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January profile



• *Capt. David Chilson, U.S. Navy, Ret. (left), is the subject of this month's profile by Clif Boutelle. Dr. Chilson, BGSU '71 (Master's) and '78 (Ph.D.), retired June 1 as Associate Professor Emeritus of Computer Science after a 35-year-career (31 as a faculty member) at BGSU. With him at a recent military gathering is another BGSU "old grad" – Maj. Gen. Niles J. Fulwyler, U.S. Army, Ret., of Meridian, Idaho.*

Gen. Fulwyler received BGSU's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1984. He also established a scholarship for the ROTC program and served on the Alumni Board of Trustees. His 1952 ROTC class was the first to be commissioned through the four-year program established in 1948.

What's ahead

March 2010 — Joint meeting with Wood County Retired Teachers

April 14, 2010 — Meeting with Toledo retirees. BGSU's Dr. Melissa Miller, an American politics specialist.

May 12, 2010 — Honor Flight program by retired TV24 sports director Jim Tichy, a BGSU alumnus.

By 'snail mail' or e-mail?

SOME members of BGSURA may prefer to receive their *BGSURA Newsletter* by e-mail in color as a PDF attachment, rather than a black-and-white print version by U.S. mail. Those interested may send an e-mail to jgordon@bgsu.edu. Members will continue to receive the print version if no choice is made.

Dr. Cartwright is Jan. 13 speaker

ONE of the most highly respected voices in higher education, Dr. Carol A. Cartwright, president of Bowling Green State University, will be the speaker Wednesday, Jan. 13, when the BGSURA holds its first luncheon of 2010 at Stone Ridge Golf Club, Muirfield Boulevard, Bowling Green. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$11 per person. The reservation deadline is Friday, Jan. 8.

Dr. Cartwright is the first woman to take a presidential role at Bowling Green State University. She was named the president of BGSU Jan. 6, 2009, after serving as interim president since July 2008.

Before Bowling Green, Dr. Cartwright was named in 1991 as Kent State University's 10th president, the first woman president of a state university in Ohio. She retired from Kent in June 2006 and was named president emeritus. Prior to her career at Kent State, she was vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of California at Davis and dean for undergraduate programs and vice provost at Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Cartwright earned master's and doctoral degrees from and her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.

She and Dr. G. Phillip Cartwright have three children and two grandchildren. □



Please note: Luncheon reservations must be paid for regardless of attendance because Stone Ridge charges for the number of reservations.

• *Bowling Green Mayor John Quinn presents a 175th anniversary souvenir suncatcher to BGSU President Cartwright at a community "birthday party" at Woodland Mall in December 2008.*

'Cruise' control

Story and Photos
by Clif Boutelle

No stopping Dave Chilson: Despite retiring from two productive careers, as a BGSU faculty member and Naval officer, he keeps on going

WHEN he was a senior at Wittenberg University, Dave Chilson received a call from Joe Balogh, then the chair of the sociology department, offering him a graduate assistantship. "It was a call from out of the blue. I hadn't applied to Bowling Green but I learned later that the chair of the sociology department at Wittenberg had recommended me to Dr. Balogh."

When Chilson asked if he could take a few days before answering, Balogh said he wanted Chilson's decision before the end of the call.

"So, I said yes. It was hard to say no to Dr. Balogh. He was a bit intimi-



• Dave Chilson, at ease

dating," Chilson recalled.

Those who knew Joe Balogh, can understand how Chilson felt.

That was in 1969 and it began an association with Bowling Green that is still going strong.

After he began graduate work, Chilson, like many students at that time, expected to be drafted to serve in the Vietnam War. "I knew several people who were drafted and rather than go that route, I joined the Navy."

It was a logical choice because his father had served as a Naval officer

during World War II.

The Navy allowed him to complete his studies and he received his master's in March 1971 and then spent the next three and one-half years on active duty.

Like his ties to Bowling Green, his involvement with the U.S. Navy is still going strong, as well. "Somewhat to my surprise, I found that after nearly four years of active duty I really liked the Navy so I went into the Naval Reserve."

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Reservation for BGSURA's Luncheon at Stone Ridge

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010. Reservation deadline Friday, Jan. 8!

11:30-Noon: Check-in, socializing. Noon: Luncheon.

NOTE: Reservations at \$11 per person MUST BE MADE by Friday, Jan. 8

Name(s) _____

Number of reservations _____

How to reserve #1: With this form by U.S. mail. **Pay at the door or mail a check.**

How to reserve #2: By e-mail to hlunde@bgsu.edu. **Pay at the door, cash or check.**

How to pay by mail: CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$_____. PAYABLE TO BGSURA.

If by mail: SEND RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK TO HAROLD LUNDE, BGSURA TREASURER,

880 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402-1602. DEADLINE FRIDAY, JAN. 8.

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NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JAN 8. Hal Lunde: Telephone 419-352-3929

NEW
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TO PAY



• Program: Dr. Cartwright

• *Dave Chilson with the University's primary computer located in Hayes Hall, now a much smaller unit with tremendously more computing power. When Childson first came to the University nearly 40 years ago, the University's computer needs were handled by an IBM 360 main frame, a huge unit which occupied the south end of the third floor of the Administration Building.*

Dave Chilson *continued*

A common denominator linking his Navy duty with his work at the University has been computers.

When he was in his master's program starting in 1969, he was assigned as a graduate assistant to Dan Perkuchin, who had a joint appointment with the sociology department and the newly created computer science department.

"I worked in the key punch area in the Mathematical Sciences Building helping students create their key punch cards and then getting their listings with the information they needed for their class work."

In the Navy he worked with computer applications and taught courses to other Navy personnel. Also, while in graduate school, he furthered his knowledge of computers by taking courses at the University of Michigan.

He returned to the University in 1975 to begin a doctoral program in sociology. Ted Groat was his adviser for both his master's and doctoral programs. "He was my role model and I owe a lot to him," Chilson said.

Groat and his colleague Art Neal had a National Institutes of Health grant to conduct research on family formation and Chilson and fellow graduate student Jerry Wicks assisted their project.

"They were probably the best research assistants we ever had," recalls Groat. "Dave's strength was in data analyses. He had great ability to understand and interpret data. It was easy to see that he had great potential as an academician and teacher and he more than fulfilled that promise during his career at Bowling Green."

He also taught courses in statistics and computer applications. He received his doctorate in 1978 and was hired by the computer science department under a temporary contract for two years, which was later converted to a tenure track position as an assistant professor.

Being hired by the school where



• *Inset: Chilson, William J. Lloyd, of West Unity, Ohio, and Andy Housholder (not shown), both Army ROTC alumni, were principal donors to a fund to recast the brass cannon fired by the Army ROTC after the old one cracked. The cannon is fired each time BGSU scores a touchdown. They are posing in the Perry field end zone after a ceremony last fall. Chilson is the only Navy member in the BGSU Army ROTC unit's Hall of Fame. At left is Lt. Col. Steven Letzring, who commands BGSU's Army ROTC unit, and at right MSgt. Robert Cook.*



• *As a Naval Academy information officer in Northwest Ohio, Capt. Chilson interviews candidates for the Annapolis institution. At a December reception, Chilson poses with area midshipmen who are home from the academy for the holidays.*

he earned a doctorate was somewhat unusual, because universities often do not hire their own graduates. "Actually, there were few universities in the country with doctoral granting programs in computer science at that time and computer science faculty

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A visit to the Retirees Reception

• Larry Weiss, co-chair of the BGSU Centennial Commission, gives a heads-up for the 2010 celebration.



• Harold Lunde (BGSURA treasurer), Marie and Wayne Johnson, Willard Misfeldt, and Barbara Keller (BGSURA Board member).



• Jan Finn, Cathy Smith, Gaylyn Finn, Ilse Thomas



• Tina Martini, Marcia and John Buckenmyer, Linda Hamilton (BGSURA Board member), Karl Ott (standing).

A fine affair!

MORE than 100 persons attended the Dec. 8 reception at Mileti Alumni Center to honor BGSU retirees. BGSU's Office of Alumni and Development was host.



• David Chilson, one of about 50 new retirees honored at the reception, receives a gift from BGSU President Carol Cartwright. The gift consists of three exact-size reproductions of original watercolor paintings, each one-inch high, of three stages in the life of the BGSU Union. The prints were produced by artists in England.



A visit to the Retirees Reception



• *Judy Boutelle, Clif Boutelle (BGSURA Board member), Mark Kelly, and Dana Sergent Nemeth, a staff member at the Center for Archival Collections*



• *Jerome Library staff member Gwen Evans describes the Library's Centennial Memories project to Lois and Otis Sonnenberg.*



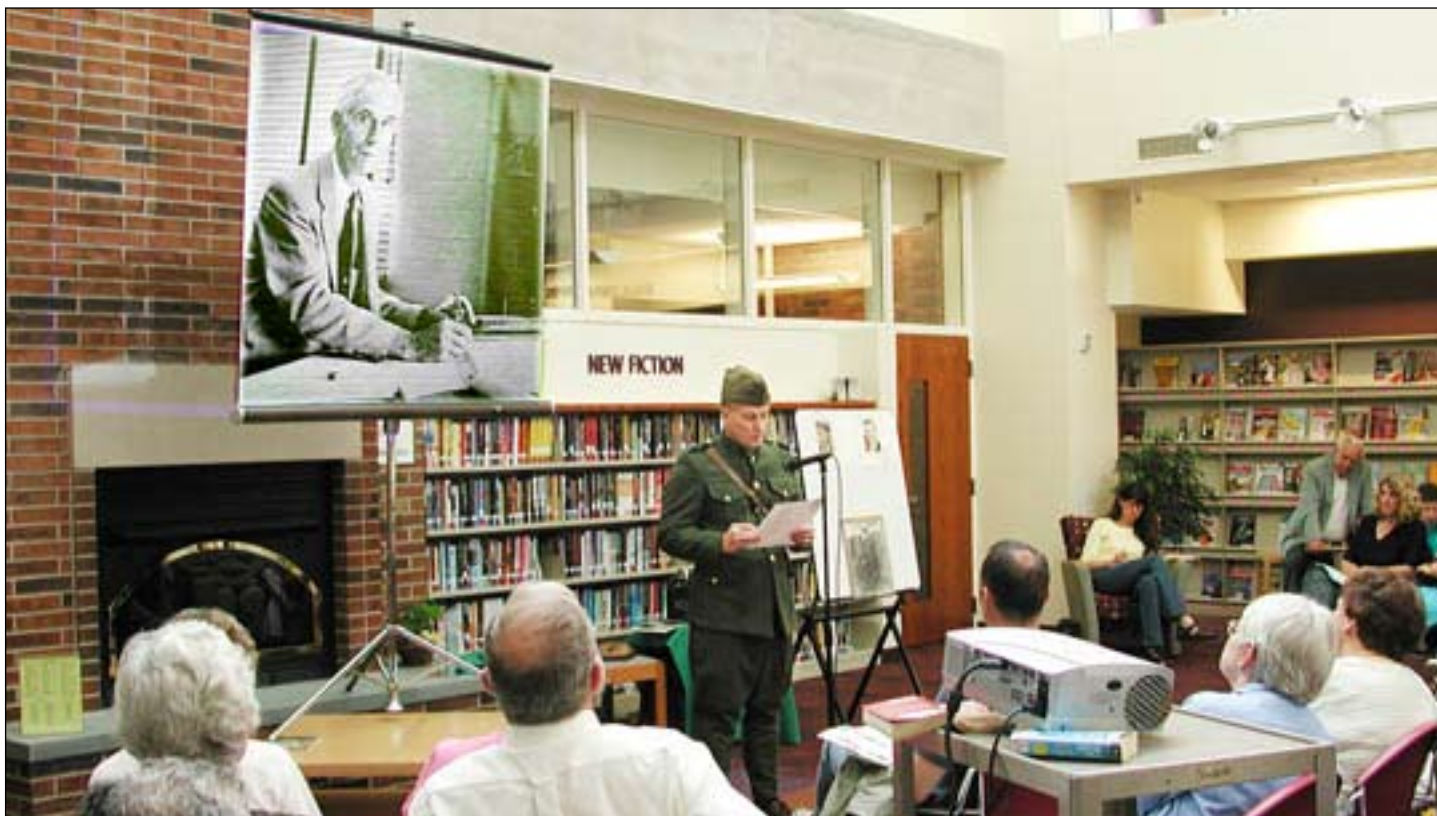
• *Wanda and Charles Rich, Charles Shirkey*



• *M. Lee and Woodie Goddard and Bob Bashore.*



• *Lolita and Mearl Guthrie register at a scanning station set up at the reception by the Center for Archival Collections for Centennial Memories.*



• Dressed in a World War I uniform, Dave Chilson portrays the late John Raney at the first Living History Day in August 2004. The event was held at the Wood County District Public Library

because of heavy rain that afternoon. Raney, an aerial observer during WWI, later served as BGSU architect (photo on the screen) and designer of the now empty high school.

Great Decisions Lecture Series

Saturdays, Jan. 23 – Feb. 27, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Wood County Senior Center

305 North Main Street, Bowling Green

Facilitated by BGSU Professors

Co-sponsors: American Assn. of University Women, Bowling Green Woman's Club, Wood County Committee on Aging

Limited seating – registration with name phone number is required in case a session is cancelled due to weather. Manuals will only be made available through advanced ordering and payment of \$18 upon placing your order. Manuals will be available for pick up the week of Jan. 18, 2010. Those ordering will be contacted. Topics are subject to change; dates are to be determined:

- **World Bottom Billion.** Shannon Orr, assistant professor, political science.
- **Darkside of Globalization.** Kefa Otiso, associate professor, geography.
- **Global Financial Crisis.** Candace Archer, associate professor, political science.
- **Moscow's Long Reach.** Dr. Neal Jesse, associate professor, political science.
- **Power Politics and the Persian Golf.** Dr. Marc Simon, associate professor, political science.

Lunch will be served after all sessions with advanced registration. Menus are available, suggested donation is \$2. Advanced registration is required for lunch and the session! Call WCCOA, 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935.

Dave Chilson *continued*

typically came from a variety of backgrounds," Chilson said.

He remains grateful to Mick Ferrari, the provost at the time, who was "extremely helpful" in his being appointed to a faculty position in the computer science department. "Cliff Long in the mathematics department and Rick Thomas in the provost's office also played major roles as well," he recalled.

"While in the Navy I was stationed in Hawaii and I also spent some time in Seattle and in Washington, D.C., with Boeing—all really nice places. Yet I was drawn back to the flat lands of northwest Ohio. I think I knew all along that Bowling Green was the place I wanted to be. Bowling Green has been a great place to live and I am thankful that I have been able to live and work here all these years," he said.

Although he has officially retired from the University, few would know it. As an emeritus associate professor, he is in his Hayes Hall office most every day mentoring and advising graduate students and junior faculty. He also advises undergraduate students and helps set up internships and co-op assignments. "I was the co-op

and internship adviser for almost 20 years and built up many contacts and relationships with companies and I am still using those contacts to assist students."

Why does he spend so much of his retirement time at the University? "It's part of who I am," he said. "When I hit 35 years of service and saw it wasn't going to benefit me financially to stay as an active faculty member I thought it was a good time to retire. I can still serve the department, but I get to pick and choose my involvements."

He is serving on BGSU's Student Veteran Task Force helping with the transition from military service to the University. "When I returned from active service to school, it was a challenging transition. I was a different person than I was when I was a student previously. We need to be understanding and helpful, especially for the reservists and guardsmen who are called up."

Since Bowling Green does not have a Navy ROTC program, Chilson has been involved with the University's Army ROTC program since 1975 serving in a variety of capacities. For his efforts, he is the only non-Army person elected to the BGSU Army ROTC Hall of Fame. *continued next page*

PASSINGS

■ **RAY BROWNE**, a pioneer in the study of popular culture, nationwide and at the University, died October 22. As a former professor of English and literature, he broke academic convention in the 1960s and 1970s to pioneer the study of popular culture, the study of everyday cultural life. In the process, he helped revolutionize the subject that scholars in English, American studies, sociology, radio/television/film, and other disciplines view as acceptable and helped drive the academic study of what most people spend most of their free time pursuing. He came to the University in 1967 with the express purpose of starting the academic study of popular culture. He founded the Journal of Popular Culture and the Center for the Study of Popular Culture in 1968. In 1970 he founded the Popular Culture Library at the University. The Library now holds 190,000 books and hundreds of thousands of other material related to the study of popular culture.



• Browne

In 1970 Browne founded the Popular Culture Association to organize and promote the study of popular culture in the U.S. and internationally. The annual national convention draws more than 2,000 participants. He also founded the American Culture Association to focus solely on American popular culture.

His focus on everyday culture earned him many honors and visibility in the media. He appeared several times on the CBS Evening News, the Phil Donahue show, and BBC News. He was the subject of a USA Today profile in 1986 and was quoted hundreds of times in newspapers. While at BGSU, he wrote, edited, or co-edited more than 50 books, dozens of articles, and hundreds of book reviews.

It is said that one of the most flattering lines about him, which describes his life and career perfectly, came from colleague R. Serge Denisoff in a book dedication many years ago: "To Ray B. Browne, a gentle revolutionary in the ivory tower."

■ **ELIZABETH NEIDECKER**, 89, a retired professor and early advocate for speech-language pathology programs in schools, died October 26 in Bowling Green. Early in her career she

had worked as a newspaper reporter, but her profession was the field of speech pathology and audiology. She had worked at the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center before joining the faculty at BGSU in 1962. She retired in 1982. At BGSU her teaching focused on the training of speech and hearing specialists for work in the schools. A textbook she wrote is well known in that field. Her lifelong fondness for the Lake Erie region led to her owning property at Port Clinton, Catawba, Kelleys Island, and Marblehead. She wrote and published a history of the Marblehead Lighthouse in 1995. She was also involved in the Ohio Canal Society and several regional and county historical museums.

■ **WILLIAM HARRIS**, 94, retired supervisor of student teaching at the University, died December 8 in Columbus.

■ **RUTH RICHARDSON**, 85, of Bowling Green, died October 30. She had worked as a custodian at the University.

■ **OPAL BROWN**, 91, died December 6 in Bowling Green. She had worked for 10 years at BGSU in the food service department.

■ **RUTH SMITH**, of Bowling Green, died November 7. She had worked for many years in the student registration office.

■ **MARY NIEDERKOH**R, of Luckey, who retired after 17 years as a food service coordinator at the University, died November 1.

■ **MARGERIE STRAUSBAUGH**, who retired from BGSU after many years of service, died November 24.

■ **EMERGENE KLINGENSMITH**, 88, died November 11 in Jackson Township, Ohio. She retired from BGSU, where she had worked in the English, athletic, and security offices as a secretary.

■ **LEILI NEPP**, 89, of Pemberville, died December 9. She had worked in the housekeeping department at the University and retired after 31 years.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My Japanese Maples

By Ramona Cormier

When Jan and I planned the gardens in the front yard of 1249 Brownwood Drive, we designed a Japanese garden reminiscent of our garden visits in Tokyo and Kyoto in the early 1980s. The simulated stream in our garden, made of beige colored rock but of course without carp, runs alongside a Japanese umbrella pine planted soon after our arrival at Brownwood Drive. A wooden bridge crosses the stream. On either side of the bridge we placed two Japanese maples: on the left, a green acer palmatum and on the right, a red-purple acer palmatum. The leaves of these maples are lacy or dissected. The branches of the red maple touch the ground, but I fear pruning it for I might ruin its lovely shape. I do, however, remove the small dead branches in the early spring. The green maple is less drooping but as beautiful as the red tree.

These maple trees are strikingly colorful in the fall. The green one's leaves turn yellow and orange and the red-purple's leaves only deepen in color. The spectacle is so impressive that friends comment on it; others take pictures. I have a photo in my family room of the display.

As these maple trees go dormant in preparation for Ohio's cold winter, I am reminded that the holiday season is upon us. I wish you, your friends and family much peace, happiness and love during this holiday season.

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Rice Pilaf
Green Bean Almondine
House Salad
Rolls and Beverages
(No cookies)