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WHEN your name appears in *The Blade*, Toledo, and you're the president of the University of Toledo, you are **Dr. Jacobs**. But if you're the president of Bowling Green State University, you're **Ms. Cartwright** (March 17, 2011). Shouldn't both be referred to as **Dr.**?

BGSU's **Dr. Ralph H. Wolfe**, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, thinks they should be. For Dr. Wolfe's letter to *Blade* Editor David Kushma, turn to **page 2**.

## 'Come dine with me'

Make reservations for the Annual Joint UT-BGSU Luncheon

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BGSURA members have received a postcard mailing with a reservation form. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, April 5, for the luncheon at The Toledo Club Tuesday, April 12.

## Search for names of BGSU war dead

A 1970 Bowling Green State University ROTC graduate and Vietnam veteran is spearheading efforts to update the Memorial Hall plaque which honors former students who lost their lives while serving in the Armed Forces. The plaque, which has not been updated since the Korean War of the 1950s, was dedicated in 1961 upon the completion of Memorial Hall.



David Ridenour, of North Mercer Road, Bowling Green, said he hopes to have the update complete in recognition of the 75th anniversary of Buckeye Boys State and the 100th anniversary of BGSU.

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**IN PERSON! Starring Chris Gajewicz**  
Look for the Reservation Card for the May 11 BGSURA Served Luncheon. The card is in the soon-to-be-mailed May issue of the BGSURA Newsletter. Featured performer Chris Gajewicz is Natural Resources Director for the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Dept.

March 20, 2011

David Kushma, Editor  
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Dear Mr. Kushma:

In The Blade article (03/17/11, p.3) regarding university responses to the proposed budget by the Governor of Ohio, the reporter identifies the President of the University of Toledo as Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, who, I am told, holds the degree Doctor of Medicine. The reporter identifies the President of BGSU as Ms. Carol Cartwright, who, as I know, holds the degree Doctor of Philosophy.

I am aware that the reporter is abiding by the Associated Press Stylebook that recommends that only medical doctors be granted the word "doctor" before the name in the press.

I do not know, however, the reasoning of those persons who developed the guidelines that give superiority of the MD over the PhD. It is certainly not historical. The word "doctorate" comes from the Latin docere – to teach, and the first persons in medieval times who were called doctors were either teachers or, sometimes, religious leaders. In the US, the PhD, not the MD, was first conferred at Yale University in 1861. Today at university commencements, the PhD, not the MD, is the last degree to be conferred and it is described as the "highest degree in course."

One can conclude that the university confers the degree with "all rights and privileges," and the AP Stylebook takes away the "right" of a holder of the PhD to be called doctor in the press. Because The Blade's readership includes many college and university faculty in this area, I think it prudent that journalists at The Blade be more sensitive to the position of the faculty in discussing matters within the Academy by adjusting the AP guidelines to be fair to the "rights" of all holders of higher degrees. After all, the guidelines are only guidelines, not laws.

In the article I mentioned earlier, a reader might conclude that the President of BGSU has no degree, since she is identified only as Ms. Cartwright. I will also mention that the reporter's adherence strictly to the AP guidelines has resulted in an explicit sexism since the President of UT is identified as Dr. Lloyd Jacobs while the President of BGSU is identified only as Ms. Carol Cartwright.

Sincerely,

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## Gettysburg monuments Toledo luncheon topic



Dr. Richard H. Putney is  
Director of Art History,  
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Museum of Art.

- Dr. Wolfe speaking last fall at the dedication of the Ralph H. Wolfe Viewing Center for film and video in Hanna Hall, far right.



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# Help sought to update Memorial Hall plaque

By David Ridenour



FIFTY-EIGHT thousand two hundred sixty-one (58,261). This is the number of the young men and women listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. who died in service to our country in Vietnam. We have lost more than 6,000 more young men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan since then. Our country has lost dozens more in places like Lebanon, Kosovo, Panama, Grenada and Kuwait, just to name a few. The Cold War took other lives.

Bowling Green State University's Memorial Hall was dedicated in 1961 in memory of BGSU students who had lost their lives in service to the United States. A plaque in the vestibule lists 78 names of these individuals who served in World War I, World War II and Korea. In 1986, the American Legion and the American Legion Buckeye Boys State restored and enhanced this memorial with flags and a bench in celebration of Buckeye Boys State's 50th Anniversary. As the 75th anniversary of Buckeye Boys State approaches in 2011, Buckeye Boys State and the American Legion want to update the plaque for all BGSU students who have lost their lives in service to country since the original dedication.

I have identified 15 men that were students from BGSU who have made the supreme sacrifice since 1961:

- **MAJ Clyde Wilson Enderle**, 1959 Air Force ROTC, shot down in Darlac, Vietnam, on March 19, 1970, while serving with the 20th Special OPS SQD, 7th AF.
- **1LT Douglas C. Mabee**, 1968 Army ROTC, was killed in Vietnam in 1970 while serving with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade.
- **US Marine CPL William Wirick** died in combat in Vietnam in 1968. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his heroism.
- **US Marine CPL Steve Victor Mylant** died in combat in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam, in July 1967 while serving with the 1st Marine Division.
- **US Marine CPL Daniel Louis Pucci** died of wounds received on June 2, 1969, in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam, while serving with Bravo Co., 1/3 Marines, 3rd Marine Division.
- **2LT Stephen Walter Young**, 1967 BGSU graduate, was killed by a sniper in Chuong Thien Province, Vietnam, in 1969 while serving as an advisor with MACV.
- **1LT Charles Thomas Jones** died in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, on June 25, 1971 while serving with C CO, 1st/327th INF, 101st ABN DIV.
- **CPT Roger Behnfeldt**, 1967 Air Force ROTC and former Buckeye Boys State delegate, was shot down over North Vietnam in 1972 and his remains were recovered in 1987.
- **1LT Terry Moore**, 1974 Air Force ROTC, died in a US Air Force jet fighter crash during a training exercise in 1978.
- **2LT Rick Robeson**, a 1981 Air Force ROTC graduate, died in a B-52 (tail # 57-6482) crash in Sacramento, Calif., in December 1982 at Mathers Air Force Base.
- **LTC Kevin Sonnenberg**, 1988, died in an Air Force plane crash in Iraq in 2007.
- **CPT Mike Medders Jr.**, 2005 Army ROTC was killed in Iraq by a suicide bomber in 2008.
- **LTC Thomas Belkofer**, 1992 Army ROTC, died in Afghanistan when his NATO convoy was attacked by a suicide bomber on May 18, 2010.
- **USAF MAJ Phillip Edward Donley** graduated from BGSU in 1964 and earned his doctor of medicine degree in 1967 from the University of Kansas. He died January 18, 1971, in a plane crash in Furstenfeldbruck, West Germany. He was a flight surgeon and co-pilot on an F-4 Phantom fighter bomber.

I am seeking more information on the loss of this individual:

- **LT Dale Haven Jr.** graduated from the Air Force ROTC program in 1960 and is believed to have died in a jet training accident early in his Air Force career. His father, Prof. Dale Haven Sr., was a faculty member in the Music Dept.

In addition to these individuals, there may have been others, perhaps another student who dropped out before completing his or her studies or maybe someone else who was drafted after graduation. If anyone has any knowledge of any fellow students who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country in addition to these eleven, please pass this information on to me so they may be honored here at BGSU. In addition to the individual's name, please pass on any additional information to include biographies, obituaries or pictures. David Ridenour may be reached by E-mail at [djride@wcnnet.org](mailto:djride@wcnnet.org) or by mail to him at 17070 Mercer Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402.

**Ed. Note:** David Ridenour served in Vietnam with the 1st Signal Brigade in 1971-72. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant soon after arrival in country and served as the Executive Officer for Radio Company – Long Binh. During his tour, he was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. Ridenour has served as a guardian on two Honor Flights, first for his father (WW II Navy vet) in summer 2009 and last summer for a BGSU 1967 graduate, Army ROTC commissioned officer and Vietnam vet suffering the ravages of Agent Orange. Currently Ridenour is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager employed at Envirosafe Services of Ohio, Oregon, Ohio.