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BGSU has taken its first step toward renewable energy with the installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the Ice Arena. The project is a partnership between the University and Bowling Green municipal utilities. It has been nurtured along by the strong working relationship between utilities director Daryl Stockburger and Donald Scherer, professor emeritus of philosophy and a longtime proponent of "green" energy.

The utility is paying for the panels through its Green Power Program. Utility customers may opt to pay up to a 1.38 kilowatt-hours surcharge on their electric bills to help the utility invest in renewable energy. About 3 percent of the city's residents have chosen to participate. Their dollars have helped fund such projects as the wind turbines on U.S. 6. Another source of funding comes from "Green Tags" that citizens statewide may purchase under an agreement between American Municipal Power-Ohio and Green Mountain Energy, which helps offset the higher initial cost of providing green energy. The utility also received a \$35,000 reimbursement grant from the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Energy Efficiency for the University partnership project.

The solar panels, located on the eastern side of the middle of the arena's roof, will produce 31 kilowatts of energy per hour on a sunny day. When they are operational in mid-September, BGSU will have the second largest array in Ohio, and the energy they produce will be "on the grid" for use in Bowling Green and across the continent, according to Scherer.

"We're taking a phased-in approach," said Stockburger. "I'd like to add another 10 kwh of photovoltaic energy a year. It's part of our plan for diversifying our power supply."

The Ice Arena is a particularly good spot to utilize solar energy because it consumes so much power to keep the facility cold, especially in the summer months when both overall demand and costs are highest. "The solar panels fit perfectly into that niche because they're offsetting our most expensive power just when they're at the peak of their production," Stockburger said.

The new panels, produced by FirstSolar, are being installed by John Witte, a certified solar installer with Advanced Distributive Generation in Maumee. Tim Burns, senior project manager in the Office of Design and Construction, is overseeing the job.

The new panels will be featured in northwest Ohio's Solar Energy Tour on Oct. 2, along with other area sites of renewable energy including the wind turbines. Jessica Belcher, an environmental policy major, planned the regional tour through an environmental studies internship.

"There's the potential for a lot of technologies to be tested," Stockburger said of the project, which has also drawn the attention of other renewable-energy companies. Ballard Power Systems of Vancouver, Canada, is donating for two years an advanced, 30 kwh inverter, the "Ecostar Inverter," which will change the direct current produced by solar energy into the alternating current required to power lights and motors. In return, BGSU will allow the company to remotely monitor the equipment. The company's head engineer will be in Bowling Green Friday (Sept. 10) for a test run.

The first thing the panels will power directly will be the fluorescent lights in the eastern third of the Hall of Fame area of the arena. The University is also testing a special ballast from Nex-Tek designed to allow more efficient use of the energy generated. "Because these ballasts use direct current when it is available but switch seamlessly to standard alternating current when the sun isn't shining, they use the direct current more efficiently," according to Scherer.

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"It's one more way we're being extra green as a university besides cooperating with the municipal utility," he said.

Through BGSU's Project EXCITE, which focuses on creating hands-on K-12 science curriculum, Scherer, Amy Boros and Michele Shafer have created a Web site with information about solar energy for schoolchildren and curriculum for teachers.

Boros and Shafer have planned a workshop this month for some Bowling Green teachers to show them how the Web site can fit into their teaching about renewable energy.

A separate plan is for the Project EXCITE Web site to be accessible at an informational kiosk at the governor's mansion in Columbus, where solar panels have also been installed on the former carriage house. "We want to raise awareness about the importance of renewable energy and use Bowling Green as a showcase," Scherer said.

Campus reaches out to community through BG Gives Back

Next week, the University will launch its 2004 charitable giving campaign. While the name—BG Gives Back—is a bit different this year, the intent is the same: to help needy people in our communities.

The kickoff is Monday (Sept. 13). This year's campaign is only for a month, so employees are encouraged to act quickly to make their gifts and pledges. In fact, the first person to return his or her electronic pledge will receive free bread from Panera Bakery each month for a year.

Other local merchants and campus offices have donated gift certificates and merchandise to be awarded to donors. Each Tuesday during the campaign, the names of all donors will be entered in a prize drawing. By pledging early, one's chances of winning increase, according to campaign co-chair Maureen Ireland, assistant director of the University Bookstore.

BG Gives Back is a manifestation of the University's commitment to and awareness of the importance of sharing with others who are less fortunate. "BG is embedded in the wider community, so it's important for us to give back to that community," said Steering Committee member Jane Rosser, assistant director of Partnerships for Community Action.

By investing in families and children, BGSU is really investing in its future, the committee says.

Again this year, United Way and Northwest Ohio Community Shares are coordinating donations. Givers may earmark their gifts and pledges to either or both of the umbrella organizations, or to specific agencies or programs within them. Unspecified gifts will be divided proportionally at the end of the campaign.

United Way supports a coordinated network of 135 programs in 73 agencies throughout Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties, strengthening families and neighborhoods, nurturing children and youth, and promoting health and wellness.

Community Shares is a local federation of 24 agencies providing services to benefit human health and welfare in northwest Ohio. The programs of its member agencies focus on social, economic and environmental justice. A gift to a Community Shares agency will help support services to the disabled, children, the environment and housing services.

BGSU Firelands will conduct its own campaign with United Way only, serving the people of Erie County. Rachelle Kristoff Hippler is coordinating that effort.

For the second year, the E-pledge will replace paper pledges except for employees in facilities and dining services, who will continue to have the option of submitting a paper

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pledge. Retirees will also receive paper pledges mailed to their homes. They may donate by check or credit card.

The first electronic pledges will go out Monday. Paper pledges will be delivered Sept. 27.

The efficient and secure electronic donation method streamlines the process of giving and helps reduce paperwork, for both cost savings and convenience.

When filling out their pledge forms, donors should earmark their donations to one or both of the two agencies, and then may further designate a specific program if they wish. Donors may choose to give a flat amount or through payroll deduction.

Area campaign representatives will be available to answer questions and provide materials explaining the campaign and each umbrella organization. Information Technology Services personnel will also be wearing "I can help" buttons.

The campaign Web site, which will be active by Monday, provides lists of the participating programs and agencies to which employees may direct their gifts. Visit it at <http://bgcharity.bgsu.edu>. Also beginning Monday, you may send questions or concerns to bgcharity@bgnet.bgsu and will receive a reply. Or ask your area representative for more details.

Students and visitors may participate in BG Gives Back through "Make a Difference Day" at the home opening football game on Sept. 11. Cans will be placed at the tailgate area outside Doyt Perry Stadium from 3-6 p.m.

The campus community is also invited to visit the campaign table Friday (Sept. 10) during CampusFest at the All-Campus Picnic. "Agency representatives will be there. Stop by and find out more about the campaign," Ireland said.

BG Gives Back Steering Committee members include Ireland and co-chair David Albrecht, accounting and MIS; Rosser; Linda Dobb, executive vice president; Nora Cassidy, chemistry graduate program; Pa'Trice Pettaway and Rich Kasch, ITS; Kerri Campbell, human resources; Ginny Pinkelman, bursar's office; Jane Schimpf, retiree, and Betsy Schultz, the graduate assistant for the campaign.

Some of the leading givers last year were University Libraries, the biology department, athletics and ITS, as well as BGSU retirees. The committee challenges others to set their goals a bit higher this year iso BGSU might reach more people with genuine needs.

Florence Klopfenstein's creativity, culinary skills recognized

When a creative challenge is issued, particularly one involving food, Florence Klopfenstein, a service manager in University Dining Services, cannot help but rise to it.

And when her creative juices are flowing, the output is considerable, and campus diners benefit.

Klopfenstein was honored this summer at the National Association of College University Food Service (NACUFS) annual conference in Las Vegas for her achievements in campus cuisine and dining events.

Her skill in culinary science was recognized when, of the 30 recipes chosen as finalists in the NestlÉ Food Service Minor's Sauces 2004 Great Taste on Campus contest, three were Klopfenstein's.

There were more than 150 entries in the contest, which challenged campus cooks to devise recipes using a variety of Minor's sauces in several categories. Klopfenstein actually created and submitted 10 new recipes, out of which the three finalists were chosen.

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She said she was encouraged to enter the contest by her general manager, Daria Blachowski, who gave her the entry form. "She helps me be all that I can be. She always tells me to go for it," she said of Blachowski.

She tested her creations both at work and at home, preparing each recipe several times and doubling or tripling it to make sure it would work, she said. The recipes will be included in a cookbook being produced by Minor's.

"It was a very proud moment at the national conference when Flo was recognized," said Gail Finan, director of University Dining Services. "I was proud of her then and I'm proud of her now. She's very energetic, and we're so lucky to have her on our team."

Winning were Klopfenstein's Caribbean Chicken Ciabatta sandwich, with mandarin oranges, roma tomatoes and jerk sauce. "When we had it on the menu at Founders, it sold out," she reported.

IN BRIEF

Tickets still available for Diamante Awards dinner

Today (Sept. 7) is the deadline for reservations for the 15th annual Diamante Awards dinner, which will take place Friday (Sept. 10) in the Center for the Fine and Performing Arts at Owens Community College.

Founded in 1989 by the northwest Ohio Latino advocacy organization, IMAGE, the awards recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding achievements and service in the northwest Ohio Latino community. This year's educational institution sponsors are BGSU, Owens Community College, Lourdes College, the Medical College of Ohio and the University of Toledo.

Diamante, in Spanish, means "diamond." Awards are given in categories comprising community, adult and youth leadership.

Award recipients are chosen in recognition of their exemplary leadership and achievements within the Latino community or northwest Ohio community at-large; for demonstrated excellence in their chosen fields; dedication and commitment to ethical and inclusive values, or mentoring qualities and youth leadership in the community.

Proceeds support scholarships for Latino students who attend one of the sponsoring educational institutions.

Tickets for the dinner are \$50 per person; tickets only for the dance which follows are \$5 each. Donations to the scholarship fund also are welcome. For more information or tickets, call Jean Perko, Owens Community College special events coordinator, at 567-661-7493.

Faculty, staff to be guests at Falcons' home opener

All BGSU faculty and staff can receive four free, reserved tickets to the BGSU vs. Southeast Missouri State game Saturday (Sept. 11). Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to see the defending Motor City Bowl champions open their home season at Doyt Perry Stadium. The game will feature the debut of the new video scoreboard, a post-game fireworks display courtesy of Pepsi, the Falcon Kids Zone, live pre-game music and a 2004 Falcon football schedule magnet for the first 10,000 fans, courtesy of SBX.

Last year, 3,600 tickets were distributed to faculty and staff. This year's goal is to have more than 4,000 tickets given away for the game. Pick up your tickets at the BGSU athletic

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ticket office in Memorial Hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. through Friday. You will need to show a valid BGSU faculty or staff ID to receive your tickets.

BG@100 HCM Phase 1 'go live' dates established

The BG@100 team has established the first 'go live' dates for the project. This initial conversion to PeopleSoft software will be for Phase 1 of Human Capital Management (HCM), encompassing Human Resources, Payroll, and Benefits.

June 24—Last date in production for Legacy System, AHRS from AMS

June 25 and 26—Conversion Weekend to PeopleSoft

June 27—First date in production for PeopleSoft HCM System

Further project information is available at the BG@100 project Web site, <http://www.bgsu.edu/BGat100>. Any questions regarding the project may be directed to BGat100@bgsu.edu.

New policy set on budget authorization for catered events

The Office of Internal Auditing has announced a change to the policy on catered events, effective Sept. 1.

Any catering event charged to a University budget or foundation account must now have the authorization of that budget's official administrator. The budget administrator must sign an authorization form identifying the budget name and area/organization number.

This form is available from the Office of Catering Arrangements, 231 Bowen-Thompson Student Union, and will be provided at the time of the event booking. It can be returned in person or by fax to Catering Arrangements once the budget administrator has provided the necessary information and signature. Only the official budget administrator's signature can be accepted. A designee cannot be substituted.

Needed information includes:

- Name of the budget
- Name of the budget administrator (to be confirmed from the Treasurer's Office)
- Area/Org for that budget
- Actual signature of the budget administrator

This information must be on file at Catering Arrangements before the event can be officially booked.

Questions can be addressed to Catering Arrangements, 231 Bowen-Thompson Student Union, or by phone at 2-6951.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, Sept. 7

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

Writers Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Movie, "Shrek 2," 9:30 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Suicide," with Cathy Kocarek, Counseling Center, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Guest Concert, University of Santo Tomas Singers, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for other adults. Call the box office at 2-8171 for reservations.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Brown Bag Lunch, "College Women and

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Friday, Sept. 10

All-Campus Picnic and CampusFest, free food and beverages, informational table displays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., University Hall lawn and Union Oval. In case of rain, food will be served in the dining centers..

Arts and Sciences Forum, "Career Paths: You Don't Always Follow the Yellow Brick Road," with Reggie Whitehead, BGSU alumnus and vice president of special markets for Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts, 12:30 p.m., 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Women's Research Network, "Against Obscenity: Reform and the Politics of Womanhood in America: 1873-1935," with Leigh Ann Wheeler, history, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Guest Lecture, "The Beneficial Effects of Regular Exercise in People with Type 2 Diabetes," with Peter Farrell, exercise and sport science department faculty at East Carolina University, 3:30 p.m., 223 Eppler Center. Sponsored by the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies.

Movie, "Shrek 2," 9:30 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Sunday, Sept. 12

Film Screening and Discussion, Thomas Dixon's "Nation Aflame," with film historian Anthony Slide. Slide will discuss his latest book, *American Racist: The Life and Films of Thomas Dixon*. 3 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Monday, Sept. 13

PCA/CITE Support Grant Writing Workshop, 4-5 p.m., 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by Partner-

ships for Community Action and the Center for Innovative and Transformative Education. Call 2-7316 for information.

Continuing Events

Through Sept. 17

Art Exhibit, "Metaphor and Irony 2: Frantisek Tráster and Contemporary Czech Theatre Design," featuring scene designs, renderings, models, costumes and installations, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays.

Through Sept. 26

Art Exhibits, "Process=Pattern: The Hand-dyed and Digitally Printed Textiles of Ana Lisa Hedstrom," and "Intersecting Traditions: Recent Textiles by Cynthia Schira," both exploring the relationship between handwork and electronic technology in textile design, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays.

Through Sept. 29

Art Exhibit, "Baggage, or the Residual Effects of Dreaming," a collaborative installation by participants in the 2004 Alternative Spring Break-Artist West Coast Road Trip, Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Through Oct. 6

Art Exhibit, sculpture by David Collins, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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FACULTY

Economics. Instructor. Call John Hoag, 2-8231. Deadline: Oct. 4.

Political Science. Assistant Professor. Call Jeffrey Peake, 2-8194. Deadline: Nov. 1.

Romance Languages. Assistant Professor. Call Opportune Zongo, 2-2667. Deadline: Nov. 15.

Applied Statistics and Operations Research. Assistant Professor. Call B.M.

Rao, 2-8011. Deadline: Dec. 1.

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 www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Trans-

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fer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

View job descriptions at:
www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/

The deadline for employees to apply is 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13.

Storekeeper 1 (C-74-Re)—University Dining Services. Pay grade 5. Twelve-month, full-time position.

ADMINISTRATIVE

View job descriptions at:
http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/

Applications Developer (V-053)—BG@100 Project. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications began July 2 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Director, Student Union (V-088)—University Dining Services. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications began Aug. 6 and will continue until the position is filled.

Associate Director (V-096)—Academic Enhancement. Administrative grade 17. Deadline: Sept. 10.

Manager, University Dining Services (V-035)—Division of Student Affairs (Re-advertised). Two positions, administrative grade 12. Review of applications began Aug. 6 and will continue until the positions are filled.

Coordinator of Greek Affairs (V-091)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 13. Review of applications began Aug. 27 and will continue until the position is filled.

Internal Auditor (M-080)—Internal Auditing and Advisory Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications will begin Sept. 10 and continue until the position is filled.

Associate Director of Dining Services for Business Affairs (R-104)—University Dining Services. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: Sept. 17.

Director, Office of Educational Outreach (04-100NF)—BGSU Firelands. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications will begin Sept. 17 and continue until the position is filled.

Health Educator (R-101)—Student Health Service/Wellness Connection. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: Sept. 17.

Manager of Prospect Research (R-103NF)—Office of Development. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: Sept. 17.

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.