

BGSURA NEWSLETTER



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4-person program on 'Power of Music'

A PROGRAM on "the power of music to change instantaneously the way we think, feel and react" will be presented at the May 19 luncheon meeting of the BGSU Retirees Association by David Rogers, Jacqueline Weaver, Jane Robb, and Helen Dermer. This final gathering of the year for the BGSURA will be held at First United Methodist Church, East Wooster Street, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Rogers is a former chair of the Department of Performance Studies in the BGSU College of Musical Arts and is a frequent provider of music programs to long-term care facilities in Northwest Ohio.

Weaver, a specialist in dementia
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• *Helen Dermer and Jane Robb at the piano.*

Enjoy baseball with Mudhens!

PLANS have been made for members of BGSURA and the Wood County Retired Teachers Association to attend the Toledo Mud Hens-Louisville Bats game June 22 at Fifth/Third Field in Toledo. Deadline to reserve the \$6 tickets is May 17. Make checks payable to Helen Dermer, 1210 Lyn Rd., BG. 419-352-8822.

Next year

- **SEPT. 15** – Convocation: Dr. Robert Glidden, Ohio University President who is retiring this month; former dean, College of Musical Arts, BGSU.
- **NOV. 17** – Dick Berry, WTOL-TV: "Day Trip-pin" and related topics.
- **JAN. 19, 2005** – Musicians from the Bowling Green Symphony Orchestra.
- **MARCH 16, 2005** – Earlene Kilpatrick, Executive Director, Main Street Bowling Green.
- **MAY 18, 2005** – Ray Fischer, Wood County Prosecuting Attorney. □

Computer troubles?

PROBLEMS getting connected to the Internet for E-mail and surfing? Call Charlie Applebaum, 352-0777, or send an E-mail to applebau@math.bgsu.edu, or phone the math office, 372-2729. This "help" program is sponsored once again by the Office of the Provost □

○ **Reservation Form for BGSURA's May 19 Luncheon** ○
WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2004 • Reservation Deadline Friday, May 14!
1st United Methodist Church. 11:30-Noon: Check-in and socializing. Noon: Luncheon.
NOTE: Reservations at \$8 per person MUST BE MADE by Friday, May 14.

Name _____

Name(s) of Your Guest(s) _____

_____ Total Number of Reservations

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$_____. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BGSURA.

**SEND RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK TO DON BRIGHT, 1209 CLARK ST., BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402,
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 14. Telephone 419-352-8360**



• Bob and Sue Kreienkamp at Neuschwanstein

You can't keep this guy on the Wood County farm

BY JAN PALLISTER

BOB Kreienkamp was born and raised on a farm near Wayne, Ohio, and graduated from Elmwood High School and Elkins electronic school in Texas. He worked in Lima at WIMA-TV, coming in September 1969 to WBGU-TV, where he worked as a technical engineer until his retirement in July 2002. Part of his work on campus was maintenance of the University's closed-circuit television system.

After Bob's retirement, and in fact as a sort of retirement gift, Bob and his wife Sue backpacked for five weeks in Europe from May to June, 2002, where they visited Austria, Germany, France, and Italy. They returned last year in October for a cousin's wedding in Germany and plan on returning in 2005. Bob and Sue prefer staying in B&Bs, where he feels that, not being touristic, they give one the true flavor of the country. They have, incidentally, also traveled around the United States, to Seattle and twice to Las Vegas.

Bob reminisces about these trips with eyes aglow as he brings out his album of beautiful pictures taken on

these trips. It was surely a highlight of their trip to Italy when on June 13, 2002, they were given a tour of the Vatican by the Rev. Joseph Poggenmeyer, who was from Sandusky. A small world? Yes. But this was only the beginning, for during their audience with the Pope on that same day, they wound up sitting beside a group of people from Northwest Ohio that included some BGSU graduates and together they sang *I Ziggy Zumba*.

Austria and Germany

In Austria, they visited Salzburg, where they were taken with the beauty of the buildings and gained a splendid view of the city and the mountains from a fortress on a hill. And in Germany, they went to Neuschwanstein Castle (King Ludwig's world famous castle built in the style of the late romanesque period of the early 13th century). The Disneyland castle is modeled after it. They went on to visit the ancient town of Rothenburg, and then near Osnabrück, where Bob visited his family! Yes, it is indeed a small world for Bob: his grandfather and grandmother emigrated from Germany in

the early 1900s, as a result of which he has many cousins still in Germany, a country he has visited four times. And also, as a result, he has finally decided to learn German.

They traveled to Omaha Beach in France, where again Bob experienced the feel of a "small world." He met a man from the 115th Infantry. Bob's uncle, who had been killed in the landing on Omaha Beach, also had been a member of the 115th. The man turned out to be from Cleveland, AND his grandson had attended BGSU!

After Omaha Beach, they returned to Germany and cruised the Rhine, seeing magnificent castles and exploring small towns. In Berlin they toured the city with yet another cousin! Here Bob got to have a tour through a network TV station that he found to be avant-garde, indeed more sophisticated than most American stations. Then on to Köln (Cologne), where they admired the world-famous cathedral.

On to Italy

After Germany came Italy. He and his wife took walking tours of Rome, enjoying the Piazza Navona with its fascinating street artists and mimes, partaking there of the pizza and wine and relishing the slow pace. It was during this trip to Italy that they had that audience with the Pope. After Rome it was on to San Gimignano in Tuscany, where medieval festivals are held complete with horses, costumes, and the like. Then on to Siena, where they stayed with nuns and had to be in by 11 or sleep in the street. In Orvieto they attended a wine tasting, and, Abacado being their favorite (a mild semi-dry wine), they brought six bottles back. Everywhere in Italy they loved the *gelati*.

At BGSU, Bob served as chair of the Classified Staff Council for three of his 10 years on council, and even wrote the pay plan and grievance plan that are still used by classified staff at the University. Bob was also a member of the University health insurance committee for three years and served on many search committees. (*next page*)



• Weaver



• Rogers

care, works with Rogers in the development and sharing of music stimulation programs, therapeutic products, and other sensory enhancements to benefit persons with various forms of dementia. She is an activity professional at Darlington Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Toledo.

Robb and Dermer began playing piano duets 10 years ago and added several vocal soloists to form a group now known as "Star Billing." They entertain frequently at nursing and assisted living homes, senior centers, and retirement communities, trying to revive good memories with familiar music.

Robb is a former teacher and junior high counselor. Dermer is a former education professor at BGSU. □

Kreienkamp travels *continued*

Bob has been married to his present wife Sue, a part-time dental hygienist, since 2000. He has two sons, two stepsons, a step-daughter and soon will have his eighth grandchild. He also is co-chair of the Mayor's ad hoc committee studying the need to remodel or build a new City Building.

Bob and Sue will return to Germany again next year, when Thomas and Iwona Wuestneck, a cousin and his wife who visited Ohio last summer, will escort them to Cracow. □

• Janis L. Pallister, Ph.D., L.D., is Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Romance Languages. She may be reached at jpallis@dacor.net.

It's voting time

The Stang Report: Columbus update

By GENEVIEVE STANG

THE new executive director of STRS, Damon Asbury, in a meeting with OCHER representatives in Columbus last month, outlined changes in management. He noted that the budget has been reduced by 10 percent and the staff has dropped from 735 to 647. Travel policies have been revised, and STRS is working towards making the child care center and cafeteria pay for themselves. Incentives have been dropped for non-investment staff and revised for investment staff. Asbury also has a goal of improved communication with members, legislators, and the public.

The Ohio Senate has acted on the Pension Reform bills HB227 (am. sub.), introduced by Schneider, and SB133 (am. sub.), introduced by Wachtmann. Senate passed basically a stripped down HB227. The House will need to take action on what the Senate has come up with:

- 1. The treasurer of state would replace the

Tom Hern honored for service

DR. THOMAS Hern, retired professor of mathematics and statistics, is the recipient of a Certificate of Meritorious Service from the Mathematical Association of America.



• Hern

The award, presented in Phoenix earlier this year, noted Hern's service as president-elect, president and past president of the Ohio Section of the MAA.

Hern also maintained the Ohio Section's web page, edited the section's newsletter, and was a member or chair of a variety of MAA and Ohio committees during his 34-year membership in the MAA.

Hern also "has done an exemplary job of mentoring numerous young faculty by encouraging and supporting their participation in the Ohio Section of the MAA." □

attorney general on the boards of the state's five public pension systems and an investment expert would be added to most of the boards.

2. The controversial "Buy Ohio" was removed as was the provision giving the state treasurer the ability, with board consent, to appoint the systems' executive directors. There remains concern over the "Buy Ohio" aspect of HB227. Bankers and brokers are contributing heavily to politicians in support of their interest in "Buy Ohio," which, if enacted, will be quite costly for STRS.

3. Top retirement system officials would be required to file financial disclosure statements with the Ohio Ethics Commission.

4. The Secretary of State would be required to oversee retirement board elections.

5. The Attorney General could pursue civil remedies against any retirement board member who is found to breach his or her fiduciary duty.

The bill passed by Senate makes several changes to the system boards:

1. A county official and an investment expert would have seats on the OPERS Board.

2. The STRS Board would see an increase of one retired member and the addition of a school board representative.

3. The STRS Board would keep the state superintendent of public instruction, but require the superintendent to have investment expertise.

4. The School Employees Retirement System would have an investment expert and a school board member added.

5. The Highway Patrol system would have the treasurer and the director of the Department of Public Safety added.

All board members and candidates would be required to comply with campaign finance disclosure requirements and abide by election laws pertaining to false statements.

The Governor asked all boards to institute those reforms that are possible within their jurisdiction. STRS has been asked to meet with bank lobbying representatives to "discuss" Buy Ohio. It was uncertain whether or not the meeting would take place. □

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President's Corner

By Dr. Roger Anderson

TODAY is a beautiful day but too windy to do prep work in the garden and to stain the flower boxes. So instead, I will inform you of BGSURA activities and other items of interest.

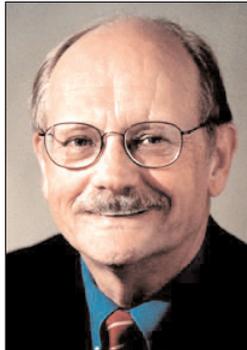
We had a good turnout for an excellent St. Patrick's Day musical program featuring Lucy Long and Steve O'Megan. Each provided interesting narratives linking Appalachian, Irish, Celtic, African and African-American music, musical instruments, and dance.

Also in March my wife and I attended a conference in Madison, Wis., celebrating the 100th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin Political Science Department, where I received my PhD. At the conference,

we were given a historical overview of the department, its historical links to the discipline, and a look to the future. Graduate and Congressman David Obey was the featured luncheon speaker, and Senator Russ Feingold, also a graduate, was the keynote dinner speaker. It was really a pleasure to renew acquaintances with many of my former professors and colleagues in graduate school. At the conference, there were many light-hearted references to Vice President Dick Cheney, an ABD who did not attend.

In March, 20 BGSURA members attended an educational and entertaining luncheon talk at Inverness Country Club in Toledo by Bernadette Barth from the Ohio Department of Transportation on construction of the new I-280 Maumee River bridge. The program was hosted by the University of Toledo Retirees Association. MCO retirees also attended.

In April, BGSURA held its final board meeting of the year. The revisions to the bylaws were approved and submit-



• Dr. Anderson

ted to the membership for a vote. The nominating committee's slate of officers and board members for 2004-06 was approved for the ballot. The professional committee is finishing the *Retirees Handbook*. Hopefully, it will be printed and ready for distribution this summer.

The program committee announced its completed schedule of programs for 2004-2005. In addition to the convocation and four other luncheon programs, we will host the annual BGSU, UT, MCO Retirees program in April 2005 in Bowling Green, featuring Daryl Stockburger, Director of the City of Bowling Green Public Utilities Department, who will speak on the Windmill Project at the Wood County Solid Waste Facility on Route 6.

On April 28, eight of us from Bowling Green attended the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees Association's annual conference at STRS headquarters in Columbus. This was, by far, the best of the annual conferences I have attended. At the conference, we heard a report from Dr. Damon F. Asbury, Executive Director of STRS, on the current status of STRS. Dr. Asbury is refreshingly honest, communicative, and well-informed. Laurie Fiori, Executive Director of OPERS, also gave an excellent update on OPERS. In addition, Dave Travis, Executive Director of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, spoke about OCHER's new affiliation with ORTA.

After lunch, we received a briefing from the Health Advocates for STRS and an update on Medicare and STRS and OPERS. Terri Bierdeman, Director of Government Relations for STRS, informed us of pending state and federal legislation affecting state retirees.

I encourage you to attend the May 19 luncheon-program and to vote. Thanks to the 2002-2004 officers and board and committee chairs and members. Thanks particularly to the officers and board members completing their terms, Joan Gordon, Vice President; John Hiltner, Secretary; and board members Janet Barga and Karl Vogt. □

• Dr. Anderson is Associate Professor Emeritus of Political Science. His address is rogerca@bgnnet.bgsu.edu

Passings

- **WILLARD "BILL" FOX**, professor of educational administration at BGSU from 1959 to 1980, died Feb. 26 in Boone, N.C. Chairman of the Education Department from 1962-1965, he authored numerous articles on school administration and policy. He was a member of the Bowling Green Board of Education, treasurer of the Ohio School Boards Association, and was the first president of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators.
- **RICHARD C. CARPENTER**, pro-

fessor emeritus of English, died Mar. 14 in Bowling Green. A teacher of English at BGSU for 29 years, he was part of a group of faculty members who initiated an experimental living and learning program, the forerunner of the Chapman Learning Community. He also was interim director of the University Library in 1969-70 and played a key role in the formation of Faculty Senate. Dr. Carpenter also led a discussion series for nine years at the Wood County District Public Library.

- **JOSEPH F. KRAUTER**, professor of political science from 1969 to 1989, died Apr. 17 in Sagamore Hills. He

also had taught at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and at Laval University in Montreal.

- **MARCELLA WOHLER**, retired from BGSU's food service department, died Apr. 11 in Bowling Green.
- **JESSIE ZEPERNICK**, Pemberville, a retired chef at BGSU, died Mar. 27.
- **DONALD E. HILTY**, Bowling Green, died Feb. 26. He had been a dentist for students at the BGSU Health Center.
- **HILDA McGUIRE**, Portage, died Mar. 14. She had retired from the BGSU Student Union as a food service director. □