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Renovation projects get green light from trustees

The BGSU Board of Trustees on Friday (May 2) approved a \$4 million renovation of the Ice Arena, replacement of roofs on six other campus buildings and construction of a central chiller plant that will serve several buildings.

The trustees also heard presentations from leaders of BGSU arts programs, supporting the proposed designation of the arts as one of the University's "centers of excellence"—which each Ohio public university must now identify to meet a state mandate—and from the co-chairs of the University Strategic Planning Group, who provided an update on that process.

The Ice Arena renovation is intended to address a series of issues, including repair of the building envelope—internal and external—and the roof, wall damage from leaking, gutter replacement, insulation and other humidity remediation efforts, as well as replacement of ice-making equipment. "A variety of additional facility enhancements could be added to the project scope, but only if private fund-raising efforts in the athletic department are successful," noted Sherideen Stoll, CFO and vice president for finance and administration.

"Aside from the addition of north-end seats in 1990 and space for the hockey coaching staff in 2000, the arena has had no major renovations in its 41-year history," she said. Construction is scheduled to begin next February.

Roof replacement is planned this summer and early fall, at an estimated cost of about \$1.3 million, for Overman Hall, the second floor of Jerome Library, the Health Center, Life Sciences Building, Technology Building and the third floor of the Administration Building.

Financing for the Ice Arena and roof replacement projects will be provided by accessing short-term, tax-exempt debt through a traditional bank, with the intention of rolling the debt into a bond issue sometime in the fall or early winter of 2009. In addition to those projects, funds were approved for flooding abatement in Williams Hall (\$150,000) and renovations/rehabilitation of several academic and related support spaces (\$550,000).

The central chiller plant approved by the trustees will provide cooling to the Fine Arts Center, Moore Musical Arts Center, the Health Center and, eventually, the planned Wolfe Center for the Arts. Paying for the project will be \$3,160,800 in state capital project funds and another \$1 million in state basic renovation funds. The 6,000-square-foot plant will be located next to the Fine Arts Center, with construction expected to begin in June 2009.

Opening the arts presentation to the trustees, Provost Shirley Baugher noted that four transdisciplinary themes have been selected as potential BGSU centers of excellence. In addition to the arts—an area, she said, unanimously supported by University deans—they are: educator preparation with emphasis on school and community engagement; health and wellness across the lifespan, and leading, managing and creating effective organizations. A steering committee chaired by Dr. Milt Hakel, Ohio Eminent Scholar in psychology, will evaluate the four areas and make recommendations in the fall about which should be forwarded to Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric Fingerhut as the University's designated centers.

Making the case for the arts to the trustees were Dr. Richard Kennell, dean of the College of Musical Arts; Dr. Katerina Ruedi Ray, director of the School of Art, and Dr. Ronald Shields, chair of the Department of Theatre and Film. They focused on the campus arts synergy that has produced, among other things, the Arts Village residential learning community and the Arts Extravaganza, a multi-arts celebration each December; community engagement and societal impact of the arts at BGSU, and arts leadership and scholarship on campus.

Ray discussed the recent BGSU-led study that showed the arts create \$2.4 billion annually for the regional economy. "This is the kind of message that northwest Ohio needs to hear," she said, calling the results "truly stunning." She pointed out that not only do the arts engage their consumers' heads, hands and hearts, but "the arts also engage the wallet."

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On the strategic planning front, “Change Team” co-chairs Mel Hudson-Nowak, director of internal auditing and advisory services, and Dr. William Mathis, chair of music performance studies, told the trustees that development of an initial draft is under way. The University community will be engaged in the fall for development of a second draft, they reported, adding that the final strategic plan must be presented to President Sidney Ribeau by the end of December. Implementation of the 10-year plan is to begin next spring.

More information will be forthcoming this summer, they said, and is available online at www.bgsu.edu/strategicplanning.

On other matters Friday, the trustees:

- Approved a new policy on the authorization and award of capital construction projects. Under terms of the policy, all proposed new construction, renovations and alterations to the University’s physical plant—excluding maintenance and repairs—must be approved prior to the beginning of planning, design or construction activities. The trustees must approve projects with an estimated total cost of more than \$500,000 for planning, design and construction; projects less than that are to be approved by the vice president for finance and administration.
- Approved a number of changes to the Student Handbook, a brief change to the Classified Staff Handbook and a policy for administrative staff ombudspersons. Administrative Staff Council developed the policy, which deals with volunteer administrative staff members trained to work with their colleagues as impartial dispute-resolution practitioners. The goal is to provide an internal means of resolving administrative staff workplace issues.
- Heard an update on the Building Dreams capital campaign from Trustee Robert Sebo, who reported that the campaign has now raised more than \$131 million. The creation of 475 new scholarships through the campaign has more than doubled the number of scholarships available at BGSU, he added.
- Approved fees for study-abroad programs for the 2009-10 academic year, so students interested in international study may begin planning now.

Bingman named Distinguished Research Professor at BGSU

BGSU reserves the title of Distinguished Research Professor for select faculty members who already hold the rank of professor and have received outstanding national or international recognition through research and publication.

By those standards, the conferral of the honor Friday (May 2) upon Dr. Verner Bingman, a BGSU professor of psychology, was obviously merited, according to one of his international colleagues in neuroscience.

“I think it is fair to say that when someone is responsible for an entire field of research, they have earned the right to be recognized as a ‘Distinguished Research Professor,’” wrote Michael Colombo of the University of Otago, New Zealand, in support of Bingman’s new designation by the BGSU Board of Trustees. “Such is the case for Vern, who is responsible for launching not only the entire field of avian hippocampal research, but also the ethological/comparative approach to brain function.”

A BGSU faculty member since 1989, Bingman has studied the relationship between the brain structure called the hippocampus and spatial cognition and memory in birds. More specifically, he has addressed the importance of the hippocampus in the natural behavior of homing pigeons, which are able to return to their loft after traveling a great distance with a brain of maps and compasses to guide them.

“Before my investigations in birds began, research into hippocampal function was carried out primarily in standard laboratory animals (rats, rabbits and monkeys), and was generally intended to complement neuropsychological work in humans to better understand the relationship between human memory and the hippocampus,” Bingman explains.

His work “has offered a different perspective into the role of the hippocampus in naturally occurring spatial navigation,” he points out. It has also revealed adaptive specializations;

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for example, “the left and the right hippocampus appear to have evolved to process different types of information that are critical for finding one’s way about the world,” he notes.

As a result of his work, Bingman adds, “research into the cognitive neuroscience of the hippocampus expanded from a purely traditional psychological research area into the budding of a new subdiscipline” now practiced in many other laboratories worldwide.

His new title at BGSU is only the most recent of many honors for Bingman, the 10th Bowling Green faculty member to earn the Distinguished Research Professor designation since the first was named in 1986.

The Bronx, N.Y., native received an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship from then-West Germany in 1982 and, from the United Kingdom, a Leverhulme Fellowship that allowed him to serve as a visiting professor at the University of Cardiff, Wales, in 2004. In 1997, a Fulbright Fellowship took him to the University of Seville, Spain, where he was a senior lecturer and recruited a Spanish Fulbright Fellow, Juan Pedro Vargas, to come to BGSU.

His research has been funded by several agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, NATO and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Those grants have approached a combined \$1 million.

Bingman has given about 150 invited talks and presentations at scientific meetings, in addition to publishing more than 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals. He has also appeared in numerous media outlets—National Public Radio, BBC Radio and Italian National Television among them—discussing either his work or the work of others.

At BGSU, he was founding director of the J.P. Scott Center for Neuroscience, Mind and Behavior, in 1999, and winner of the Olscamp Research Award in 2001.

All three of Bingman’s academic degrees are in zoology, including a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1976 and master’s and doctoral degrees from the State University of New York-Albany in 1978 and 1981, respectively. He was an instructor at the University of Maryland-College Park for four years before coming to BGSU, and has taught in Austria, Italy and Costa Rica as well.

BGSU promotes 26 faculty members

The board of trustees on May 2 promoted 11 faculty members to full professor and 15 others to associate professor.

One faculty member promoted to full professor, Dr. Hassan Rajaei of the computer science department, was also granted tenure by the trustees, as were 14 of those promoted to associate professor.

Also among the 11 who have now reached the rank of full professor are two from the history department—Dr. Scott Martin, the department chair, and Dr. Lillian Ashcraft-Eason.

Others promoted to full professor were Dr. Carlo Celli, romance and classical studies; Dr. Patricia Sharp, psychology; Dr. Andreas Nicolaou, accounting and management information systems; Dr. Lynn Darby, School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies; Dr. Jodi Haney, School of Teaching and Learning; Dr. Patricia Kubow, School of Leadership and Policy Studies; Dr. Charles Keil, environmental health, and Elizabeth Wood, library teaching and learning.

Receiving tenure along with promotion to associate professor were, by college: College of Arts and Sciences—Dr. Joseph Chao, computer science; Dr. H. Casey Cromwell, psychology; Dr. Judith Edminster, English; Dr. Raymond Larsen, biological sciences; Dr. Rekha Mirchandani, sociology; Dr. Diem Nguyen, mathematics and statistics; Dr. Susana Peña, ethnic studies, and Dr. Theodore Rippey, German, Russian and East Asian languages.

College of Education and Human Development—Drs. Timothy Murnen and Nancy Patterson, both School of Teaching and Learning, and Dr. David Stodden, School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies. Also promoted to associate professor in the college was Dr. Audrey Ellenwood, School of Intervention Services.

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College of Musical Arts—Drs. Per Broman and Nora Engebretsen, both musicology/composition/theory.

College of Technology—Dr. Paul Cesarini, visual communication and technology education.

Trustees grant emeritus status to 11 faculty retirees

Eleven faculty members were granted emeritus status by the trustees in recognition of their years of scholarship and teaching at BGSU.

Drs. Larry Dunning, computer science, and Joseph Jacoby, sociology, were each named professor emeritus.

The associate professor emeritus designation was given to Drs. Rolando Andrade, ethnic studies; Donald Enholm, interpersonal communication; Patricia Essex, accounting and management information systems; Thomas Knox, history; Francis Laatsch, finance; Fiona MacKinnon, higher education and student affairs; Robert Meyers, English; Glenn Shields, social work, and Larry Small, communication disorders.

- A faculty member for 28 years and chair of his department for the last five, Dunning retired in December 2007. He joined the department at a time when interest and enrollment in computer science were burgeoning and assisted with managing its growth, also serving as advisor of the student chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery. He taught 39 different courses, by far the most of any faculty member, and directed 44 master's theses.

Dunning is internationally known for his research in the area of error correcting codes for computer memories and has published seminal works on optimal encodings of block codes. Noted faculty members from other universities have visited BGSU to work with him on research projects.

- A criminologist, Jacoby joined the sociology department in 1981 and will retire in June. He has been assistant and acting chair of the department as well as director of graduate studies. He is known for his mentoring of graduate students. As a specialist in the criminal justice system's treatment of the mentally ill, he attracted significant funding for his research and published numerous articles and books in the field of criminology. In 1980, he was recognized by the American Bar Association for his contributions to public understanding of the U.S. justice system through his co-authoring of a book on mentally ill offenders.

Jacoby has chaired the BGSU Human Subjects Review Board for the past 10 years, among many other committee memberships. His service to his profession includes work as a research fellow for the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

- Andrade will retire in June after teaching at BGSU since 1977. A key figure in the development of the ethnic studies department, he helped design its core curriculum and has been chair and acting chair on several occasions. He is known for his rapport with and mentoring of students, and has used his scholarly understanding of cultural diversity to help them grow personally and academically. He has also served the city and the region in the same way by helping them address ethnic differences in a progressive manner, developing many community partnerships such as the Latino Networking Committee and the Migrant Concerns Committee. In recognition of these efforts, he was presented the Diamante Award for Education in 2001.

Since 2001, Andrade has also taught and mentored in the Chapman Community at Kohl. He was influential in introducing and developing Latino studies as part of BGSU's curriculum, and created the innovative "Summer in Mexico" program that has sent 125 students to Mexico since 1991.

- A faculty member since 1973, Enholm will retire in June. He has taught a variety of courses in rhetoric and theory, argumentation, public speaking and persuasion, and has mentored numerous graduate students. In 1988, he was named the Outstanding College Teacher by the Ohio Speech Communication Association.

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His scholarship has focused on political rhetoric and communication theory and has resulted in more than a dozen refereed articles and a term as editor of the Ohio Speech Journal.

- The Ernst and Young Professor of Accountancy from 2004-07, Essex was twice chosen by senior accounting students for the Senior Choice Award, in 1999 and 2004. She retired last July. She was first employed by the University in 1982, leaving five years later to teach at the University of Toledo and Michigan State University before returning to BGSU in 1999. She has been a leader in the College of Business Administration in developing online course materials related to her classes. She has also developed computer-assisted instructional software to accompany a textbook and was the author of an invited article on "Using WebCT to Support Accounting Courses."

Her research interests are in the behavioral aspects of information systems and accounting education.

- A member of the American Historical Association, the North American Conference on British Studies and the Ohio Academy of History, Knox began working at the University in 1972 and will retire in June. He has taught British history to numerous BGSU students, plus courses in world, early modern European and legal history. He has published scholarly articles on 18th-century British politics in a number of journals and was recently editor of the Northwest Ohio Quarterly.

In addition to significant departmental, college and University service, Knox has been a consultant to the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library for its American and World War I series, as well as to Sauder Village, and a Houghton-Mifflin consultant for undergraduate texts.

- Laatsch, an associate professor of finance since 1988, is director of Financial Planning Programs and in 2005 was named the Ashel G. Bryan/Sky Professor. A specialist in financial analysis and planning, particularly investment planning, he has taught managerial finance, capital markets and investments at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He will retire June 30.

He is a past president and vice president of the Chartered Financial Analyst Society of Toledo and is currently the continuing education chair. He is also on the board of directors for the Academy of Financial Services. He has been a member of the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute, the Financial Management Association, the Midwest Finance Association, the Financial Planning Association and the American Academy of Accounting and Finance. Before coming to Bowling Green, Laatsch taught at Central Washington University and the University of Nevada.

- MacKinnon, who retired in January, joined the College of Education and Human Development in 1988, and served in a number of leadership roles in her department, the college and the University in addition to teaching. In 2000, she received the Faculty Distinguished Service Award, and her college colleagues recently honored her by naming the Multicultural Initiatives Diversity Lecture Series for her. From 2002-07, she served as associate dean for student affairs, promoting faculty and student development and overseeing the development of a strong college advising office. She has been chair of Faculty Senate and a member of myriad campus committees.

Her research interests concern the adult learner in higher education and she has published widely on that topic. In 1996, she was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to China.

- Meyers has taught at BGSU for 39 years, primarily undergraduate courses in literature, theory and criticism. He was assistant chair of the English department from 1990-97 and undergraduate coordinator for the department from 1990-96. In addition to extensive committee work, he recently played an important role in the large-scale revision of the department's governance document.

Meyers also taught at Western Illinois University and the University of Pittsburgh before joining BGSU in 1969. He will retire in June.

- Shields, the director of the Social Work Program, began his career at BGSU in 1990 after serving as a practicing social worker in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps. After only

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two years at the University, he was named chair of his department. In 1999, he proposed and helped establish the Department of Human Services, combining social work with programs in criminal justice and gerontology.

He has published 24 refereed articles and two book chapters, and has given more than 75 presentations, in addition to being involved in several major grant-funded projects. His honors include the Faculty Excellence Award, the Ohio Academy of Science Paper of the Year, the Volunteer of the Year Award and membership in Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in education. Shields is retiring today (May 5).

- Small retires July 1 after 24 years at BGSU. He is well known in his discipline for his textbook *Fundamentals of Phonetics*, the most widely used phonetics text in communication disorders. At BGSU, he has been chair of the communication disorders department since 2004 and was the departmental graduate coordinator from 1987-91 and again from 1996 till this semester. He was director of the University Honors Program from 1991-96, and is still a member of the Honors Advisory Council.

Small has participated in 30 master's theses, doctoral dissertations and honors projects, and is known as a challenging but supportive instructor whose courses were always contemporary in a rapidly changing field. His professional activities include leadership positions with the American Speech and Hearing Association and, locally, the Toledo Speech and Hearing Center.

60-year passion for BGSU basketball prompts gift for new court

For 60 years, BGSU men's basketball has provided William "Bill" Frack plenty of memorable games and a sense of community. In appreciation of a lifetime of enjoyment, the Findlay resident has given \$2 million to Intercollegiate Athletics for a new basketball court.

The gift, for what will be called Bill Frack Court, was announced April 29 during the Falcon Club annual reception.

Frack's first BGSU basketball game was in 1948 when he was 12 years old. His father George, a longtime Findlay teacher, had taken a job with the Ohio Department of Education with assignments at the University. His father suggested that Bowling Green might have some good basketball to watch.

"Right away, I knew I was on to something," Frack said, recalling the excitement he felt watching the games as a young child. His BGSU connection has endured for 60 seasons. During that time, he has attended most home games, missing only a handful, usually for weather-related reasons. He's even traveled with the team to watch games in Blacksburg, Va., and Green Bay, Wis., as well as Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Chile.

"Bill is a devoted fan of BGSU men's basketball. He has demonstrated his commitment to the program by attending the games throughout his life and building relationships with coaches, players and fans," said President Sidney A. Ribeau. "This leadership gift for the court in the new convocation center is a true testament to his belief in the program."

Frack watched games in the former Men's Gymnasium and in the current facility in Memorial Hall before the arena was named Anderson Arena in honor of the legendary Harold Anderson, who coached the Falcons from 1942-63. He has known most of the coaches over the years and been acquainted with many of the players.

This gift for the court in the planned Stroh Center is important to the program, and thus is important to him. "I've watched a lot of memorable games here," Frack said.

"Bill has a lifelong love for BGSU basketball. He's watched more than four decades of games in Anderson Arena and now he's helping turn the vision of a new facility into reality," said Greg Christopher, BGSU athletics director. "It is fulfilling to work with a person like Bill—someone who cares deeply about Bowling Green and wants to make a lasting impact on the future of the institution."

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"This is my one chance to help the program out in a good way," Frack explained, joking that he probably will not be around the next time a basketball facility is built. However, this is not his sole gift to BGSU; just as his attendance has been consistent over the years, so has his financial support of the basketball team.

IN BRIEF**Campus Solutions introduction to be presented at next BG@100 forum**

The May BG@100 Open Forum will feature an introduction to Campus Solutions (CSS), the portion of PeopleSoft that deals with students. CSS will begin a phased implementation at BGSU beginning in August. The forum will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday (May 8) in 315 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Attendees will be provided with information about the academic structure that will be part of CSS, as well as an introduction to the modules that will be implemented in phases throughout the next year: Admissions, Student Records, Student Financials and Financial Aid.

All interested faculty, staff and students are invited. In addition to the presentation, project team members will be available to answer questions.

CALENDAR**Tuesday, May 6**

Baseball vs. Eastern Michigan, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Thursday, May 8

BG@100 Open Forum, 1:30-2:30 p.m., 315 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Friday, May 9

Baseball vs. Buffalo, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Saturday, May 10

Baseball vs. Buffalo, 1 p.m., Steller Field.

Sunday, May 11

Baseball vs. Buffalo, 1 p.m., Steller Field.

CONTINUING EVENTS**May 9 and 10**

Julie's Star-Style 2008, 7 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Advance tickets are \$7 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for other adults; tickets cost an additional \$3 the day of the performance. For tickets, call the box office at 2-8171.

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Mathematics and Statistics. Instructor. Call the department, 2-7453. Deadline: May 15.

English. Instructor (Literature). Call Kristine Blair, 2-7543. Deadline: May 23.

Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies. Visiting Assistant Professor/Instructor. Call Mary Bobb, 2-7234. Deadline: May 28.

Labor Postings

<http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires>

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.

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http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

Off-campus classified:

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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There were no obituaries this week.
