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BGSURA's Jim Corbitt – Bench Coach for a Day!

Bulletin! BGSU's women's basketball team will play Eastern Michigan Saturday for the MAC championship. In the quarter-final Wednesday, BG beat Ohio U 60-51, and then beat Central Michigan Friday, March 11, 80-72. Toledo lost to Eastern 61-55.



JEFF AND PEGGY CORBITT

• Jim Corbitt is surrounded by the BGSU women's basketball team after a win over Kent Feb. 26 by a score of 80-59.

Winner of silent auction sits with team during game

FOR BGSU retiree Jim Corbitt, Saturday, Feb. 26, began at Bob Evans Restaurant with an 8 a.m. breakfast with the coaches and players of the women's basketball team. Corbitt ordered scrambled eggs, toast, and orange juice. Later, he would be a successful "Bench

Coach" with the BGSU team as he watched the women beat Kent State 80-59.

It was late last summer when Jim attended a benefit for the women's team at the Bowling Green Country Club.

The fundraiser included golf and a silent auction with a

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COACH CORBITT *continued*

variety of items like jerseys and photos signed by team members.

One item was “Bench Coach for a day.” Jim was high bidder with \$150.

And so it came to pass that there was the co-chair of the BGSU Retirees Association Membership Committee on the Falcon bench. Jim listened in on pre-game talks, chalk-board diagramming, and scouting reports on each of the Kent players.

“I got the pick of the games, except Toledo, because there would be too many activities that day,” Jim said. He chose Feb. 26 “because it was close to my birthday, and a good day to get the family to town. It was a lot of fun.”

Fourteen family members drove in from Bay Village and Trenton (near Cincinnati). Jim bought tickets and they sat up in the stands behind “Coach Corbitt.” Members included his son Jeff, daughter Lauren, daughter-in-law Peggy, grandchildren, even one of his three great grandchildren. A second son Eric and his family in

Florida were unable to make the trip.

After the game, the family joined Jim on the floor for some picture-taking – first of Jim with a small group of players pulled together by Peggy. Then someone yelled “group photo,” and the entire 15-member team surrounded Jim.

Later, at the Corbitt home on Pearl Street, Jim received an H-P laptop computer as a birthday present — ironic because Jim reads e-mail but declines to send e-mail. But not for much longer: Son Jeff drove over from Bay Village last Sunday to help his father become familiar with the laptop and become more e-mail proficient.

AFTER 19 years at BGSU, Jim, who was Assistant Vice President for Operations, retired in 1995, the year his wife Vicky was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease.

For the next 11 years, Jim was the primary caregiver for Vicky, who had been a stay-at-home mom while their three children were growing up.

Vicky died in February 2007.

They had been married 50 years.

Jim joined the BGSU staff after a 20-year-career in the Navy Supply Corps, retiring from the service as a commander. He is an alumnus of Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., and earned a master’s degree in management from the Navy Post-graduate School in Monterey, Calif.

After the game, Jeff and Peggy also took pictures of Jim with Lauren Prochaska and Tracy Pontius. Jim said he will have enlargements made for Lauren and Tracy to sign when he attends the basketball team’s year-end banquet in Olscamp Hall April 8.

But Jim was not yet done with silent auctions. At the final game in Anderson Arena last Saturday, Jim was high bidder (\$80) for “Bench Coach” of volleyball at a date to be determined. And he won one of three door prizes – a Dior cosmetics package he will give to his daughter-in-law. But on a silent auction for “Bench Coach” for men’s basketball next season, Jim lost to a bid of \$1,000. □

PASSINGS

■ **MORGAN M. BRENT**, professor emeritus of life sciences and former chair of the department, died Feb. 22 in Wood County Hospital. He lived at Kingston of Perrysburg and appeared to suffer from Alzheimer’s disease, his wife of 56 years, Frances Brent, told *The Blade*. Dr. Brent, who joined the BGSU faculty in 1957, was 88.

A native of Evanston, Ill., Dr. Brent received his degrees from Northwestern University. He attended on the GI Bill after serving as an Army medic, receiving a commendation for service during the December 1944 Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

After Northwestern, Dr. Brent did post-graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, where he met his wife-to-be.

■ **FERN REISSIG HERMAN** died March 1 at the Good Samaritan Village, Las Cruces, N.M. She was 86. Born in Dunkirk, N.Y., she attended Miami University of Ohio, and then studied botany at the University of Michigan, where she met and fell in love with fellow student, George Herman. In 1946, Fern graduated with a B.S. degree and married George. They were married for more than 60 years.



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• *Dr. Morgan Brent, chair of the Biology Dept., in January 1967 in the newly constructed Life-Sciences Bldg.*

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House Party No. 6

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY WALLY PRETZER

NO THREATENING winter storm interfered with BGSURA's sixth cocktail party, held at the lovely, spacious home of Hal Lunde, which he designed himself. The kitchen was so well designed for beverages and appetizers that the twenty-five friends who attended stayed there to eat, drink, and chat a lot. Zack, Hal's 16-year-old cat, had the adjoining family room for himself. Hal gave retirees a tour of his home, upstairs and down.

Again, this was a 4 to 7 p.m. event; those retirees who decided to see the excellent performance of "Annie Get Your Gun" given by *continued on next page*



• Joan Gordon, Jim Gordon, Gen Stang, Pat Fitzgerald, Marilyn Nusser



• Pat Koehler, Elaine Spreitzer



• Paul Nusser, Clif Boutelle



• Hal Lunde, Tom Kinney, Ted Groat



• Zack. Said owner Hal Lunde, "All his life of about 17 years, Zack has been a great hunter... larger, smarter and braver than the average cat. Now, he is courageously fighting old age, arthritis, and other ailments old cats tend to suffer."

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Black Swamp Players at the First United Methodist Church could get to the play easily on time.

Nicole Navarre as Annie Oakley and Cody Dent as Frank Butler were outstanding in voice and actions; Cody is a freshman at BGSU, specializing in musical theater, and Nicole is a junior with the same major. Bob Marzola, an experienced choreographer and performer, was directing a Black Swamp musical for the first time, and was assisted by Anne Clark (Bob Clark's daughter), John Carmack as Music Director, and Chris Coy as Orchestra Director.

Many thanks, of course, go to Hal for offering his home for this retirees' event. In addition to the host, those attending included Clif and Judy Boutelle, Pat Fitzgerald, Jim and Joan Gordon, Ted Groat, Tom Kinney, Pat Koehler, Evan and Shirley McFee, Paul and Marilyn Nusser, David and Judy Newman, Vic Norton and Kathleen Tweney, Julie Pontasch, Wally and Diane Pretzer, Bill and Sue Rock, Elmer and Elaine Spreitzer, and Genevieve Stang. □



• Julie Pontasch, Wally and Diane Pretzer



• David and Judy Newman



• Shirley and Evan McFee



• Sue and Bill Rock



• Kathleen Tweney and Vic Norton

PASSINGS continued

Dr. George Herman, 84, a professor emeritus of speech communication, died Nov. 21, 2006, in Las Cruces. He taught speech and hearing therapy at BGSU from 1958-83, and was at times assistant dean and vice provost.



■ ELLEN L. "LORRAINE" DULANEY, 87, of Wayne, died March 2 in Pinellas Park, Fla. She was retired from the Bowling Green State University Housekeeping Department. She was a member of the Cygnet United Methodist Church, Portage American Legion, Wood County Senior Citizens Center.

■ KEVIN KERR, of Columbus, formerly of Cygnet, died unexpectedly Feb. 21 at his residence. An Elmwood High School graduate in 1973, he received a degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York in 1977 and a B.A. from the University of California, California, Pa., in 1996. Later he worked as a costumer for the BGSU Theater Dept. and opened a couture Bridal Boutique in Bowling Green.

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What's ahead



Investing in Water Quality

One Person - One Parcel at a Time

March 15, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Simpson Building, 1291 Conneaut Ave.

Slide presentation and discussion

Speaker, Sandy Bihn, Western Lake

Erie Waterkeeper

Sponsored by LWVBG and the
BG Parks and Recreation Department

This meeting is open to the public.

IN an interview with *The Wall Street Journal*, published March 3, Bill Gates said states should “rethink their public-employee benefits systems, which he says stifle funding for the nation’s public schools.” Budgets for pension funding and health-care benefits are “way out of whack,” he said.



The newspaper said “one focus of Mr. Gates is public pension funds’ use of a relatively high discount rate to calculate obligations. The discount rate is an assumed rate of return used to calculate the current value of a future liability . . . Critics blame this accounting approach for contributing

to their pension funds.”

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In a March 1 article, *The Journal* noted that Utah and Michigan “last year launched hybrid plans for new employees, which combine a 401(k)-type component with a guaranteed benefit. In Utah, workers also can enroll in a plan akin to a 401(k).” It said governors or former governors in Florida, Minnesota, and Nevada have proposed 401(k) plans.

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Wilshire Associates, a Santa Monica, Calif.-based investment consulting firm, reported that state pension systems had an estimated funding ratio of 69 percent for fiscal year 2010, up from 65 percent for fiscal year 2009, *The Journal* reported March 7. That figure is based on the

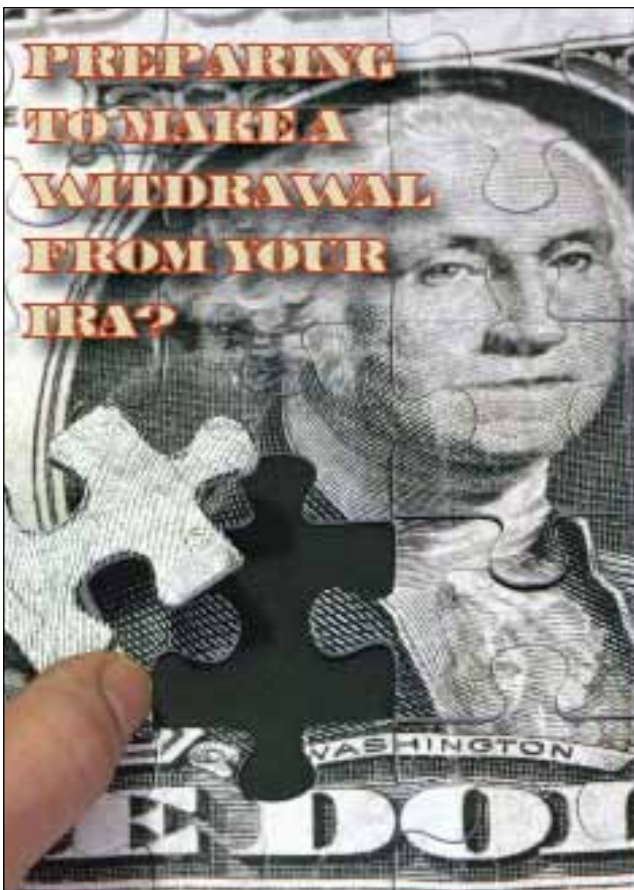
market value of assets.

Wilshire projects, *The Journal* said, that “over the next decade public pension plans will have a median annual return on their assets of 6.5 percent. Plans included in the study have projected a median actuarial of 8 percent over several decades.”

The report said the pension funds had 31.1 percent of their assets in U.S. stocks, down from 45 percent in 2000, while foreign equities have increased to 17.5 percent from 13 percent over the same time.

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In Pennsylvania, Republican Gov. Tom Corbett proposed reducing state spending to state universities by about 52 percent. The funding would fall to \$567 million from \$1.2 billion in the proposed state budget.



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- VELMA KRONBERG, 95, died Jan. 1 in Bowling Green. She was a cook at the University from 1963-78.
- LOUISA BOULIS, 82, died Feb. 21 in Bowling Green. A former custodial worker, she retired from the University in 1989.
- TERRY L. JOSEPH, 55, died Feb. 10. He was a former BGSU police officer. □

A LITTLE BIT OF HELP . . .

THE BGSU Retirees Association Membership Committee is seeking the volunteer help of a member or members with Microsoft Word merge-letter experience or FileMaker Pro knowledge. The technical help would assist in the production of promotional materials for the Association and be directed at specific groups of retirees. For more information: Membership Committee co-chairs Jim Corbitt (jcorbitt@dacor.net or 352-7877) or Sue Hager (shager@dacor.net or 352-2161).

More What's ahead

March 18, Friday

Reservations are due by this date for BGSURA's March luncheon Wednesday, March 23, at Stone Ridge. Reservation form is on line at www.bgsu.edu/retirement in the March 2011 BGSURA Newsletter. Speaker: Pat Fitzgerald, retired general manager of WBGU-TV.

March 17, Thursday, Noon

Reminder: Luncheon meeting of the Wood County Retired Teachers Assn. Reservations were due last Monday. The event is at the Riverview Banquet Center in Pemberville.

March 26, Saturday, 8 p.m.

BGSURA invites you to see "Lend Me a Tenor," directed by Bob Hastings, former director of Black Swamp Players musicals for 17 years. First United Methodist Church. Tickets available at Grounds for Thought. After the production, join other retirees for refreshments at Grounds for Thought.

April 12, Tuesday

Joint BGSU-University of Toledo Luncheon, noon, at the Toledo Club. Speaker will be Dr. Richard Putney on the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Expect a mailing soon from the University of Toledo.

April 13, Wednesday

BGSURA's 8th Book Discussion at the home of Evan and Shirley McFee, 1205 Bourgogne, at 7 p.m. They have chosen Ivo Andric's *The Bridge on the River Drina*, a book blending history and fiction in engaging ways over three centuries. Four copies of the book are available at the second floor Information Desk of the Wood County District Public Library. Even if you don't manage to read the book, you are welcome to attend the discussion. Let the McFees (419-352-7340) or Wally (419-352-8057 or dpretze@bgsu.edu) by Monday, April 11, if you intend to be there.



May 7, Saturday

The BG Tree Commission is offering a free educational seminar, "Rain Garden Installation with Tree Selection," to the public and professionals. From 9-11 a.m. at the Simpson Garden Park Building Conference Room.

May 11, Wednesday

Final BGSURA luncheon of the year. Speaker will be Chris Gajewicz, Bowling Green City Parks and Recreation.

Dean Rodney K. Rogers speaker at Sept. 7 Convocation



THE dean of BGSU's College of Business Administration, Dr. Rodney K. Rogers, will be the speaker for the BGSU Retirees Association kick-off luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Stone Ridge. Dean Rogers earned a PhD in accountancy and management information systems at Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, and an MBA at BGSU, where one of his teachers was Dr. Harold Lunde, treasurer of BGSURA. He earned a B.A. at Ohio Northern, where he majored in music.

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Remembering Digby

Blade retired food editor Mary Alice Powell devoted her Jan 2, 2011, column to her beloved companion



• Digby was an added attraction when Mary Alice Powell was the speaker for the May 2007 BGSURA luncheon at First United Methodist Church. Digby died Dec. 21, 2010.

• The memorial to Digby appeared in The Blade Jan. 2.



• BGSURA program chair Ted Groat watched as Digby snacked on dry chow after the luncheon. Digby was rewarded after waiting patiently in his special bed in the rear seat of Mary Alice's car.



• In the church parking lot after the luncheon, R.K. Clark visited Digby in the dog's rear-seat bed. R.K. is reflected as he peered through a window.

Computer aid offered

BGSURA's computer expert, Charlie Applebaum, has been retained by the Chief Information Officer of BGSU as a resource person for any retired BGSU faculty or staff member within the city with

a software problem. Dr. Applebaum has 49 years of experience in mainframe and personal computing. He may be reached at 419-352-0777 or send an e-mail to applebau@bgsu.edu.





• *The work area in the old Bowling Green Post Office building now is the dining area for the Wood County Senior Center.*

PHOTOS
BY JOAN GORDON

New Year's Day tradition at the Wood County Senior Center in Bowling Green

Black-eyed peas from scratch served by volunteers and staff



• *Chad Van Burkirk and Paul Dauch serve to Ernie and Neva Sposato, Janet and Grover Swartzlander, and Danilda Lee.*

• *It was 33 years ago that U.S. Rep. Del Latta helped dedicate the old Post Office as a Senior Center site.*



• *Tom Bennett, a former BGSURA board member, dines with his daughter Brooke. Tom is a regular for the Senior Center programs.*



• *Paul Dauch, Food Service manager; Joan Gordon, volunteer and board member; and Denise Niese, executive director, Wood County Committee on Aging.*