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BGSU forensics expert helps Trinidad and Tobago police force

The island nation of Trinidad and Tobago has seen a frightening jump in homicides over the last five years. In response, the government has turned to a team of crime experts from American universities to help address the problem **and transform the police service.**

Dr. William King, criminal justice, is the forensics expert on a roughly 20-member team coordinated through George Mason University that comprises specialists in guns, gangs, drugs, crime mapping and community relations.

Trinidad and Tobago is home to about 1.3 million people. "In 1999, there were about 100 homicides a year in Trinidad and Tobago," King said. "In 2005, there were 386." The situation has overwhelmed the police, who do not have the management structure or the training necessary to deal with the resulting volume of investigation and crime-scene processing.

While the violence is largely focused on gang and drug-trade members, "it is naturally very disturbing to residents," King said. "Working people and families, especially those who live in the hills surrounding the capital, Port of Spain, are very upset by what they see happening in their communities.

"The police have been very receptive to our help," he said. King began his work in October with two weeks of training homicide investigators. "We've noticed that the quality of their homicide investigations has improved with only a little bit of training," he said.

Now spending about one week of every three in Trinidad, King's approach has been two-pronged. Because the violence has been concentrated in specific neighborhoods where gangs operate, he stays at one of the local police stations on Thursday and Friday nights and accompanies the homicide detectives to crime scenes. "Often we're the first police unit on the scene, even before the uniformed officers have arrived," he noted. He then observes the way in which the police process the crime scene, gather evidence and interview witnesses.

One challenge, he said, is that the "investigators tend not to approach witnesses and canvas neighborhoods," a problem compounded by the fact that witnesses are usually reluctant to speak with the police, perhaps out of fear. This is a problem that will take time and additional effort to overcome, King said. "All the forensics in the world will not help if there aren't witnesses who will testify."

Based on what he sees at the crime scenes, he is making recommendations and providing training to the police. "There's been a marked improvement in crime-scene processing," he said.

The second approach is working with the crime laboratory staff on processing evidence. The lab maintains a large database but has become backlogged since the upsurge in violent crime. King is working with Trinidad and Tobago's Ministry of National Security to institute strategic management policies to standardize and speed up the staff's work so a solid case can be built and brought to trial without undue delay.

Crime-lab experts from the United Kingdom and the FBI have also visited to lend assistance, and a large team of police from the U.K. is in the process of moving to the island for intensive, in-residence support. Trinidad and Tobago operates under the British, magisterial system of jurisprudence, in which the arresting officers must prosecute their own cases and "the defense bar is very good," King said. Plans are under way to provide the officers more training in presenting evidence and gaining convictions.

King, graduate student coordinator for the Criminal Justice Program, said his chair and dean have been helpful in arranging his schedule so he can make regular visits to Trinidad, which

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will continue through August. The grant operates through the newly created Crime and Justice Research Lab at BGSU.

The U.S. crime reduction team is headed by Drs. Stephen Mastrofski and Edward Maguire of George Mason University, along with four other GMU faculty. A number of trainers are participating from the Justice and Safety Institute at Pennsylvania State University and Justice and Security Systems—a Washington, D.C.-area firm—plus eight other team members (including King) from various universities.

Teamwork needed to move economy forward

Northwest Ohio is in a good place geographically in the new global economy, but how does the region put itself in the best position to respond to that changing economy?

The example of Genghis Khan might be helpful, according to a leading authority on large-scale regional development strategies.

Khan was the first military leader in history to send spies to learn about societies his Mongol army would be encountering, said Michael Gallis, noting that the spies' work enabled Khan's army to move 100 miles a day when others went no more than 20.

"They knew where they were going," he said, explaining that 800 years later, economic regions need frameworks for acquiring that same knowledge.

Gallis was the keynote speaker May 22 at the fifth annual State of the Region Conference. About 200 people attended the event, which was presented by the University's Center for Regional Development at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg.

Public, private and other sectors create fragmentation that regions must overcome to move forward, according to Gallis, who has led development programs for metropolitan regions like Detroit, Cincinnati, Memphis and Charlotte, and states, including Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Jersey.

To combat fragmentation, he recommended a process through which leaders can address topics across jurisdictional lines. Whether those topics relate to environmental, educational, health, infrastructural, cultural or other issues, he said participants in each area must keep others apprised of their discussions.

"You need to play like a team," Gallis recommended, citing statistics to back his claim that the world economy will be increasingly dominated by Asia.

Memphis area teamwork a prime example

The process Gallis described has worked in Memphis, according to Russell Gwatney, a director and past president of the Memphis Regional Chamber who also spoke at the conference and at a media luncheon beforehand.

People with power don't want to relinquish it, and getting them to sit down and talk is difficult, said Gwatney, pointing out that metropolitan Memphis extends from Tennessee to two other states—Arkansas and Mississippi.

The planning process there started in 1998 with the three states' governors appointing 36 people to lead a study that concluded two years later with a community plan called Memphis 2005. Along the way, the core group "brought people to the table and started building consensus," recalled Gwatney, who said the input of 1,500 or more people was sought.

He stressed the need to be proactive, saying, by way of comparison, that if a truck is coming down the road at you, you have to jump one way or the other.

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“Unfortunately,” Gallis added, “I think most people are standing on the road watching the truck. I’m not seeing a lot of action (around the country); I’m seeing a lot of quizzical looks.”

But “I think Toledo has everything it needs to institute such a process,” he said, noting the potential for such entities as the Regional Growth Partnership and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority to take the lead.

In his estimation, the Toledo area is also in an advantageous setting. “We’ve heard of the Sun Belt, but the Sun Belt is over,” he said, pointing out that economic growth hasn’t accompanied population movement to the Southeast. The Northeast and Upper Midwest are strong, he insisted, citing in particular the amount of funded research taking place in both regions.

“We are sitting in the path of science and engineering research across the board,” Gallis said.

Providing another reason for optimism about northwest Ohio was Dr. Michael Carroll, economics and director of the Center for Regional Development.

A collaboration of greenhouse growers in the region has produced Maumee Valley Growers, which Carroll called one of the first fully functional, economic development “cluster” programs in the nation. It’s an example, he said, of individual competitors working cooperatively for regional success.

Gallis expressed confidence about the nation’s future economic success despite questioning if Americans are preparing, and preparing fast enough, for it. “We have great traditions,” he said. “We will succeed in the 21st century.”

Hartley named Owens-Illinois Professor

Dr. Janet Hartley has been named the Owens-Illinois Professor of Business Administration.

Chair of the Department of Management, Hartley is extensively involved in the supply chain management program as a teacher, scholar and researcher. She has also successfully fostered positive relationships with the business community.

Hartley succeeds Dr. Timothy Fuerst, economics, as holder of the endowed professorship, which was created with a gift from Owens-Illinois Inc. in 1986. Dr. Chan Hahn, former chair of the management department, held the position until his retirement in 2000, when it was awarded to Fuerst. The length of the appointment is now limited to two consecutive three-year terms.

Dr. Nancy Merritt, interim dean of the business college, said the selection committee chose Hartley on the basis of “her established reputation as an outstanding teacher-scholar; scholarship that has resulted in significant contributions to the understanding and practice of business administration, and record of meaningful interaction with and contributions to the business community.”

“A very high-quality set of nominees was received, providing testament to the many outstanding faculty in the College of Business Administration,” Merritt added.

Hartley joined the BGSU faculty in 1994, the same year she received her Ph.D. in business administration, with a specialization in operations management, from the University of Cincinnati. She earned her MBA from Cincinnati in 1991.

In 1999, Hartley was promoted to associate professor and was named director of the University’s Supply Chain Management Institute. She held the latter position until 2003, a year after she became management department chair. She was promoted to the rank of full professor last year.

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A recipient of the business college's Marie R. Hodge Advising Award in 1997-98, Hartley teaches purchasing and supply chain management and production/operations management. Her research interests include supply management, supplier development and supplier cost management. The endowed professorship will provide professional opportunities to enhance her research, as well as teaching.

She has also written or co-authored more than 20 refereed journal articles and has been an associate editor of the Journal of Operations Management since 1998.

Hartley, who earned her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla, held engineering positions at Clorox Co. for eight years before entering her doctoral program.

Kinesiologist wins Halverson Young Investigator Award

Dr. David Stodden, kinesiology, has received the 2006 Lolas E. Halverson Young Investigator Award from the Motor Development and Learning Academy of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

The national award is intended to nurture young scholars and recognize their outstanding contributions to research in motor development. In announcing the award, association President Thomas J. Templin noted, "Dr. Stodden's research reflects high scholarship exhibiting accuracy, critical ability and thoroughness."

Earlier this year, Stodden and Dr. Stephen Langendorfer, also in kinesiology, received a 2006-08 NASPE research grant to study the "Association Between Motor Skillfulness and Physical Fitness." The purpose of the project is to provide evidence of the effectiveness—or ineffectiveness—of physical education programs in meeting national standards and/or academic or health-related goals of pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade physical education programs.

Stodden holds a bachelor's degree from Buena Vista University, a master's degree from Iowa State University and a doctorate from Auburn University. His research interests include motor learning and acquisition of skilled performance, end-state comfort effects in bimanual tasks, integration of motor development and biomechanics in throwing, and biomechanics of baseball pitching.

NASPE is the preeminent national authority on physical education and a recognized leader in sport and physical activity. The nonprofit professional membership association sets the standard for practice in physical education and sport. The organization's Motor Development and Learning Academy promotes the study of motor development for all people, regardless of age, sex or level of ability.

Pallister named alumnus of achievement

Dr. Janis L. Pallister, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of romance languages, has been named an "Alumnus of Notable Achievement" by the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota.

Pallister received her bachelor's degree cum laude from Minnesota, where she also earned master's and doctoral degrees. She taught French at BGSU from 1961 until her retirement in 1985. She is the author of more than 30 books and hundreds of articles and reviews. In March, she delivered two lectures at the University of Toronto (Mississauga) on francophone women filmmakers.

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According to the awarding college, "Alumni of Notable Achievement are people whose accomplishments have brought distinction to their professions, their communities, and the college. By honoring these persons, the College of Liberal Arts recognizes and celebrates not only their singular accomplishments but also the collective depth and breadth of their interests, talents, career paths, and achievements in all sectors of society."

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Finalists named for athletic director position

President Sidney A. Ribeau has announced that Whit Babcock, assistant athletic director and executive director of development at West Virginia University, and Greg Christopher, associate athletic director for external relations and the John Purdue Club at Purdue University, are the two finalists for the position of director of athletics at BGSU. The University is seeking a replacement for Paul Krebs, who accepted a similar position at the University of New Mexico on March 13.

"I believe we have two outstanding individuals who offer a great deal to our institution and our community," said Ribeau. "Both have been successful in establishing the type of relationships you need to advance and lead an athletic program, and both have played a key role in the success of their respective institutions."

A decision on the position is expected soon, following campus visits by the two finalists. Applications and nominations were received by Neinas Sports Services of Boulder, Colo., which assisted in the screening process and worked with Ribeau and Dr. Ed Whipple, vice president for student affairs and acting athletic director.

For more information about the two finalists, go to www.bgsufalcons.com.

Family Campaign is in final month—pledge now

The total continues to grow as more people across the campus make their pledges and gifts to the Family Campaign—employees' and friends' chance to help support University programs and scholarships. The last day to participate in the 2006 campaign is June 30.

As of May 26, \$689,564 had been raised from faculty, staff and retirees toward the \$1 million goal. The campus is at 49.46 percent participation; the goal is 57 percent. Donors can give using the Family Campaign envelope that was recently mailed, give online at <http://giving.bgsu.edu> or call the development office at 2-2424.

Congratulations to the departments that have reached 100 percent participation. They include: equity and diversity; capital planning/design and construction; the treasurer's office; risk management; payroll; disability services; the vice president for student affairs' office, and Student Support Services.

No Monitor next week

There will not be a Monitor the week of June 12. Publication will resume June 19.

BG@100 Open Forum to include FMS navigation presentation

The next BG@100 Open Forum is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Thursday (June 8) in 316 Bowen-Thompson Student Union and will include a presentation on "Navigating FMS."

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Rhythmyx Web Content Management System to be upgraded

The Rhythmyx Web Content Management System will be upgraded to Version 5.6 this week. Users should take note of the following:

- June 9-12: Rhythmyx CMS will be unavailable for use in creating, editing and publishing Web pages from 5 p.m. Friday (June 9) through 8 a.m. Monday (June 12). BGSU Web pages will remain accessible for viewing and reference during this time.
- June 12: Rhythmyx CMS Version 5.6 will be available for use beginning at 8 a.m.

Documentation for Rhythmyx CMS Version 5.6 is available at the Office of Web Development site: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/webdev/index.html>.

Training sessions are being offered. Information on session times and enrollment is available in the Monitor calendar and at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/webdev/page16548.html>.

Contact the Technology Support Center at 2-0999 or tsc@bgsu.edu with any questions regarding the outage and/or upgrade.

CALENDAR

Monday, June 5

W. Heinlen Hall Lecture, "Seeing the Light with Polymers," by Dr. Andrew Holmes, University of Melbourne, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall. Sponsored by the chemistry department.

Rhythmyx Content Management System (CMS) Training, for current users of the CMS, to learn the changes coming with Version 5.6 of the Rhythmyx software, 2-4 p.m., 128 Hayes Hall. To register, visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/webdev/page16548.html>.

Tuesday, June 6

Rhythmyx Content Management System (CMS) Training, for current users of the CMS, to learn the changes coming with Version 5.6 of the Rhythmyx software, 9-11 a.m., 128 Hayes Hall. To register, visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/webdev/page16548.html>.

Dissertation Defense, "Transformed Tests for Homogeneity of Variances and Means," by Md. Khairul Islam, mathematics, 1 p.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

W. Heinlen Hall Lecture, "Synthesis and Processing in Supercritical Carbon Dioxide," by Dr. Andrew Holmes, University of Melbourne, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall. Sponsored by the chemistry department.

Wednesday, June 7

Dissertation Defense, "A Correlational Study of a Random Stratified Sample of Superintendents in Michigan, Analyzing the Relationship between MBTI® Reported Personality Preference Types and Firo-B® Reported Personality Preference Types, and MBTI® Perceived Personality Preference Types and Firo-B® Interpersonal Leadership Styles," by Ann Gracia, leadership studies, 10:30 a.m., 444 Education Building.

Rhythmyx Content Management System (CMS) Training, for current users of the CMS, to learn the changes coming with Version 5.6 of the Rhythmyx software, 2-4 p.m., 128 Hayes Hall. To register, visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/webdev/page16548.html>.

W. Heinlen Hall Lecture, "Pericyclic Processes in the Synthesis of Biologically Important Heterocycles," by Dr. Andrew Holmes, University of Melbourne, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall. Sponsored by the chemistry department.

Thursday, June 8

W. Heinlen Hall Lecture, "Probing Downstream Intracellular Signaling Processes with Inositol Phospholipids," by Dr. Andrew Holmes, University of Melbourne, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall. Sponsored by the chemistry department.

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Saturday, June 10

Fifth Annual Autism Summit of Northwest Ohio, "What's Happening with Autism," 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Cost is \$69 with CEUs, \$49 without CEUs and \$15 for students. For more information, contact Ann Betts at 2-8181, email abetts@bgsu.edu or visit <http://pace.bgsu.edu/>.

Monday, June 12

Summer Classes Begin, Eight-week term. Sundaes on Mondays, Free sundaes and ice cream novelties, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Union (every other Monday through the summer).

Wednesday, June 14

Dissertation Defense, "Teaching Anxiety in Composition Studies: A Pilot Study," by Brennan Thomas, English, 8:30 a.m., 206 East Hall.

Dissertation Defense, "Old Wine and New Wineskins: (De)Colonizing Literacy in Kenya's Higher Education," by Mwangi Chenga, English, 2 p.m., 206 East Hall.

Rhythmyx Content Management System (CMS) Training, for new users of the CMS, 1:30-4:30 p.m., 128 Hayes Hall. To enroll, call the Technology Support Center at 2-0999. For details regarding this and other CMS training sessions, visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/webdev/page16548.html>.

Friday, June 16

Dissertation Defense, "Structure-Based Multiple RNA Sequence Alignment and Finding RNA Motifs," by Michael Sarver, mathematics, 11 a.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Dissertation Defense, "Occupation Times of Continuous Markov Processes," by Agata Korpas, mathematics, 2 p.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Monday, June 19

Bingo, noon-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Union.

Continuing Events Through July 21

Photography Exhibit, Brian Baby, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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Marketing. Instructor with interim directorship of Hospitality Management Program. Call Jim Sullivan, 2-2041. Deadline: June 23.

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 Web site 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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OBITUARY

Loy Littlefield, 68, an associate professor emeritus of philosophy, died May 17 in Santa Fe, N.M. He taught at BGSU from 1966-96.