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• *Dick Edwards at Simpson Park Garden. Janis Pallister's profile of this versatile individual is on page 2. Photo by Clif Boutelle.*

'Mr. Fixit' returns

THE Retirees Association's "Mr. Fixit" for computer problems, Dr. Charlie Applebaum, is batting 1.000, he estimates, as he begins his seventh year helping retirees with their frustrating computer problems. That's 1,000 "contacts," as he refers to the number of calls for help he has responded to since he was retained in



2000 by the Office of the Provost. Three-fifths were on-site trouble-shoots at retirees' homes.

Problems range from the retiree who composed an E-mail letter, printed it out, put it in a stamped envelope and dropped it off for mailing at the Washington Street Post Office, to the connection problems of a former high-level administrator at Information Technology Services. □

Former BGSU dean on Sept. 13 program

THE president of Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, Dr. Kendall L. Baker, who was BGSU's dean of the College of Liberal Arts from 1982 to 1987, will speak at the opening convocation of the BGSU Retirees Association on Wednesday, Sept. 13, in Bowen-Thompson Union.

The convocation, BGSURA's 12th, will be in the Community Room. Socializing begins at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are due by Friday, Sept. 8.

Dr. Baker was chosen in 1999 as the 10th president of Ohio Northern, which has an enrollment of 3,400. After leaving Bowling Green, he served as vice president and provost of Northern Illinois University (DeKalb) until 1992. Dr. Baker then became president of the University of North Dakota, serving until 1999, when he returned to Ohio to lead Ohio Northern University. The institution has Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering, Pharmacy and Law. The University is related to the United Methodist Church.



• *Dr. Kendall L. Baker*

Widely published in his field of expertise, comparative politics with an emphasis on Germany, Dr. Baker received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Maryland in 1963 and master's and doctoral degrees from Georgetown University.

From 1967 to 1982, Dr. Baker served as instructor and then professor of political science at the University of Wyoming, and in 1979, he became head of the department of political science.

Dr. Baker is married to Toby Baker, who received her bachelor's in journalism from the University of Wyoming and master's in creative writing from the University of North Dakota. Mrs. Baker is a writer and hosted a popular radio talk show in Grand Forks, N.D., from 1997 to 1999. The Bakers have five grown children. □



NOTE: New retirees receive a free one-year BGSURA membership. Retirees from last year may renew their membership on the application on page 8. Continuing members with information changes should use the application form to notify the BGSURA office of these changes.

Dick Edwards doesn't retire!

By Janis L. Pallister

DICKEDwards is both a “retiring person” and a man of many parts. When you ask him when he retired and from where, he will give you a number of choices: Dick retired from Wright State University as Senior Vice President and Associate Professor of Communications in 1987. But then he went to East Carolina, in Greenville, N.C., as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor (1987-1993). After that he moved to COSI (Ohio’s Center for Science and Industry in Columbus Ohio, as Special Assistant to the President (1993-4). Behold, he retired from his position as Wood County Administrator in 2000. But then he rejoined Bowling Green State University in 2000, where he served as Senior Associate of the Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service, and in 2002-2003 as a consultant to Canadian Studies. In this latter capacity, he set up workshops on border issues and economic development.



Profile by
Pallister

Well before that, Edwards had served BGSU as Vice President for University Relations, and in a number of other capacities, from 1971-1984, and during that period he took a leave to direct a study for the Ohio Board of Regents (1973-4).

Don't stop reading; there's a lot more. It is especially interesting that Dick was Special Assistant to the Director of the National Science Foundation and at that time was acquainted with our own Betsy Clark! Prior to that he had worked as Assistant to the President of Kent State University, and in other capacities as well (1964-9). There he had earned his B.A. in Journalism (1963), and his M.A. in Political Science and Public Administration (1972). His early career found him as Legislative Assistant to Charles A.



• The unretiring Dick Edwards

Mosher in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington (1961-1964).

Dick, who was a teacher of journalism when at BGSU, has rightfully received many honors, for his best known work is in Community Service. He was active with various Chambers of Commerce, with economic development in Ohio and N.C., with the Mental and Public Health programs in Bowling Green and Dayton, and as the Campaign Chair for Pitt County (NC) United Way. He is a member of the Wood County Historical Society, the Friends of Parks, the Falcon Club, The BGSU Presidents Club, and many other organizations.

Active in fundraising

All this is well and good, but we are most familiar with Dick as co-chair, with his wife, Nadine of the Simpson Garden Park Campaign, and as such he invites you, one and all, to contribute as you see fit, whether it be your widow's (or widower's) mite or your help in planting and weeding.

Dick is also presently vice-president of the WBGU-TV Public Advisory Board — he passionately supports PBS — and is also a Board member of BGSURA; this is to be taken in tandem with the fact that he is immediate Past President of the Ohio Council of High-

er Education Retirees.

A lifelong Anglophile, Edwards has traveled to and around England 7 or 8 times, most recently with the Shakespeare group in May. But his most outstanding trip to England (in 2002) involved a 200-mile walk he made in 17 days, starting from the

Dick, Nadine campaign co-chairs

WITH a goal to raise \$700,000, “The Simpson Garden Park — Another Shade of Green” campaign, will provide funds to help create a botanical garden on 11 acres bordering Wintergarden Road and Conneaut Avenue on the City's west side.



Campaign co-chairs Dick and Nadine Edwards said that more information about the park or to contribute to the campaign may be obtained from Rachel Blickensderfer at the City's Parks and Recreation Dept. by calling 419-354-6297. □

source of the River Thames and ending at the London Flood Barrier, near the North Sea. He is, in fact, a second generation American, with strong ties to, and even relations in, England and Scotland. He speaks with decided

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Passings

■ **MELVIN HYMAN**, speech and hearing expert and professor emeritus of speech at Bowling Green State University, died July 10. He had taught at BGSU for 35 years and was the chairman of the Communication Disorders program for 29 years. He retired from BGSU in 1986 and established a hearing and speech center with his wife, Joy, in Toledo. His research focused on laryngeal cancer. He lectured nationally and internationally on speech and hearing topics and was the author of several books and articles. He was active in professional and community activities and organizations.

■ **MARJORIE "MIDGE" WITTMER**, of Perrysburg, died July 15. She was a secretary in the chemistry department at BGSU.

■ **PATRICIA "PAT" PHILO**, a baker at the University, died July 26.

■ **HELEN SCHUMACHER**, a former employee of the dietary department at BGSU, died May 4.

■ **LOY LITTLEFIELD**, an associate professor of philosophy, died May 17 in Santa Fe, N.M. He had retired from the University in 1997 after 31 years of service.

■ **DIANE J. CROWE**, who retired from the computer science department where she was a secretary, died June 18 at her home in Bowling Green.

■ **NANCY G. STEEN**, rare books librarian at Jerome Library, died July 3 in her home. Retiring in 1990, she also had been an assistant in the acquisition department at the former BGSU li-

brary building now McFall Center.

■ **NANCY L. MALONE**, an employee of BGSU for 28 years, died June 13. She retired in 2003, having worked as an administrative assistant in the Chapman Learning Center.

■ **ERNA MARIE "SUE" SCHWARZ**, who worked for the Education Department, died April 7 in Bowling Green.

■ **SHIRLEY ANN AGEN**, a record management supervisor at Mileti Alumni Center, died April 15.

■ **NETTIE CORKWELL-FRANK**, who retired from the custodial department, died April 16 in Bowling Green.

■ **LYNN MARTIN WARD**, a professor of legal studies, died April 12 in Toledo. He had served as chairman of the legal studies department and had retired as professor emeritus in 1996. He had also co-authored textbooks on jurisprudence and business law and was active in professional and community organizations.

■ **WILLIAM STRAUSBAUGH**, a stationary engineer at BGSU, died April 7.

■ **ROBERT A. HOLMES**, a retired professor of legal studies, died May 30. He had served as president of the BGSU Faculty Senate and for several years as a faculty senator. He retired in 2000 after 23 years on the faculty.

■ **EMMA LILAFUNDABURK**, professor emeritus of economics, died June 3, in Daphne, Ala. She had taught at BGSU from 1966 to 1988. She wrote more than a dozen books on subjects including the Hawaiian textile industry, economics history and theory and several volumes on art in public places. She was an avid collector of American Bicentennial items and wrote "The American Revolution Bi-

centennial," an extensive book of readings.

■ **CHARLOTTE STARNES**, a retired University police officer who was the first woman to graduate from the Ohio Highway Patrol Academy, died July 18 in Perrysburg. She retired about 10 years ago with the rank of sergeant after 28 years on the BGSU force. She initiated "rap sessions" in campus dormitories to open relations between students and campus security.

■ **DR. STEWART BERRY**, a professor emeritus of educational foundations and inquiry, died June 7 in Bowling Green. A faculty member from 1956 to 1984, he first taught industrial arts and later, in EDFI, taught graduate-level statistics and research and helped develop the master's and doctoral degree programs.

■ **DR. DONALD C. KLECKNER**, chair of the speech and theatre department and director of forensics, and assistant professor from 1952 to 1962, died May 26 in Redlands, Calif. He also was managing director of the Huron Playhouse in 1956 and a play director there from 1953 to 1959. □

• Compiled by Joan Gordon

Research, projects room available for retirees

THE BGSURA Professional Committee has arranged for the use of Room 19 in the College Park Office Building for University-related research or other activities by BGSURA members.

By e-mail or surface mail, members may apply for use of the office. The application should contain a brief, half-page description of the project or activity to be conducted, including a specified time frame for completion and expected outcome such as publication or public presentation for the work. The office, which is 12 by 15 feet, contains a computer, desk and file cabinet.

Further information may be obtained from Professional Committee members: Pietro Badia, Chair; Beth Casey, Eloise Clark, Richard Edwards, Harold Lunde, and Christine Sexton. □

Dick Edwards (continued)

pleasure of afternoon teas and the English way of life.

Lakeside connections

Dick Edwards has strong connections with Lakeside, a resort on Lake Erie and the Marblehead Peninsula, which he first visited (he is told, it goes without saying) when he was three months old. He and his family find this place to be artistic (opera, plays, symphony) and recreational (tennis); and they go there every summer. (Dick says that other BGSU people can be seen lurking about in Lakeside: Bill Rock, for one, Eldon Snyder for another.)

Do you know everything now? No. Edwards is also a musician: he has played saxophone and clarinet for many years, and still owns a 1928 e-flat alto saxophone. He tells me he is going to get back to this: it is a must!

An active member and junior Warden of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Perrysburg, Dick is the father of three daughters (all of them graduates of BGSU) and has four grandsons.

Do you want to know more about Richard Edwards? Then ask him. His e-mail address is <dickedwards@verizon.net>. □

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Legislative Report

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Summer report

ORTA

EFFORTS in support of increased funding for health care continue. Meetings

• Dr. Stang

are being held both with legislators and school boards to promote the need for legislation to increase the contribution levels in order to establish a dedicated stream of revenue for health care.

Action aimed at establishing an ORTA Foundation has been initiated, the By-aws have been drafted and await review. The Articles of Incorporation of the ORTA Foundation have been filed with the Secretary of State.

The Westerville property which had been purchased some time ago for a potential headquarters building has been sold and the monies will be held for future purchase of an office building or suite.

ORTA maintains its opposition to charter schools and joined the Coalition for Public Education. The Ohio Supreme Court will rule on the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of charter schools. The State Auditor's Office has questioned charter school compliance with monitoring requirements for start-up and grants.

STRS (Excerpts via E-mail from the STRS Board report for August) Board approves premiums for 2007 Health Care Program

At its Aug. 18 meeting, the Board approved the premiums for calendar year 2007 for each of the health care plans offered through the STRS Ohio Health Care Program. The increases for benefit recipients are considerably lower than what had been forecast earlier this year due to plan design changes the board approved for 2007 in June.

In addition, the financial impact of adverse selection on the health care fund was less than expected during

2005. For example, premiums for the Medical Mutual Plus Plan will increase by about 10% for non-Medicare benefit recipients, while benefit recipients with Medicare will see about a 15% increase in premiums. Original forecasts had called for increases of 15% and 19%, respectively.

Enrollees in Medical Mutual's Basic Plan will see more modest increases. Non-Medicare benefit recipients will experience premium increases of around 6%, depending on their years of service. For benefit recipients with Medicare, the increases will range from 0% for a 30-year retiree to approximately 11% for a retired educator with only 15 years of service.

The amount of increase in monthly premiums varies among plans. The minimum monthly premium is \$40. This month (September) all current enrollees in the STRS Ohio Health Care Program are to receive a special newsletter that highlights premiums and benefit changes for 2007. These same individuals will receive personalized information in October that outlines their 2007 plan options, monthly premiums and coverage features.

In developing premiums for 2007, the Retirement Board returned to its former contribution strategy of providing a premium subsidy of 2.5% per year of service, up to a 75% maximum, for benefit recipients, and requiring spouses and dependents to pay 100% of projected rates. This ensures that the solvency of the Health Care Stabilization Fund, which supports the health care program, continues until 2021. It also ensures that the current legislative initiative to increase member and employer contributions by a total of 5% — to be dedicated solely to the Health Care Stabilization Fund — will be adequate on a full-reserve basis (i.e., a 30-year funding period).

RESULTS FAVORABLE

For fiscal year 2006 (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006), STRS Ohio investment returns were favorable. The total fund

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returned 13.7%, with all asset classes beating their benchmark returns.

EXPENDITURES BELOW BUDGET

Final figures for the 2006 fiscal year (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006) show that total operating expenditures for STRS Ohio were almost \$4.9 million less than what was budgeted. Reductions were recorded in such areas as staff salaries and fringe benefits; professional and technical services; travel; and communications.

WORK CONTINUES ON HEALTH CARE FUNDING INITIATIVE

During a Special Health Care Committee meeting, an update on the legislative initiative that is being pursued to create a dedicated revenue stream was presented. The Legislative Services Commission has drafted a bill that STRS Ohio staff is currently reviewing.

While there is no sponsor as yet for the bill, representatives from STRS Ohio and the Health Care Advocates for STRS (HCA) continue to meet with legislators about the proposal to increase member and employer contributions to support the STRS Ohio Health Care Program for current and future retirees. Almost uniformly, legislators have expressed appreciation for the work done to date by STRS Ohio and the HCA to address this issue. Legislators are impressed that a proposed solution to the health care problem has been developed.

As expected, questions are also being raised in these discussions, such as what the financial impact will be on school districts — both if the legislation succeeds or if it fails. STRS Ohio staff and HCA members noted some fine-tuning of some of the proposal's specifics may need to occur as these discussions continue. The goal remains to get a bill introduced sometime after the November election.

During the meeting, the HCA also expressed its thanks to the Retirement Board for its unanimous vote that occurred earlier in the day to publicly reaffirm its support for the current legislative plan for retiree health care.

STAFF PROCEEDING WITH

CHANGES TO REEMPLOYED RETIREE HEALTH CARE

House Bill 272, which was introduced by Rep. Michelle Schneider (R-Madiera) in fall 2005, includes provisions that require reemployed retirees to obtain health care coverage from their employer — regardless if the employer is public or private.

This proposed change was in reaction to a continuing trend by employers to shift reemployed retirees' health care costs to the public pension plans. However, it is anticipated that these provisions will be removed from the bill later this year.

As a result, the Retirement Board approved a motion directing staff to draft an administrative rule that will enable STRS Ohio to enact the same provisions as those in H.B. 272.

The rule will require all STRS Ohio service retirees, as well as survivor and disability benefit recipients, who are reemployed in a public or private position to receive primary health care coverage from their employer. STRS Ohio will provide only secondary coverage.

In all cases, these provisions only apply if the employer provides coverage to other employees in comparable positions. Also, the effective date for those reemployed in public positions would be Jan. 1, 2009, to allow time for current contracts to be revised. Based on retirees who are reemployed in full-time positions, STRS Ohio staff estimated the changes will generate a \$2 million savings to the Health Care Stabilization Fund, since most reemployed retirees receive a 75% premium subsidy toward an STRS Ohio health care plan. However, since these individuals are healthier than the average enrollees in the program (based on claims experience), their migration from the program could result in a slight increase in future non-Medicare premiums. Staff noted the benefits of the net savings to the Health Care Stabilization Fund outweigh the negative impact on the health care premiums.

OPERS

Four of the seven elected positions on the Board are up for election and will be finalized Oct. 2. Voting material was sent Aug. 25. One of the four positions is to represent retirees; three are to

represent non-teaching college/university employees, municipal employees and state employees. The candidate does not have to be employed or an active contributor to OPERS. Of the 11 Board members one other is a retiree.

Interviews are underway for the position of director. All four candidates have had experience in state government and three have backgrounds in working for legislators. They include: Christopher DeRose, CEO of the Michigan Retirement System; Meredith Williams, CEO, Public Employees Retirement of Colorado; Maureen Westgard, executive director, Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana; and Thomas Lee, head of the Maryland State Retiree and Pension System.

SERS

New officers of the SERS Board are, president, Daniel Wilson, chief financial administrator for Mentor schools, appointed by the governor; and vice-president, Mark Anderson, Toledo, Maintenance Department for Oregon schools (he is president of OAPSE and vice-president, of OAPSE Northwest District as well as delegate to Toledo Area AFL/CIO).

The SERS Board in June made changes to re-employee annuity interest rate and changed employer contribution match from 10% to 8%. SERS investment yield was 13.2%

LEGISLATION — OHIO

Gov. Taft signed the TELbill which will provide the impetus for supporters of a constitutional amendment limiting state spending to take action to remove the issue from the November ballot.

Be a careful reader in November!

Unless one is careful and asks appropriate questions, the distinction between the **Smoke Less Ohio** initiative that would allow smoking only in bars, bowling alleys, enclosed areas of restaurants and some other areas and the **Smoke Free Ohio** initiative which would ban smoking in all indoor public areas may not be clear. Be certain you are supporting the one you want.

Another potential misleading situation involves the ads related to the initiative which would allow slot machines at Ohio's seven horse tracks and at two free

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standing parlors in Cleveland. Some believe this opens the door to casino gambling in Ohio which has been turned down by voters before. One television ad running in the Toledo area (Learn and Earn) highlights the benefits for student scholarships and makes little reference to the source of money. While it comments that funds must be allocated by law, it does not make clear the uneven percentage that would go to scholarships and the gambling industry.

Other issues for the Nov. 7 ballot include one that would raise the minimum wage in Ohio from \$5.15 an hour, the federal minimum to \$6.85. Another would

keep a law changing workers' compensation rules, including reducing the period in which an injured worker can file claims and eliminating payments for some loss of limb, from becoming law.

There may be other actions that should be reported or will be forthcoming before November. Try to be alert to changes. Among issues that may be facing legislators upon their return to the statehouse in November are: a state energy policy, a capital appropriations bill, a series of bills calling for stricter sentences and continuous electronic monitoring of convicted sex offenders, overhauling statutes pertaining to adoption and foster care and public records laws as well as Taft's CORE curriculum proposal.

Artists, authors nominations sought for Library honors

THE Friends of the University Library seek nominations for the annual Authors and Artists Reception, during which BGSU faculty, staff members and retirees are honored for their scholarly publications and artistic achievements. The reception will be held Nov. 15 at Jerome Library.

As their partner in these endeavors, the University Libraries hosts the reception to recognize scholarly and creative achievements.

For more information: www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/admin/friends/activities.html.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2006-2007 BGSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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Check one: PERS ____ STRS ____ Number of years at BGSU _____

Check: Classified ____ Faculty ____ Administrative ____ Retirement year _____

Department or Office from which you retired _____

If you were a new retiree last year, your membership in BGSURA was free. We sincerely hope you will choose to continue your membership by returning this form and a check for your dues.

If you are a new retiree this year, your membership in BGSURA is free for 2006-2007. To continue receiving mailings and to help us keep accurate records, please return this form.

Your membership in BGSURA gives you an important way to stay in touch with the University as well as with friends and former colleagues, through five luncheon meetings a year and through our regular newsletter. We welcome you all!

Check as applicable:

____ First year retiree Free
 ____ New full member 1 year \$12 _____ 2 years \$24 _____
 ____ Continuing full member 1 year \$12 _____ 2 years \$24 _____
 ____ Associate member (Spouse or widow/er of retiree) 1 year \$ 6 _____ 2 years \$12 _____
 ____ Life member \$150 _____
 ____ Life Associate member \$ 75 _____
 ____ I am willing to accept responsibilities in BGSURA

IMPORTANT: The information in **bold type** preceded with an *asterisk will be used to compile the 2006-2007 BGSURA Directory, to be published next January. Please **circle** any information you do **NOT** want to appear in the BGSURA Directory. For a copy of last year's Directory, call or email Jim Gordon at 419-352-8175 or jgordon@bgsu.edu.

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Board OKs Golden Book Award endowment fund

BYA VOTE of 10-3 last month, the BGSU Retirees Association Board of Directors established a Golden Book Award through the BGSU Foundation "to help the students of BGSU defray the cost of books required for their academic programs."

The fund will support students who are majoring in all colleges, including the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Education and Human Development, College of Health and Human Services, College of Musical Arts, College of Technology, and Firelands College.

Dr. Roger Anderson, BGSURApresident, noted that several board members who are already contributing to their own scholarships were concerned about setting a goal of raising \$2,000 among the BGSURABoard members.

"I, too, have a scholarship, and I understand your thinking," Dr. Anderson replied. "But keep in mind this is just a goal. No one is committed to a certain amount. We will decide at a future meeting how much and to extent we would commit operating funds."

Fundraising for the Golden Book Scholarship will be begin at the Sept. 13 convocation. Pledges and money also can be sent to the BGSU Foundation at Mileti Center. Contributions count to the goal of the Family Campaign. BGSU President's Club membership requires a pledge of \$25,000 or more.

The Golden Book Award endowment fund is a group effort with the intention that it be an ongoing annual fundraising project for the BGSURA. Individual members will contribute various amounts according to their ability and desire to help the students of BGSU defray the cost of books required for their academic programs.

Under terms of the agreement with the BGSU Foundation, the BGSURABoard of Directors may allocate a portion of the annual contributions to the granting of Golden Book Award(s) in a given year to encourage growth of the fund.

TERMS

1. The intent of the organization is to establish an endowment fund to be known as the BGSURA GOLDEN BOOK AWARD fund.
2. The BGSURA Board of Directors shall normally allocate all of the annual contributions to the endowment fund. However, to encourage development, the Board of Directors may allocate a portion of the annual contributions to the granting of Golden Book Award(s) in a given year. The portion of contributions allocated to the endowment fund shall be considered endowment principal, kept intact, and invested in accordance with the investment policies of the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc. Under no circumstances shall the endowment principal of the fund be spent. Annual allocations from the endowment fund for expenditures will be in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors of the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc.

- If for whatever reason the spendable income, in whole or in part, is not used in any given year, the earnings are to be reinvested in the principal of the fund upon written request from the fund administrator.

- Based on spendable income, a selection committee in the Office of Financial Aid, with one representative from BGSURA will determine the recipients.

3. BGSURA shall be provided with an annual report of the BGSURA GOLDEN BOOK AWARD fund from the BGSU Foundation, Inc.

4. Recipients shall be recognized as having been awarded the BGSURA GOLDEN BOOK AWARD when other recipients of major scholarships and awards in the individual colleges are acknowledged.

5. Publicity generated by BGSU may include the fund's name, its purpose and the amount of each award, as well as information about BGSURA and recipients, provided approval for publicity has been given by all parties.

AWARDS ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The recipient(s) shall be rising Sophomore, Junior and/or Senior students enrolled at BGSU with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

2. The recipient(s) shall demonstrate financial need.

RENEWABILITY

Unless Financial Aid determines that another individual is more qualified, awards may be renewable as long as current or past recipients submit another request and continue to meet all criteria. □

Private giving to BGSU at \$15.9 mil sets record

ALUMNI, employees and friends of Bowling Green State University helped raise a record \$15,912,966 in private donations for fiscal year 2005-06, University officials have announced.

Also contributing to the more than \$1 million jump from 2004-05's total of \$14,858,478 was the \$803,030 pledged to the University's Family Campaign by employees and retirees, and corporate giving, which showed the first increase in the past few years. "The generosity of our donors is truly inspiring," said Marcia Sloan Latta, associate vice president for University advancement and director of development. Alumni giving for the year was up by more than \$3 million, she noted. □

What's ahead

- Nov. 15 - David Bieneman, Bowling Green City Arborist.
- Jan. 17, 2007 - Jim George, BGSU graduate, music teacher in Wauseon Schools.
- March 14, 2007 - Joint meeting, Wood County Retired Teachers Association.
- May 16, 2007 - Mary Alice Powell, retired Food Editor and currently a regular Sunday columnist for *The Blade*, Toledo.



Jazz pianist-professor to provide music

FRESH from a New York City gig with the Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Joe Lovano and members of the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra at the world-renowned Birdland club, Prof. Richard Schmidt, director of jazz activities at BGSU, will play at the BGSU Retirees Association convocation Sept. 13 in the Bowen-Thompson Union's Community Room.

Prof. Schmidt, a jazz pianist, associate professor of music performance studies, joined the BGSU faculty in 1995. He will provide background music before the luncheon as well as play several selections after the luncheon. □

President's Corner

12th year for BGSURA

By Dr. Roger Anderson

JULY'S BGSURABoard meeting signaled the beginning of a new year for the association, our twelfth. Thanks to the officers, board members and committee members who so ably served during the 2005-2006 year. Welcome to the newly elected officers, Vice-President Eloise E. (Betsy) Clark and Secretary Joan Gordon and to the recently elected board members for the 2006-2008 term, Tom Bennett, Clif Boutelle, Ted Groat, Harry Hoemann, Park Leathers, and Charles McCaghy. To replace Betsy Clark on the board, I appointed Rebecca McOmber.

At the recent board meeting we approved the 2006-07 budget with projected income of \$16,469, projected expenditures of \$7,130 and a projected balance of \$9,339. Our balance is high because we have to account for our Life Members. Park Leathers, co-chair of the membership committee, reported that at the end of fiscal year 2005-06 we had 304 members compared to 301 the year before.

The BGSURABoard voted to oppose the proposed Ohio Tax and Expenditure Limitation amendment to the Ohio Constitution (TEL), thus joining the BGSU Board of Trustees and the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees Association in opposition. The amendment is not likely to be on the ballot this November given the action of the Ohio legislature and governor. As of Aug. 21, the amendment is still on the ballot. However, the Citizens for Tax Reform Committee which was pushing for TEL passage now is expected to remove it from the ballot soon.



The Board at our meeting directed Treasurer Harold Lunde to meet with BGSU Foundation staff to explore the establishment of a BGSURAendowed scholarship for BGSU students. In August the BGSURAExecutive Committee approved a draft of the proposed BGSURAGolden Book Award Scholarship, which was approved by Board members via e-mail.

August is the start of our renewal period for memberships. Our organization strength is based on our members so your new or continued support is crucial. I particularly urge last year's complimentary members to sign up and get involved in BGSURAAand for this year's recently retired members to join us at our convocation on Sept. 13 and at our programs throughout the year. Consider signing up for a committee. When renewing, consider a Life Membership.

During my years of association with BGSURAI have seen us grow from primarily a social group to one that is a strong advocate for retirees' interests at the local and state level. Richard Edwards and Genevieve Stang will continue to provide leadership as our representatives to the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees Association Board, a body which represents all state university retiree associations and which is affiliated with the 35,000 member Ohio Retired Teachers Association. Dick Edwards has completed his term as president of OCHER and will continue as past president. Genevieve finished a two-year term as secretary, and in May, I was elected to succeed her as secretary of the OCHER board.

In closing, I invite all BGSU retirees in the area to attend our Sept. 13 Convocation luncheon featuring former Arts and Sciences Dean and current President of Ohio Northern University, Kendall Baker, as our speaker. □

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Sign up for free Union parking for Sept. 13 Convocation

BGSURA has reserved the entire parking lot behind the Bowen-Thompson Union for the Sept. 13 Convocation. However, BGSURA members **must** put their names on a reserved list by checking the free-parking box on the form below. An attendant at the entrance booth at the parking lot off Thurstin Avenue will maintain a list of those who have signed up.

○ Reservation Form for BGSURA's 12th Annual Convocation ○ WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13 • RESERVATION DEADLINE SEPT. 8!

202B Bowen-Thompson Union (Community Room). 11:30-Noon: Check in and socializing. Noon: Luncheon.

NOTE: Reservations at \$17 per person MUST BE MADE by Friday, Sept. 8.

Name _____ Number of vegetarian meals
Guest Names(s) _____ Number of reservations

CHECK THIS BOX to SIGN UP to park FREE in Union Parking Lot; see parking story above.
CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$_____. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BGSURA.

**SEND RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK FOR \$17 TO HAROLD LUNDE, BGSURA TREASURER,
880 COUNTRY CLUB DR., BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402-1602
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPT. 8.**