 10 in Fostoria. In 1980 Gov. James Rhodes appointed Murray to a nine-year term as trustee. Memorials can be made to the Fostoria library.