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Computer troubles?

PROBLEMS connecting to the Internet, surfing and the new Vista operating system for PCs? Call Charlie Applebaum, 352-0777, or e-mail applebau@bgsu.edu, or the math office, 372-2729. Applebaum’s services are made available to retirees by the office of Linda Dobb, BGSU executive vice president. [to page 6]

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In the news

IFE Member Kenneth Frisch was the “Saturday Feature” in the April 7 Sentinel-Tribune for his talent as a “balloon twister” at the Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg, where he also is director of development. Frisch retired from BGSU in 2003 as director of gift planning. The article noted that Frisch “began clowning in high school as part of a church group. I worked...” [to page 6]

- Frisch

The retired food editor of The Blade, Toledo, Mary Alice Powell, will be the speaker at the year’s final BGSU Retirees Association luncheon May 16 at First United Methodist Church, 1526 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 11. The popular journalist, who continues with The Blade as a columnist, retired in 1995 after a career that spanned more than 40 years at the Toledo newspaper. Raised in Adrian, Mich., she was lured from her reporting job at The Daily Telegram by the late and legendary Don Wolfe, an assistant managing editor at The Blade.

Powell’s journalism career began as she edited her Adrian High School newspaper, the Maple Leaf. But after graduation, she was working second shift furnishing auto bumpers at an area factory. Five weeks later, a phone call from a former English teacher alerted Powell to a cub reporter job at The Telegram. The teacher, Mildred Armstrong, gave Powell the confidence she could handle the job. “I know you can do it,” Armstrong said, and the young reporter was on her way. [to page 6]

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So you think you know Roger Anderson?

Well, I doubt you do. Your natural answer would be: he’s president of BGSURA and has been for the past six years, the guy who recently went catless when his beloved Taffy departed this world.

Or maybe you’d say that he was chair of the Political Science Department for several years while it was in turmoil. Or that he was chosen as 2005 Man of the Year (Outstanding Citizen) by the BG Chamber of Commerce. Or maybe that, active in politics and especially in the Wood County Democratic Party, when asked late in the 2002 election process to run for Congress, he ran as a write-in in the primary (without opposition), and in the general election in November was on the ballot, running against Gillmor.

And you would be right. But I can tell you much more!

That last mentioned experience, for example, was an ordeal that started in spring 2002 and continued until November elections. During that time he visited 11 of 16 counties, going to county fairs, farm bureau meetings, parades, and what not — all the while dating Betty Jean, a native of Toledo who was then teaching Family and Consumer Science at Deveaux Junior High School, and who, since they married July 9, 2003, in Hawaii, is now his wife.

Let’s add a few items to the already bulging list:


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More recently he has been delivering Wheeled Meals every Tuesday. And on a humanist level he is presently president of the BGSU Friends of the Libraries (he likes to read).

Anderson also grills and gardens. He and Betty Jean
love flowers and plant many annuals. And Roger grows bushels of tomatoes. Since his walnut tree at Truman (Gar- rity's old abode) is in conflict with his tomato plants (which lamentably he does not raise from seed), he plants some of them in Betty Jean's mother's yard. Eventually, tomato soup and tomato sauce are prepared in abundance and frozen for future uses. As we said, Roger grills. But does he cook? Does he bake? Well, Roger tells me that he once made a pumpkin pie from a pumpkin he purchased at a roadside stand and that it was delicious. However, the second time he tried this—from a pumpkin he had grown—the pie had to be eaten with a spoon. According to Betty Jean it was a “disaster.”

“Oh,” you say, “that sort of person never has a publication legacy, and such must be the case with Roger.” Wrong. On Roger's resume I count 15 book reviews and several journal articles and book chapters.

**Scholar's production**

Anderson’s scholarly production also embraces many reports and papers read at professional societies, the lion’s share of these dealing with — yes, you guessed it — the environment, though occasionally we have a paper on Mexican politics and even on the Peruvian military!

“Well,” you say,” a man who does all that has no time for recreation and hobbies.” Wrong again. I spoke above of his tomato gardening expertise. Let’s add his love of swimming pools to that. His house on Lyn Road had a pool; his house on Truman has one, too. He and Betty Jean do water aerobics twice a week.

Roger has traveled to most of the European countries plus Peru (1998), Sicily (2005) and China (2006).

Add to this frequent trips to Stratford, Ont., Canada, for a touch of drama. (They are also big opera fans and have tickets to the Toledo Opera every year.) Occasionally Roger and Betty Jean travel in the U.S. Last year they visited Montana and Yellowstone.

What should you serve Roger and Betty Jean if you invite them for dinner? Well, it seems that almost any kind of foreign cuisine would please them. Focusing on Roger in particular, he says he likes Italian food, especially Northern Italian food, seafood, wild game (here he’s for the birds, if I dare put it that way). Forget the TV dinners, however, and dessert as well, except maybe for cookies.

It is probably because Roger is a Minnesotan that he is so productive. Up there we learn to work hard in order to keep warm. Roger comes originally from Minneapolis and has his bachelor’s in history from the University of Minnesota. However, he received his master's and PhD in political science from the rival University of Wisconsin.

NOTA: Roger attended the University of Wiscon- sin with a well-known political figure named Dick Cheney. Roger graduated. Dick Cheney did not. Now I failed to ask Roger if he sings or plays the guitar. Please forgive me for this: and ask him yourself.

1977: City Council Democratic campaigners all were elected: Joyce Kepke (left), Pat Ng, Bruce Bellard (later mayor), Roger Anderson, and the late Joe Corral.

Roger Anderson posed with Lois Phillips for this Jan. 10, 1974, Sentinel-Tribune photo to promote the recycling group HURT’s efforts at a collection site at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. Anderson was HURT (Help Us Recycle Trash) president.

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Spotlight on Volunteers

Wheeled Meals drivers more than just delivery service

It’s not the eighth wonder of the world. But Bowling Green’s smoothly running Wheeled Meals operation makes it a close second. At 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, a task force of sedans, minivans, SUVs and pick-up trucks driven by volunteers converges on the loading dock of Wood County Hospital. Reminds one of the storming of the beaches at Guadalcanal, Anzio, Normandy or Iwo.

While the drivers are arriving, hospital employees in the kitchen are running an assembly line to pack containers with...

• The first of the morning’s volunteer drivers include Elaine Goodwin (left), Peggy Boren and Verlin Lee arrive at the dock at 11 a.m. for containers and instructions.

• Life Member Emmy Hann dressed for the unusual April weather. Life Member Bill Hann also is a driver.

• “Starter” Eleanor Conner tells driver Marge Miller that her delivery includes the cellophane-wrapped rose for a client’s birthday.

• Inside the hospital’s kitchen, employees pack food containers: Mariana Mitova, Matt Christy (back to camera), Debbie Hutchison, Ray Miller, Chef Ray Hohman.
Volunteers needed for Wheeled Meals

WHEELED Meals is looking for a few good drivers, says Marilyn Riewaldt, volunteer coordinator of drivers. “We are looking for summer drivers as a relief to some of the drivers who want the summer off but want to continue to drive in the fall.”

Time commitment, explains Riewaldt, is 45 minutes every week or every other week. “We meet at the Wood County Hospital loading dock to load containers of food and receive route ‘boxes’ which include where to go, how to get there and any special instructions for the client that day.”

The drivers also pick up the empty containers and return them to the hospital loading dock. More volunteers are needed because of turnover.

For more information, call Riewaldt at (419) 353-6031, or Ann Graves at (419) 352-9379.

...a hot lunch (soup, sandwich, salad and dessert) and a hot “meat and potatoes” supper. Then the band of volunteers takes over. “Starters” carry the containers and milk out the door to the loading dock where the two-person teams load up their vehicles and drive off to deliver the meals to Wheeled Meals subscribers in time for lunch.

The drivers deliver more than food to those who are disabled, recovering from illness or otherwise unable to take care of their nutritional needs — they carry to the front door a smiling face and a concern for the homebound.

“Drivers are caring,” says Anne Graves, chairman of the board of Wheeled Meals, Inc. “They also make sure that the person being delivered to is all right. If there seems to be any-thing unusual, they report back to the hospital.”

Adds Susan Halleck, director of volunteer services at Wood County Hospital, “Delivering the meals is the best reward per time spent of any volunteer job I know. When you’re finished, you know that six people ate well that day because of you.”

Graves points out that Wheeled Meals “gives older people who cannot fix meals for themselves a chance to stay in their homes. Or children who work are freed from having to fix meals every day.” Clients each pay $5 a day for the service.

Four women were key to the founding of Wheeled Meals in 1970-71: Gay Hafferty, from the Ohio Department of Health; Kay Edwards, director of nursing for the Wood County Health Department; Lyn Long and Virginia Nader, who suggested the name.
Swan song for a 3-termer — and how far we’ve come

After six years in office this is my last column. I have enjoyed serving as your President, but it is time to move on. Thanks to the officers, board members, committee chairs and each one of you for your help and cooperation. We have accomplished much during those years:

- An increase in membership thanks to the membership committees and chairs Park Leathers and Clif Boutelle.
- A quality newsletter.
- Fascinating personality portraits of our members in every newsletter since September 2000 by Jan Pallister.
- Frequent reports in the newsletter about recent and proposed legislation related to state retirees and about STRS and OPERS by Genevieve Stang and occasionally Richard Edwards.
- Establishment of a BGSURA Web page starting in January 2002 thanks to Jim and Joan Gordon and the University Webmasters.
- A variety of excellent programs thanks to the program committees and chairs John Hiltner, Wallace Pretzer, and Ted Groat.
- The development and continued distribution of the BGSU Retirees Handbook courtesy of Harold Lunde and the professional committee.
- The introduction of a BGSURA Life Membership thanks to Harold Lunde and the professional committee in 2004.
- Increasing the role of advocacy for retirees thanks to the board and OCHER representatives Sam Cooper, Genevieve Stang, and Richard Edwards.
- Greater cooperation with Wood County Retired Teachers Association and the Ohio Retired Teachers Association including the establishment of a joint meeting and luncheon with WCRTA every March.
- Establishment of a BGSURA ListProc beginning in 2006 for sending announcements digitally via E-mail to more than 100 BGSURA members who have provided their addresses.
- Clarification and publicity of BGSU discounts for retirees thanks to Richard Edwards and the professional committee.
- Designation of BGSURA representatives to the Family Campaign, Administrative Council, Classified Staff Council, and Faculty Senate Committee on Professional Affairs.

Most popular program

It is really difficult to identify program highlights so I will cite our most popular program attendance-wise. It was at the September 2003 Convocation, when former BGSU interim President Dr. Michael Ferrari spoke.

Only two programs caused me considerable grief, one in January 2003 when College of Musical Arts professor William Skoog informed me the day before the program that the BGSU barbershop quartet could not perform because one member had flunked out and another had dropped out of school. Bob Clark quickly put together a Phil Donohue-type host program which featured our own luncheon attendees, and it turned out to be a good program.

The second stomach-turning moment occurred in January, 2006 when I was informed the day of the program that the Bowling Green High School Madrigals could not perform because it was a snow day for Bowling Green Schools. This time Wally Pretzer served as master of ceremonies and again called on the members present at the luncheon to give a very good program. As Jim Gordon noted later, beware of scheduling music-related programs in January.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for making the past six years enjoyable ones. Continue to support BGSURA. I will see you May 16 at the Mary Alice Powell program.

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Frisch

Ken Frisch

on several skills that would work into that, like twisting, magic and unicycling,” he told reporter Greg Van Vorhis.

Frisch has received the designation as an Advanced Certified Fundraising Executive (ACFRE) from the Association of Fundraising Professions. It’s an achievement earned by only 80 professionals since the beginning of certification 15 years ago.

Powell

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After retirement from The Blade, Powell was invited by Ron Royhab, Blade executive editor, to write a column. He told her, “You see things other people don’t.”

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BOOMERS & Beyond May 5 at BG High School

Welcome educational sessions, lunch and a keynote speaker will be offered Saturday, May 5, in a program described as “the gathering place for the 50-plus crowd for education, health and life opportunities.”

The event is sponsored by the Wood County Committee on Aging, Wood County Hospital and Sky Bank at Bowling Green High School, West Poe Rd. Tickets are on sale now for $10 (price includes lunch from Call of the Canyon) at all Wood County Senior Centers and Sky Banks.

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Active Retirees Activity Opportunities

Please call Helen Dermer, (419) 352-8822, for more information about events and car pooling, which is always possible. “We welcome your activity ideas. Please join us.”

MAY 2, Wednesday

Bryan, Ohio
10:30 a.m. Williams County Courthouse
1 Courthouse Square, Fourth Floor. Everyone is welcome
11:30 a.m. Cross the street to Seasons Restaurant
12:30 p.m. Meet in Spangler Candy Museum (3 blocks away) for trolley tour of the company
$4 per person, payable at the Spangler Candy Company
P.S. Quilters may want to stop at Sauders in Archbold on the way home. Annual Quilt Show.

JUNE 18, Monday

Weston, Ohio
10:30 a.m. Tour of Sun Seed Co.
20584 Long Judson Road (off Rt. 6 one half-mile east of State Route 235), Weston, Ohio
Tour led by Bill Mead
11:30 a.m. Lunch in Grand Rapids
(Your choice of restaurant)
1 p.m. Tour of the new Otsego High School, 18505 Tontogany Creek Road
Tour led by Bernie Scott

JUNE 27, Wednesday

Toledo Mud Hens vs Ottawa. Noon.
Use coupon below. Send $6 for each ticket, check payable to BGSURA, by May 4 to Helen Dermer 1210 Lyn Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402. Seats are under cover with backs.
TARTA transportation available from Perrysburg.

JULY 10, Tuesday

Grandchildren and friends are welcome.
Milan, Ohio, 2 p.m. Milan Historical Museum.
10 Edison Drive.
5 p.m. Dinner along the water.
8 p.m. Huron Playhouse. “Nunsense Megamusical.”
Ticket price depends upon number of persons in the group.
Send information request coupon below to Helen Dermer.

Tickets for Mud Hens Game June 27. May 4 deadline.
How many tickets @ $6? Total: $
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I’m interested in “Nunsense Megamusical” at the Huron Playhouse July 10. To receive more information, send this coupon to Helen Dermer, 1210 Lyn Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402.

Reservation for BGSURA’s May 16, 2007, Luncheon
• Wednesday, May 16, 2007 • Reservation Deadline Friday, May 11!
1st United Methodist Church, E. Wooster St. 11:30-Noon: Check-in, socializing. Noon: Luncheon.
NOTE: Reservations at $8 per person MUST BE MADE by Friday, May 11.

Name ______________________________________
Address ___________________________________
Phone No. __________________________________

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