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## Madrigals on Jan. 18 program •

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• John Pickering, director of choral activities, rehearses the Madrigal Singers of Bowling Green Senior High School.

### Student group enters new era

ORGANIZED 40 years ago, the Madrigal Singers of Bowling Green Senior High School, led by John Pickering, its new director, will perform at the Jan. 18 meeting of the BGSU Retirees Association.

The luncheon will be at the First United Methodist Church, East Wooster Street. Socializing begins at 11:30. The buffet opens at noon.

Pickering succeeds James Brown, founder of the Madrigals, who retired last spring. Like Brown, Pickering received his bachelor's degree from BGSU's College of Musical Arts. After graduating in 1998, he directed choral activities at Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) High School. A native of Walbridge in Wood County, Pickering is completing a master's degree at Kent State. (More on Brown and Madrigals on page 3. □

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### What's ahead for 2006

- March 15, 2006 – Joint meeting, Wood County Retired Teachers Assn., Elks Club. Dr. Damon Asbury, STRS executive director.
- May 17, 2006 – Adelia Peters, Chinese folk cultures.
- Sept. 13, 2006 – Ken Baker, president, Ohio Northern.

### Moving up

BGSURA member Dr. Don Bright is the newly elected state president of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association. He taught business education at Bowling Green State University from 1968 until he retired in 1992. A former president of the Wood County group, Bright was elected by the ORTA Board Nov. 3 in Columbus.



• Don Bright

# Sue Gavron — Woman of Many Hats

By Janis L. Pallister

**A**LTHOUGH I do not think she is a member of the Red Hat Society, and I certainly don't think she wears a purple dress and haunts the tea parlors of the nation, Sue Gavron is nonetheless a woman of many hats: More than 40 in fact, of which four have considerable importance.

We say 40-plus hats because Sue is a 10-year cancer survivor, and during her chemo days, friends and students regaled her with many hats. A survivor, yes — perhaps due to being a life-long competitive athlete; perhaps due to courage, will and focus — and she regards that illness as life-shaping. Flowing from that experience came a new and more intense desire to be of service to human kind. (Payback time, it seems).

Thus, Sue, who retired from BGSU in 2002 at age 55, and who regards that retirement as the “best decision I ever made,” wound up with four post-retirement plans that involved continued or new services. Long a member of the Central Joint Fire District fire department (she began in 1997), she vowed to continue with this activity. Now a lieutenant, she goes on fire calls and accidents. She and her co-workers remain anonymous, and while Sue takes powerful on-scene photographs of the crashes and the fires, the victims are never shown, nor are their license plates or any identifier. Sue is a certified first responder in the state and nationally.

While that would be quite enough for most retirees, for Sue it is only the beginning. For 14 years now she has been working with people with multiple sclerosis, and is now a board member of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Northwest Ohio Chapter. She acts as chairperson for the annual “Bike to the Bay” — a \$300,000 fund-raiser. She says she has been very much more in-



• Lt. Sue Gavron, Central Joint Fire District

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involved in this work since her retirement. And Sue documents this pursuit with more photographs.

Hat #3 (or #43): For 25 years Sue has had what she calls a “love affair” — teaching senior citizens the ins and outs of aquatic exercises. This takes place at BGSU and was a prototype for a national program for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD). She has seen to it that this program continues and regards it as a legacy.

Sue's fourth (or 44th) hat is as a published scholar. Sue — who earned her PhD in 1976, her MS in 1973 from Indiana University, and her BS in 1969 from the State University of New York at Brockport — had vowed that after retirement she would complete the second edition of her book, *Disability Sport* (Champaign, Ill.) [w/K.P. Depauw] — and indeed she has. Published in 2005, it has gained international recognition. (One might add that Sue has also published numerous articles and read many papers over the years.)

Sue's inclination to be of service is, however, nothing new. Before retirement she served BGSU to a remarkable degree: 30 workshops, 27 committees and the like for the School of Health and Physical Education; 18 for the College of Education; 19 for the University; 43 for outside professional organizations, 28 consultantships. She has received some awards for this, but surely not nearly enough.

So do you think the description

of Sue's service record is now complete? NOT SO. She is now an American Red Cross volunteer, and about this she has her most painful stories. As a member of the Disaster Services Division, she went to the Baton Rouge headquarters during the Katrina and Rita hurricanes. In Baton Rouge, she was housed in a church with 55 other people in tight quarters, and for 18 days slept on a cot next to another person who snored. She then went to Walgreen's and bought ear plugs, some of which she shared with others.

But the food was good, if Cajun, being prepared by the church women of St. Andrew's. To bed at 10:30 and up at 5:30, her unit went out from Baton Rouge to New Iberia, Mobile, and many other small towns — and even to homes in remote areas of the swamps.

Sue says she saw extreme poverty, mold, rotten floors, and experienced first hand the dreadful stench in New Orleans. In West Louisiana, following Rita, she worked in Vernon Parish, among other places. During this stint, the Red Cross staff bonded and became a community. You will not be surprised to learn that during the course of this tour of duty, Sue took 300 photos. (With digital, she says, it's easy — you just throw away what isn't any good.)

We can only say: “Our hat's off to you, Sue.” Or as they say in French, “Chapeau!” (i.e. Brava!) □

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## Passings

■ **GEORGE HAMMOND**, a former McMaster Senior Fellow and Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University, died Oct. 5 in Portland, Ore. His research career spanned nearly 50 years. His ideas also pervaded the teaching of chemistry. In 1994 he was awarded the National Medal of Science by President Bill Clinton. He was a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Photochemical Sciences at BGSU from 1989 until his death.

■ **ROBERT W. "BUD" HURLSTONE**, BGSU glass artist and professor in the School of Art, died Nov. 27 in Perrysburg. He was credited with developing the major in glass blowing at BGSU. He had taught at the University for 28 years. He was an internationally recognized glass artist with works in several permanent collections and in exhibits around the world.

■ **Z. MICHAEL NAGY**, professor of psychology at BGSU from 1970 to 1997, when he retired, died Nov. 2 in Oxford, Ohio. After retirement, he relocated to Oxford, where he was an adjunct professor of psychology at Miami University and contributed to the program in cognitive neuroscience.

■ **FRANCES RUTLEDGE**, a long-time staff member at BGSU, died Nov. 11 in Bowling Green. She had been a secretary at BGSU for 26 years, retiring in 1976.

■ **BEATRICE BLOHM** died Nov. 22 in Bowling Green. She had retired from the housekeeping department at BGSU.

■ **LILLIAN ARNOLD** died Nov. 28 in Bowling Green. She had retired as a food service manager at the BGSU Student Union.

■ **WILLIE MAE SPEARS** died Nov. 28 in Bowling Green. She had been employed in the laundry department at BGSU as a supervisor for 32 years. □



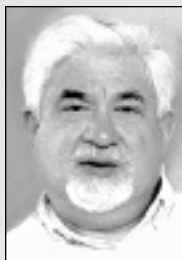
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• *Retired Bowling Green High School director of choral activities, James Brown, listens as Mayor John Quinn proclaims "James Brown Day" at a reception in Brown's honor last month at the Wood County District Public Library. Both are Bowling Green State University alumni.*

### Ruled by the calendar

**J**AMES Brown's life has been dictated "by the academic calendar," he said after his retirement of last spring, including the direction of between 600 and 700 performances by the BGHS Madrigal Singers. He formed the group in 1965 when he joined the high school faculty, having just received his bachelor's degree. He later earned a master's degree with retired band director Ivan Trusler. A native of Ashtabula, Brown succeeded Roy Hilty. □

### Computer troubles? Charley Applebaum is 'fix-it-go-to' for problems



**FRUSTRATED** getting connected to the Internet for e-mail and surfing?

Call Charlie Applebaum, 352-0777, or send e-mail: applebau@math.bgsu.edu, or

the math office, 372-2729. This "help" program is sponsored by the Office of the Provost. □

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## President's Corner

### **A welcome for the new year**

By Dr. Roger Anderson

**W**ELCOME to 2006! It seemed like yesterday that we were welcoming in the 21st century. I hope you were able to celebrate the holidays with friends and family and have some relaxation time. This early winter with temperatures in the teens and lower makes me want to imitate my 18-year-old tabby cat: Get up early, eat breakfast, and go back to bed for a long winter nap.

2005 was a good year for BGSURA. Our last luncheon program in November was a great success with more than 80 attending. Richard Eppstein, executive of the area Better Business Bureau, gave a lively and entertaining talk on scams, schemes and flim-flams.

Thanks to our membership committee and you, our loyal members, we concluded another successful membership drive as witnessed by the roster accompanying this newsletter. Lifetime memberships are increasingly popular with more than 30 signed up. If you know a retiree who has not joined, bring her or him to a luncheon as a guest or send in the name of the potential member to the membership committee.

The professional committee of BGSURAh has approved guidelines for use of our assigned research office and approved the first applicant. If you are interested in using the College Park Office for research or professional reasons, please contact Pietro Badia, chair of the professional committee, to obtain an application form.

The program committee has been busy brainstorming for program ideas. Their efforts are revealed in the survey in the newsletter (sent only to those in the 434, 435 and 436 ZIP codes).



• Faithful fans follow the Falcons: Roger and Betty Jean Anderson in Madison before the BGSU-Wisconsin game.

The admissions office at BGSU is again seeking volunteers to help potential students visiting campus on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 20. If interested in volunteering, please contact the admissions office.

The BGSURAnominating committee will be meeting in January. They are seeking nominees for Vice-President, Secretary and six board positions. Please send suggested nominees to Richard Edwards, chair of the nominating committee.

For those in the area, do not miss our next luncheon program, Wednesday, Jan. 18, featuring the Bowling Green High School's Madrigal Singers. □

• Dr. Anderson is associate professor emeritus of Political Science. His address is rogerca@bgnnet.bgsu.edu.

#### **Correction**

Daniel Tutolo's cousin, Angela Maria, is 90, not 95, as reported in November. Dr. Tutolo visited Italy 22 times beginning in 1981; two visits were while he was on sabbaticals. On his first visit he observed first graders in Milan and Bologna. His father's relatives are in Casalbore; his mother's relatives one mountaintop away in Montecalvo Irpino. □

○ **Reservation Form for BGSURA's Jan. 18, 2006, Luncheon** ○  
**Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006 • Reservation Deadline Friday, Jan. 13!**  
**1st United Methodist Church. 11:30-Noon: Check-in and socializing. Noon: Luncheon.**  
**NOTE: Reservations at \$8 per person MUST BE MADE by Friday, Jan. 13.**  
**Cost of the luncheon is the same as last year!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Your Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Reservations

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$\_\_\_\_\_. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BGSURA.

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