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Ribeau leaving BGSU for Howard University

President Sidney A. Ribeau will leave BGSU to become the 16th president of Howard University on Aug. 1. The announcement was made by Howard trustees May 7.

Located in Washington, D.C., Howard is one of the nation's leading historically black institutions, and is comprised of 12 schools and colleges with 10,500 students. The private university offers 120 areas of study leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees and operates Howard University Hospital, a Level One Trauma Center.

"I am excited by the opportunity to head this historic institution," Ribeau said. "Howard is a remarkable university, a truly international university and one that has made significant contributions not only in this country but around the world, training principally African-Americans for global leadership roles in America and the world."

"The search committee was very impressed with Dr. Ribeau's credentials and his reputation as a facilitator of change and collegial leader. He is a charismatic executive who works effectively inside and outside the institution he heads," said Gen. Colin L. Powell, who with Richard D. Parsons, chairman of the board of Time Warner Inc., co-chaired the Howard University Search Committee.

"Dr. Ribeau brings to Howard a complete academic resume, having served as professor, dean and vice president," Parsons noted. "He has built a well-rounded and impressive resume as a scholar and academic leader in higher education and has a solid record as an effective fund-raiser."

Campus reacts

The news of Ribeau's imminent departure elicited words of praise from faculty and administrators with whom he has worked closely.

According to Dr. Bob Midden, chemistry and director of Partnerships in Context and Community (PCC), "President Ribeau has demonstrated outstanding leadership during his 13 years at Bowling Green State University. He has fostered a true sense of community throughout the campus, drawing people together around a common vision of premier excellence in learning with a student-centered focus."

Linda Dobb, executive vice president, concurred. "He encouraged each of us to think about the things we value in higher education and share our best thinking with our students and community. He reminded us daily that we were working together toward a common purpose, which was to improve lives through contact with a great university and its faculty, staff and students."

Charting a new path

Ribeau took office in 1995 following a difficult period of budget woes, downsizing and a divisive attempt to unionize faculty. With morale at a low ebb, he launched the Building Community initiative, a period of intensive conversation between about 2,000 faculty, staff, students and community members about what they perceived the essence of the University to be and what they would like BGSU to become in the 21st century. Out of those discussions arose 19 priorities, the University's vision statement and its five core values.

The enhanced attention to students was one of the outcomes. The Center for Teaching and Learning (now the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology) was created to give faculty resources to keep their skills current; residential learning communities were established, and the new student union was funded and built. More than \$40 million in scholarships have been generated.

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“One of the most notable developments during his tenure has been the founding and growth of several residential learning communities that have been nationally recognized as some of the best examples of innovation in higher education. These programs expand the focus of education beyond just the formal classroom environment throughout all aspects of students’ lives, thereby enhancing student success and satisfaction,” said Midden, who has been involved in both the Chapman Community and PCC.

A native of Detroit and well aware of the untapped potential among underprivileged but promising young people, Ribeau used a 1997 bonus from the board of trustees to found the President’s Leadership Academy, whose philosophy is based on developing servant-leaders.

Current director Andrew Rivers said “the President’s Leadership Academy has reached a point where it defines the vision Dr. Ribeau set forth in 1998. After 10 years of prosperity and growth, it is a very successful program that makes a difference in our students and graduates. The President’s Leadership Academy looks at leadership development as a holistic process and develops lifelong learning in professional skills in our students. In addressing its quantitative success, we have phenomenal four-year retention and four- to five-year graduation rates. This program is a testament to how Dr. Ribeau takes a vision and shapes it.”

Ribeau also took the idea of servant-leaders into the academic arena, working with faculty who hold similar views to establish Partnerships for Community Action, the Center for Innovative and Transformative Education and other programs that work directly with the community on mutually beneficial projects. Eventually, he also initiated a new track for faculty who are interested in community-based research with the Scholarship of Engagement, an alternative route for tenure and promotion.

Engagement in scholarship, service

Engagement has been an underlying theme of Ribeau’s tenure at BGSU. He has repeatedly advocated not just community service but active citizenship, encouraging students and faculty to exercise their ability to effect change.

He also placed an emphasis on the importance of the University’s being engaged with the community and the state, working for the betterment of all citizens.

“President Ribeau has been on the forefront of the movement to foster the application of knowledge to the benefit of our local, regional, state, national and global communities,” Midden observed.

An outgrowth of the original Building Community discussions was the core value of respect for one another. Ribeau took that concept to another level with the introduction of the vision and values initiative and, with it, the BG Experience Program. The goal is to make Bowling Green students more aware of their own, perhaps unarticulated, values and more open to and tolerant of those of others.

In addition to his responsibilities at BGSU, Ribeau serves as a trustee for Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and on the Division I Board of Directors for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. In Ohio, he has served as chair of the Inter-University Council of Presidents. He is also active throughout the state, working with the Bowling Green Area Community Partnership, Regional Growth Partnership, Worthington Industries, Toledo Symphony, Convergys Corp. and The Andersons Inc.

Beluska honored with Ellis Island medal for bridging continents, lives

Vasile Beluska’s first impressions of America were straight out of a John Wayne movie: Levis, cowboy boots, cowboy hats. And that was before he even got off the plane. Then it was big cars with fins on the back and cattle with long horns—a typical day in Amarillo, Texas, his first home in the United States.

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For the violinist and political refugee from Romania, life in the U.S. was a whole new world.

Now Beluska, music performance studies, is being honored for helping other musicians from Eastern Europe come to the U.S. and develop their own careers. Both in the U.S. and Europe, countless students and others have benefited from his generosity, service and talents.

With his family at his side, Beluska received an Ellis Island Medal of Honor on May 10, on that small outcropping in New York Harbor that symbolizes the journey and the arrival of so many seeking freedom and a chance to make something of their lives.

The awards are sponsored by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO), a non-profit organization created in 1984 on the conviction of its founder, William Denis Fugazy, that the diversity of the American people is what makes the U.S. great. NECO's stated mission is "to help create the world of the future today." It does this through a number of philanthropic ventures.

Each year since 1986, NECO has sponsored the Ellis Island medals, which are presented to American citizens of diverse origins for their dedication to: community service, preserving the history of their ancestry group, supporting and defending American values, building bridges between diverse groups here and abroad, and sharing their personal and professional gifts for the benefit of humanity. Past recipients include six U.S. presidents, Nobel Prize winners, athletes, leaders of industry, artists and others whose work has made a lasting impact on humanity.

Beluska and his family are a philanthropy unto themselves, according to Dr. Richard Kennell, dean of the College of Musical Arts. "For every success Vasile earns, he readily shares it tenfold with others," Kennell wrote in nominating Beluska for the medal. "His sense of responsibility to his students is humbling." He has helped them find sponsors, living accommodations and places to continue their studies while assisting with immigration and visa issues. He regularly hosts them for dinner at his home and helped organize a benefit concert for one with a life-threatening illness.

In return, Kennell said, "many students have given Vasile a special place in their lives." He is the godfather to the child of one graduate and was best man at another's wedding. "His ties and commitment to them are unending."

He has also worked hard to preserve Romanian traditions in both Romania and America and has passed those values on to his students, Kennell said. One student has established the American Romanian Festival, which supports the cultural exchange between the U.S. and Romania; another Romanian student has formed a talent agency that features Romanian musicians and ensembles.

Journey to a new life

Beluska began his musical career in his hometown of Cluj-Napoca, in Transylvania, where he studied, and later taught, violin. He was the concertmaster of the school orchestra of the Lizeul de Muzica in Cluj. The orchestra won a countrywide orchestra competition, which was to have earned it a trip to Sweden. Though that did not happen, it planted the idea within him to help his colleagues make contact with the West. Several years later, Beluska and his brother defected from the repressive regime of Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

The two eventually made contact with representatives of a private refugee camp in Lavrio, Greece, and spent eight months there before coming to the U.S. Last year, while on a College of Musical Arts trip to work with colleagues in Corfu, Beluska revisited the camp that was the first stop on his journey to the West and was happy to see a woman who still worked there almost 30 years later. "The camp still looks the same," he said.

Through the auspices of Catholic Family Services, Beluska and his brother were sent to Amarillo, where his brother worked at Bell Helicopter and Vasile loaded Levis at the local airport. The agency helped them get situated in their new city. "We had to learn to buy groceries, go shopping, look for work, rent an apartment. They taught us to do all these things. It was a beautiful little town," he remembers fondly. Instead of the mountains he was used to in Transylvania, "the relief goes backward," with canyons dipping below the horizon, he said.

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Far from his classical music roots, Beluska formed a band with his new friend Jeff Valdez, playing soft rock, country, jazz and even Romanian folk tunes. “I had to learn to play lead guitar. I met my wife while I was playing in that band. We usually talked to the audience between sets,” he said.

His wife, Donna, was then a student at West Texas State University. “She asked me what I saw for myself in the future and encouraged me to pursue my highest dream—to be a violin professor,” he said. Beluska earned a master’s degree at Southern Methodist, in Dallas, and was hired at the University of Northern Iowa, where he found great support in Dr. Ronald Ross, the director of the School of Music. With his wife’s and Ross’s encouragement, Beluska applied to be in the class of renowned violinist Jascha Heifetz, “and to my surprise, I got in,” he said.

“Many people whom I admire—and there have been many in my life—have helped me get here,” he said. “These people who help you just because they can are what allow you to go beyond your dreams, and my only way of paying them back is to do the same for others as much as I can.”

Beluska was hired at BGSU in 1986. Since then, he has given master classes and performed in his native Romania, as well as across the U.S. and Europe and in China, Greece, Mexico and Canada. He has played at the U.S. Capitol and the Kennedy Center, the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, and Carnegie Hall, among other venues.

Being the bridge

Things have changed considerably since he made his daring move from Romania. “The U.S. was just what I saw in movies,” he said. “In Romania, we only knew such people as John Wayne and Marilyn Monroe. We listened to Radio Free Europe in secret to figure out what was going on around us and in the world. In the early years, we didn’t have a clue. Today, there is much more communication.”

The first student he helped enroll at BGSU came in 1991, and the stream has not stopped. There are several from Cluj here now, including a pianist, trombonist, violist and violinist. Others have come from Russia and China.

Beluska is quick to share the credit for bringing foreign music students to BGSU with Kennell. “Dean Kennell was a trailblazer in finding ways to help these students. Not much would have happened without him,” he said.

In addition, Dr. Jeff Grilliot, former director of International Programs, and Paul Hofmann, the current director, “have been very, very helpful,” he said. “They shepherd things through with visas and TOEFL (English for speakers of foreign languages). They are very useful when we have some difficulty.”

As for the students, “usually we get the best of the best,” Beluska said with pride. “Some who have graduated still live here,” he added, such as Vasile Chintoan and Cristina Muresan, now violinists with the Toledo Symphony, and Ioana Galu, who is on the music faculty at Heidelberg College. Others move far away, like the former student who is now on the faculty of a music college in Lima, Peru. “The native sons and daughters who return to Romania after studying and living in the United States through Vasile’s efforts continue to bring new ideas, hope and talent back to their homeland,” Kennell said.

“People who bridge to the old country can be important to your success,” Beluska observed. As the Ellis Island medal attests, he has been that bridge for many.

Adirondacks documentary based on Terrie’s work

The history, culture and environmental preservation of the Adirondack Mountains have been a lifelong passion of Dr. Philip Terrie, professor emeritus of American culture studies, environ-

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mental studies and English. This week, public broadcasting viewers can see what makes the region so special to Terrie on “The Adirondacks,” a documentary scheduled to air at 9 p.m. Wednesday (May 14) and again at 1:30 p.m. May 19 nationally and on WBGU-PBS.

Organized around the four seasons, the film explores the remarkable history, seasonal landscape and current state of the Adirondacks, the largest state park in the continental United States—bigger than Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon combined. The two-hour production was inspired by and based largely on Terrie’s seminal book *Contested Terrain: A New History of Nature and People in the Adirondacks*, published in 1997 by Syracuse University Press. An updated, expanded edition of the book is coming out in June.

Terrie, who now spends his summers in the Adirondacks, was contacted by independent producer Tom Simon of Working Dog Productions in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., after Simon was approached by WNED, the Buffalo, N.Y., PBS affiliate. Simon, a seven-time Emmy Award-winning producer, interviewed Terrie onscreen extensively for the film, which was funded and co-produced by WNED.

“Terrie was a tremendous asset for us in making the film and, in many ways, *Contested Terrain* served as a historical bible for us,” Simon said. “Phil was not only one of our experts but our historical consultant for the program. He made sure we got the history right, pointed us to the right people and let us know about things we had left out. We couldn’t have made it without him.”

Terrie’s research has explored people’s conception of and relationship to “the wilderness,” and perhaps nowhere has this concept been more vividly played out than in the Adirondacks. “In many ways, the thesis of *Contested Terrain* is the basis of the film,” Simon said. “Through much of its history, the Adirondack Park has been the object of a contest between those who want to exploit it and those who want to preserve it. We want to raise awareness of the place and understand the kinds of challenges it’s facing, which are unique because of its own unique nature.”

As the background information for the documentary states: “Sprawled across six million acres in upstate New York, Adirondack Park is by far the largest park in the lower 48 states. Yet it is the only one on the continent in which large human populations live and whose land is divided almost evenly between protected wilderness and privately owned tracts. This patchwork pattern of land ownership has created a unique place that maintains, at its very heart, a delicate and dynamic relationship between progress and preservation.”

For more on the production, including video clips of Terrie speaking, visit www.workdogpro.com/our_shows/adirondack.htm.

Student Affairs honors commitment of campus individuals, groups

At its annual awards presentation on April 24, Student Affairs recognized individuals both within and outside the division for outstanding service to BGSU and its students.

Those recognized have consistently demonstrated their commitment to the BGSU learning community through such efforts as voluntary campus and community involvement, exemplary service, development of innovative and efficient programs or services, and going “above and beyond” their position requirements.

The Timothy D. King Friend of Student Affairs Award went to James Wiegand, director of public safety. Renamed last year to honor the memory of colleague Dr. Timothy D. King, the recognition is given to someone who has provided continued support for Student Affairs programs, services and initiatives; who has served as a resource for Student Affairs staff; whose actions have supported an understanding of the mission and philosophy of Student Affairs,

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and who has made the concerns of students a priority. The winner is considered an honorary member of Student Affairs.

Wiegand was described as a quintessential example of what it means to live by the core values of the University. "Through his work, he demonstrates compassion for our University community and collaboration with his colleagues across campus. He works collaboratively with a variety of offices in Student Affairs and is always willing to support the educational needs of students. Moreover, he continues to build relationships with local city officials to help align the philosophy behind policing college students. He is a pillar upon which we have been able to build our success and is truly deserving of this award, for without him, the Division of Student Affairs would be unable to meet the daily needs of students," nominators said.

The Outstanding Collaborative Effort Award went to the Student Affairs Crisis Team. The award recognizes staff groups and/or departments that have worked in partnership with other departments within the division or across divisions to create and implement programs, services and initiatives designed to enhance student development and learning. At the heart of the team is the mission to best meet the needs of students by increasing communication and collaboration. Critical and sensitive issues are addressed with key constituents, increasing the overall service provided to students, the campus and greater Bowling Green community. Through the efforts of the team, the University has been able to be proactive while establishing a solid system of communication in the event of a campus crisis. The team is comprised of representatives from Intercollegiate Athletics, the Counseling Center, Office of the Dean of Students, Disability Services, Human Resources, Student Health Service, Residence Life, Public Safety, Marketing and Communications, Risk Management, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

The Outstanding New Professional Award was presented to Susan Pelo, Campus Activities. The award goes to someone who has worked in the profession for fewer than five years. An alumna, Pelo is noted for her dedication to the BGSU community as evidenced by her professional return to the University and her willingness to serve on multiple, University-wide committees. From her role in the coordination of the 2008 GMAC Bowl trip to her exemplary work with major University events, this new professional demonstrates innovation and a strong work ethic.

The Outstanding Classified Staff Award was presented to Deborah Marsh, a building maintenance supervisor in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Her nominators say Marsh is a main reason her department has turned into a well-run, efficient and resourceful area. During the past year, examples of her going "above and beyond" include creating a float for the Homecoming parade, updating signage, increasing efficiencies—which have saved the University thousands of dollars—and serving as a role model to the students she supervises. As one of her nominators says, "She always has a smile on her face, and the words 'I can't' or 'I don't know how' are not in her vocabulary."

Dr. Catherine Kocarek, associate director/clinical director, Counseling Center, was presented the **Outstanding Administrative Staff Award**. Described as an exceptional colleague with a solid commitment to the welfare of others, to the ethics of her profession and to the core values of the University, Kocarek has spearheaded innovative changes in the department's policies and practices as well as coordinated a file audit for quality-assurance purposes. Meanwhile, she has also found time to serve the broader community through participating in the Wood County Suicide Prevention Coalition and traveling to Northern Illinois University to provide NIU students with assistance in the aftermath of the campus shooting there.

Jane Myers, director of the Falcon Club, received the **Vice President for Student Affairs Outstanding Service Award**. The award recognizes significant contributions to bettering the University and achieving the goals of Student Affairs. Through her work as president of a professional organization, Myers has done a remarkable job of juggling the volunteer role and her fund-raising duties as she has moved up the ranks of the National Association of Athletic Development Directors. Her successful fund-raising efforts for the Sebo Center and growth in Falcon Club membership resulted in a more than 20 percent increase in Falcon Club donations. She also has played an integral role in the start-up of the division's Doyt Perry Classic Outing, which attracted 120 BGSU fans and alumni to South Florida. As her nomina-

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tor stated, "whether it is serving on division committees or community activities, Jane is a tireless worker on behalf of Bowling Green State University."

The Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award was presented to Megan Morris, Recreational Sports. The award recognizes a graduate student in the Student Affairs Division for his or her commitment to students and contributions to his or her assistantship beyond the minimum job expectations.

Campus to 'migrate' to integrated calendars, email

This week, BGSU account holders will see the completion of the next step in the Exchange Project, providing email and calendaring as an integrated system for the campus community. In preparation for the upcoming switch to Exchange calendaring, which will replace Meeting Maker, campus users are advised of a few important points, according to Information Technology Services (ITS).

The campus is undergoing a shift from the use of BGNet for email and Meeting Maker for calendaring. Plans are under way for users to be migrated to Exchange email by June 30, when BGNet will be retired, and from Meeting Maker to Exchange calendaring by May 19.

"With Exchange, we will have an integrated system," said Cindy Fuller, ITS communications coordinator. "One advantage is that users will only have to log in once to use both their email and calendar." Also, with calendars and email in Exchange, users can set up their desktops to display both windows side by side.

The calendaring move to Exchange will occur between 5 p.m. Thursday (May 15), when Meeting Maker will shut down, and 8 a.m. next Monday, May 19, when all account holders may begin to access calendars from the Exchange system. Resource accounts (used to schedule rooms, equipment, etc.) will also be migrated during this time. In preparation for the change, all Meeting Maker account holders have been or will be scheduled for migration to Exchange by Thursday.

In addition to all data for the future, one year of past data will be migrated automatically, along with events, banners, notes and invitees. As a backup, Fuller recommends that users create a printed copy of their calendar as close to Thursday as possible.

Proxies cannot be migrated automatically, so users will need to set up calendar sharing manually in Exchange. Documentation on how to accomplish this is provided on the ITS Self-Help pages.

For sharing calendars in Outlook 2007, visit www.bgsu.edu/downloads/cio/file47542.pdf.

For sharing calendars in Entourage 2008, visit www.bgsu.edu/downloads/cio/file49174.pdf

Those using handheld devices to synchronize their calendars will need to make some modifications to their setup after the migration is complete, Fuller said. Documentation on how to do that will also be available at the ITS Self-Help pages link www.bgsu.edu/its/tsc/self-help/index.htm. Additionally, Technology Support Specialists will be available during the days following the migration to provide assistance. To request their support, contact the Technology Support Center at 2-0999, or tsc@bgsu.edu.

Continuing and Extended Education is offering training sessions for both email and calendaring. A schedule of sessions is posted on the CEE Web site at <http://ctc.bgsu.edu/exchange>.

Meanwhile, individual email accounts are being migrated to Exchange (Entourage for Macintosh computers, Outlook 2007 for PCs). Faculty and staff are being scheduled for migration by department and area. Office accounts will not migrate until June, Fuller said. Students may use the volunteer form on MyBGSU to request the transition of their accounts to the new system. With the move to Exchange, they will also have calendaring.

Questions about the Exchange migration (calendaring and email) may be directed to the

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Exchange Project Team at ExchangeProject@bgsu.edu.

The Exchange Project Web page is www.bgsu.edu/exchange. The Meeting Maker migration Web page is www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/page48773.html.

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There were no news briefs this week.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 13

Dissertation Defense, "Community Re-Visited: Exploring the Subjectivity of the Online Learner," by Sergey Rybas, English, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 206 East Hall.
Baseball vs. Xavier, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Thursday, May 15

Dissertation Defense, "Acquiring Literacy: Techne, Video Games and Composition Pedagogy," by James Schirmer, English, 10:30 a.m., 206 East Hall.

Sunday, May 18

Concert, Bowling Green High School Bands Sousa Concert, 3 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.

Monday, May 19

First Six-Week Term of Summer Classes Begins.

Creative Arts Program, Suzuki Violin Recital, 6 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Continuing Events May 15-17

Women's Track, MAC Championships, Whittaker Track. Admission to the meet will be \$5 per car on Thursday (May 15) and \$10 per car on both Friday and Saturday (May 16 and 17). A complete schedule of events for the meet can be found at http://grfx.cstv.com/photos/schools/bgu/sports/wtrack/auto_pdf/2008MACSchedule042208.pdf.

May 16 and 17

19th Annual Music Theory Midwest Conference, with keynote address, "When Things Just Don't Line Up: Textural Stratification in Rock Music," by John Covach, Eastman School of Music, from 5-6 p.m. Saturday (May 17). For a registration form and a complete agenda, visit the conference's Web site at www.wmich.edu/musictheo/mtmw/2008/.

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

Art/Chapman Community. Instructor (Service-learning/Art) Call Sherona Garrett-Ruffin, 2-0524. Deadline: May 22.

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<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 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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www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

Off-campus classified:

[/www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html)

ADMINISTRATIVE

www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.