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Scam expert, BBB head, on Nov. 16 lunch program

SCHEMES, scams, and flim-flams will be discussed for BGSU retirees Wednesday, Nov. 16, by Richard T. Eppstein, president of the Better Business Bureau that serves an 18-county area of Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

The luncheon meeting of the BGSU Retirees Association will be held at the First United Methodist Church, East Wooster St. Socializing begins at 11:30 a.m. and Chef Don Bright's buffet line opens at noon.

Eppstein, a Toledo native and a 1969 graduate of the University of Toledo, is an Vietnam Army veteran who earned the Bronze Star and the Vietnam Signal Medal as an officer.

For more than 33 years, Eppstein, a graduate of the Better Business Bureau Institute for Executive Development in Washington, has been involved in BBB work.

Eppstein has spoken to hundreds of area consumer and business groups. He also is a weekly guest on WTOL-TV (Channel 11), warning the community • to page 8



• Eppstein

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A Pallister Profile of Don M. Wilson



What's ahead for 2005-2006

- Nov. 29 – Annual Retirees Holiday Reception, 3:30-5 p.m. Mileti Alumni Center. Reservations to Carol Sanner, 372-6997.
- Jan. 18, 2006 – Madrigal Singers, Bowling Green High School.
- March 15, 2006 – Joint meeting, Wood County Retired Teachers Assn., Elks Club. Dr. Damon Asbury, STRS executive director.
- May 17, 2006 – Adelia Peters, Chinese folk cultures.
- Sept. 13, 2006 – Kendall Baker, president, Ohio Northern.



• Dr. Dennis Leone is sworn in as one of three new members of the STRS board. Giving the oath at the Sept. 15 meeting is his daughter Lindsay, who is in her first year of teaching in Ohio in the Wyoming School District near Cincinnati. Holding the Bible is Jake Frowine, of Portsmouth, a 95-year-old retiree who made his first STRS payment in 1928. Mr. Frowine carried Dr. Leone's STRS election petition in four southeast Ohio counties.

On board in Columbus

2 BGSU grads bring STRS change

THEY never met on campus — but the two BGSU graduates are tied together by their diligence in fact-finding and devotion to journalism and education. What resulted is the transformation of the State Teachers Retirement System and Ohio's other four retirement systems.

Dr. Paul E. Kostyu, Copley Newspapers Columbus Bureau chief, a legal specialist in the area of access to records and meetings, and Dr. Dennis Leone, who retired two years ago as superintendent of Chillicothe Schools, were not on the Bowling Green campus at the same time. Dr. Leone graduated • continued on page 2

• **BUDDIES:** On the right is Felix Anthony Tutolo with two of his Italian army friends. Felix is the father of retired BGSU Prof. Daniel Tutolo, who found this 1917 photo last summer on a visit to his father's native land. More on page 7.



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from BGSU in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and education. Dr. Kostyu worked on his MA in Popular Culture while a reporter at *The Advertiser-Tribune* in Tiffin, finishing his thesis while working at *The Greensboro* (N.C.) *News & Record*. He received the degree in 1981.



• *Dr. Kostyu*

Hired by BGSU in 1985 to be editor of *The Monitor*, Dr. Kostyu received his PhD in Mass Communication in 1990. His bachelor's degree is from Heidelberg College.

Dr. Leone, in December 2002, as he moved toward retirement with 23 years in school administration in Ohio, began researching STRS spending after hearing rumors of extravagance.

Tired of stone-walling
In writing and in person at STRS Board meetings, Dr. Leone questioned STRS executives, who were unresponsive for months. But they finally caved in to Dr. Leone's tenacity in seeking public financial information.

What Dr. Leone learned was far worse than he expected: The STRS Board and staff were living in a "financial fantasy land." In a 13-page report that he presented to the STRS Board in May 2003, Dr. Leone asked for a response in two weeks to his charge that the STRS was spending money in a manner that was "completely foreign to the very members they serve."

Update to 'impact aid' for Bowling Green school district

FIGURES not previously available show that legislation authored by former Bowling Green resident and BGSU graduate Dennis Leone has generated "impact aid" revenue totaling \$9,773,971 over the past 12 years for the Bowling Green school district.

Dr. Leone, of Chillicothe, was superintendent of the Oxford-Talawanda School District in which Miami University is located. The legislation in 1993 provides additional state revenue to districts in Bowling Green, Athens, Kent and Oxford because of their high amounts of state-owned, tax-exempt real estate. Because of that legislation, Dr. Leone said, "The folks in Bowling Green know me well." These impact-aid amounts given to the Bowling Green school district are provided by James Rowan, Oxford-Talawanda treasurer:

1994-95	\$143,365	2000-01	\$1,414,740
1995-96	\$452,691	2001-02	\$1,202,339
1996-97	\$777,069	2002-03	\$993,507
1997-98	\$736,184	2003-04	\$880,592
1998-99	\$652,656	2004-05	\$836,124
1999-00	\$1,011,839	2005-06	\$727,855

In researching all 611 Ohio school districts, Dr. Leone found that the average amount of state-owned tax-exempt real estate totaled 7.8 percent of each district's potential tax valuation. He found that only seven school districts were losing more than 25 percent of their potential tax valuation, including Bowling Green, Oxford, Athens and Kent and several districts with large state prisons.

Dr. Leone explained that the reason the Bowling Green total has dropped in recent years is that "the increased taxable valuation of the district's real estate has exceeded, comparatively, the increased tax-exempt valuation of the BGSU property — which means that the Bowling Green school district is dropping nearer to the 25 percent trigger mechanism for impact aid. □

When the STRS continued its stone-walling by refusing to change its policies, Dr. Leone e-mailed his report to all 611 Ohio superintendents and all 923 principals. Many of them, in turn, shared the report with teachers, who shared it with retirees, who shared it with legislators, who shared it with the news media.

On June 8, 2003, *The Plain Dealer* broke the news.

By 2000, Dr. Kostyu was covering state government for Copley in Columbus after teaching journalism at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware. A copy of Dr. Leone's report was forwarded to him from the Copley newspaper in Canton, *The Repository*.

By the end 2003, Dr. Kostyu had written nearly 100 stories about the excesses of the STRS. The result was the firing of the STRS executive director, passage of

Former director of STRS pleads guilty to ethics violations

THE former executive director of the State Teachers Retirement System was found guilty Sept. 1 of accepting golf outings and other gifts from an investment firm that advised the pension fund.

Herb Dyer, 66, pleaded no contest to one charge of failing to report gifts to the Ohio Ethics Commission and was fined \$1,000. Suspended was \$300 on condition that Dyer pay the amount to the pension fund.

Dyer was forced to resign in August 2003. Of Ohio's 133 lawmakers, 105 called for Dyer's resignation after criticism that the STRS spent millions of dollars on bonuses, artwork and travel while assets plunged.

Reporting about STRS activities by Dr. Paul E. Kostyu launched investigations by the Ohio Ethics Commission, which are continuing.

Dyer was the speaker in September 1995 at BGSU Retirees Association's founding convocation. □

• *The Associated Press contributed to this story.*



• Dr. Dennis Leone receives the Ethics in Government Award from Joy Paolo, Paolo Consulting LLC, sponsor of the award, and John Wahle, Ohio GFOA president.

STRS exposé earns Ethics in Government Award

FOR “exposing a terrible and arrogant entitlement culture” at the State Teachers Retirement System beginning in 1995, the Government Finance Officers Association presented its 2005 Ethics in Government Award to Dr. Dennis Leone in Cleveland Sept. 14.

In nominating Dr. Leone for the award, members of the association noted that he “acquired proof that the STRS Board and the STRS staff had been spending pension money and taxpayer money on things like booze, parties, concert tickets, Kings Island, baseball games, gifts, paid airfare and

paid lodging for STRS visitors, multiple lavish trips to places like Honolulu and Palm Springs (spending \$540,000 between 2000, 2001 and 2002), a new office complex that would make Saddam Hussein blush (spending \$94.1 million), sculptures and artwork for the new STRS headquarters (spending \$869,000), a special child care services center for employees of STRS (spending \$818,000 to build and \$500,000 on an annual basis to operate), and giant bonus checks for 435 STRS employees (totaling \$24.4 million between 1998 and 2003) at a time when total stock market assets at STRS dropped a staggering \$12.3 billion.”

STRS, Dr. Leone told the Board, should not stand for “Sculptures, Travel, Retreats and Spending.”

Dr. Leone also found that the staff increased from 414 to 735 and administrative expenses increased 17.4 percent from 2000 to 2002. Continuing research by Dr. Paul E. Kostyu, Columbus bureau chief for Copley Newspapers, disclosed that STRS employees who adopted a child received a \$5,000 gift from pension money. In another STRS policy reported by Dr. Kostyu, the executive director received a percentage of every staff bonus check he gave.

On June 16, 2004, when Gov. Robert Taft signed into law the pension reform bill with the sweeping changes pushed for by Dr. Leone, the governor presented Dr. Leone with one of the pens he used to sign the bill. □

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legislation to reform the state’s five pension systems and an investigation launched by the Ohio Ethics Commission.

Dr. Kostyu’s follow-through of the STRS issues was so highly regarded by *The Repository* that his series was submitted to the Columbia University Pulitzer Prize committee judging beat reporting.

Although Dr. Kostyu didn’t win a Pulitzer, his series received a first place for investigative reporting from the Associated Press Society of Ohio, a first-place for in-depth reporting from the Association of

Capitol Reporters and Editors, and a first place for best use of public records from the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists.

First-Amendment award

Dr. Leone himself received the First Amendment Award from the Central Ohio Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. He was praised for his “courage to take on the STRS, alerting the media, and his diligence in pursuing public records requests in the face of many barriers, including widespread criticism from the Ohio Education Association and fellow superintendents.”

It was Dr. Kostyu who nominated Dr. Leone for the award. Dr. Kostyu also discussed his *Canton Repository* articles the STRS last year during Mass Communication week activities on the BGSU campus.

Last December, upon retiring from the Chillicothe schools, Dr. Leone decided to run for the new retiree seat on the STRS Board (the new seat was created by the General Assembly). A total of nine retirees and active teachers ran for three seats on the Board. The votes were counted last May 7. Dr. Leone was the top vote-getter. □

• Jim Gordon compiled stories about Drs. Kostyu and Leone from interviews and emails.

Research, projects room available

THE BGSURA Professional Committee has arranged for the use of Room 19 in the College Park Office Building for University-related research or other activities by its members.

By e-mail or surface mail, members may request an application form for prospective office users to describe the “research, project or activity to be conducted, including a specified time frame and expected outcome such as publication or public presentation for the work.”

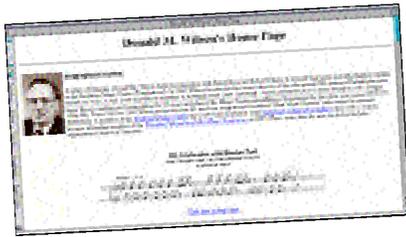
The office, which is 12 by 15 feet, contains a computer, desk, and file cabinet.

Further information may be obtained from Professional Committee members Eloise Clark, chair, Peter Badia, Ray Barker, Richard Edwards, Robert Kreienkamp, Harold Lunde or Christine Sexton.

In other committee action:

Richard Edwards volunteered to serve as a BGSURA representative to Administrative Council and Chris Sexton volunteered as BGSURA representative to Classified Staff Council, with Bob Kreienkamp as an

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Don Wilson: Sample his compositions at dmwilson.com!

By Janis L. Pallister

A NATIVE of Chicago, Donald M. Wilson entered the University of Chicago in 1955 as an English major. Changing majors halfway through his four-year degree program, he studied music theory and composition with V. Howard Talley (1957-59).

In his first term as a music major, Wilson marshaled a group of students and faculty in the re-establishment of the then-defunct University Symphony Orchestra. Since that time in the fall of 1957, the Orchestra has been an increasingly significant force in the musical life of the University itself as well as the surrounding community.

After receiving his BA degree in Humanities (with a major in music composition) from Chicago in 1959, Wilson continued his music studies for a year at the Juilliard School in New York City and then was awarded a graduate assistantship to Cornell University (1960-64). At Cornell he assisted Karel Husa with the Cornell orchestras while studying composition and orchestration with Professor Husa as well as studying composition and analysis with Robert M. Palmer and music history with Donald Jay Grout.

During his years at Cornell, Wilson was afforded the opportunity to study composition with Gunther Schuller and orchestration with Aaron Copland at the Berkshire Music Center in western Massachusetts in the summers of 1963 and 1964. Wilson received his Master of Arts degree in Music Composition in 1962 and his DMA degree in Music Composition from Cornell University in 1965. Following a two-year stint as music di-



• Dr. Don M. Wilson. The Roland S-760 sound sampler is above the monitor at right.

rector and then program director of the station now known as WHY-FM in Philadelphia, Wilson was hired in 1967 to teach music theory, analysis, composition and aural skills at Bowling Green State University.

In 1998, after 31 years of full-time work during which he served two four-year terms as department chair of music composition and theory (1973-77 and 1994-98), and produced over 80 one-hour programs in the annual New Music Festival radio series for national distribution, Wilson retired as Professor Emeritus.

Honors and awards

Wilson's honors and awards include the 1963 Joseph H. Bearns Prize (Chamber Music Category) for his *Quintet for Bb Clarinet & String Quartet* (awarded by Columbia University) and the 1964 A.M. Drummond Award for his *Songs & Incidental Music to Aristophanes' comedy Lysistrata* (awarded by Cornell University). At Bowling Green State University, Wilson was awarded a total of three Faculty Improvement Leaves for various compositional projects, and was granted two one-month residencies at the MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire (1972, 1974). In July of 1976 he attended the Summer Courses in New Music at Darmstadt in what was then called West Germany.

A member of the American Music Center since 1964 and a member of the American Composers Alliance since 1967, Wilson became a founding member of the Christian Fellowship of Art

Music Composers in 1995. Three years later he was elected to the latter organization's Board of Directors.

Among Wilson's output of nearly 40 works are the *Daventry Suite for Wind Ensemble* (1998-99); *A Book of Fanfares for 1 to 12 Trumpets* (1997-2003); and a choral symphony, *Visions*, for mixed chorus and symphonic band (1969-70), available through the C.F. Peters Corporation in New York. With the 2005 band transcription of his 1960 composition, *Dedication* for strings, Wilson continues to demonstrate his interest in band scoring (colloquially known as "bandstratation").

Since his retirement in 1998, Don has been teaching part time and writing music for various ensembles at the University. He is finishing and revising older works and editing earlier works for publication. Don works with the Roland S-760, a sound sampler that connects to his computer and provides him with a whole orchestra. He is presently setting the *Praise Psalms* to music for various combinations of voices including vocal duo, vocal trio, women's chorus, men's chorus and mixed chorus, all with keyboard accompaniment; some of the Psalm settings can also be performed without voices, by instrumental groups such as violin duet or clarinet trio with piano accompaniment. Additionally, Don is developing a Web site to accommodate this new material, which means that his compositions can be sampled at dmwilson.com.

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his grandson in Dallas, Texas, Wilson became acquainted with a computer game for kids called *Mask of Eternity*. He was intrigued by the background music and got pulled into the game. As a "fanfic" sequel to the plot of *Mask of Eternity*, Wilson wrote the *Daventry Suite*, so-called because the locus of the game was medieval Daventry.

Curious to know what orchestra recorded the music for *Mask of Eternity*, Wilson contacted its composer, Kevin Manthei, who told him about the Roland S-760 (see page 4). Wilson's *Daventry* has been performed by Bruce Moss and the BG Symphonic Wind Ensemble at BGSU, and subsequently by BGSU alumnus David Manuel Garcia and the Bridgewater Wind Ensemble at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. Incidentally, Don has become a computer

game addict since his discovery of *Mask of Eternity*.

Having played clarinet, oboe and English horn throughout college and graduate school, Don views the English horn as the most beautiful of all musical instruments; he will not tolerate even the notion of my preference for the French horn, which is derivative anyway.

This quiet man with a wry, subtle sense of humor and the memory of an elephant (as they say), does many other things. He is a proof-reader for his sister, Cynthia Olson, who writes teen fiction based on true stories about inner-city children in Chicago.

Wilson and his wife, Lois, whom Don met through Wallie DePue, both sing in Toledo's Lewis Avenue Baptist Church choir, for which Don has written music, as he also has for Lois's trio. Between them they have five children and five grandchildren.

Play on, Sir Don, play on. □

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Tutors needed at Toledo school

THE Arrowhead Park Association in Maumee has requested BGSURA's help in recruiting volunteer tutors at its adopted school, Burroughs Elementary, in Toledo.

Volunteer tutoring involves as little as 45 minutes per week for a minimum of five weeks. Shift times can accommodate schedules. Most tutoring time is spent assisting children with reading books. For more information: (419) 897-6614 or e-mail toquestions@arrowheadpark.org or carl@bgsu.edu. □

SCORE seeks counselors

THE Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) needs volunteers to assist people with business start-ups and to counsel those with on-going businesses. There is no charge.

"We have about 40 counselors in our Toledo chapter, which was founded in 1985," said Harold Jenkins, Wood County representative and counselor who has advised 60 clients in the past two years. For more information: (419) 353-2047 or send e-mail to hjenkins@wcnet.org. □

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alternate.

Also, the Professional Committee discussed the revision of the *Retirees Handbook*. The current book is in its second year. Harold Lunde, who compiled and edited the first edition *Retirees Handbook*, volunteered to head up the updating.

A volunteer is needed to serve as a BGSURA representative on the Faculty Senate Committee on Professional Affairs, and a volunteer to serve as a coordinator of BGSURA members to serve University needs. Names may be suggested to, and further information may be obtained from BGSURA's president, Roger Anderson.

Edwards announced that discounts for all retirees on University tickets and programs should now be in effect. □

Passings

- **WILLIAM J. YORK** died Sept. 23 in Bowling Green. An administrator and professor in educational administration at BGSU from 1967 until he retired in 1991, he served on the city Board of Zoning Appeals for many years.
- **EVELYN SETTLES** died Aug. 20 in Perrysburg. She retired from the BGSU Jerome Library in 1985, after 15 years of service there.
- **CATHERINE SANDY** died Aug. 17 in Bethesda, Md., She had served as administrator for the Inter-Library Loan Department from 1980 to 1991.
- **DONALD T. HINDE**, who was the assistant director of the University Union until 1973, died Oct. 11 at his home in California. He joined the

BGSU staff in 1958 as a building engineer at the Union.

- **JAMES ROMAHER**, in the BGSU plumbing department for 37 years, died Sept. 1. He retired in 2001.
- **DORIS OBROCK**, of Pemberville, died Aug. 30. She was a cook at BGSU for 15 years, retiring in 1975.
- **GLENN B. FAUSEY**, who retired from the BGSU maintenance department in 1982, died Aug. 14 in Fostoria.
- **RICHARD WITTENMYER**, of Bloomdale, died Sept. 5 in Toledo. He was retired from BGSU after 28 years working in food service.
- **JAMES LLANOS** died Sept. 23 in Upper Sandusky. He was head of supply purchases and custodian of the Ice Arena for 26 years. He retired in 1993.
- **JAMES SADDORIS**, former director of safety and security at BGSU, died Sept. 3. □

Life memberships at 25

LIFE Members of the BGSU Retirees Association as of Oct. 8, reports Treasurer Harold I. Lunde, include Pamela C. Allison, Betty Jean Anderson, Roger Anderson, Josef Plass, Beverly Coppler, Richard A. Edwards, Emma J. Hann, William D. Hann, Thomas A. Hern, Richard D. Hoare, David J. Hyslop, Harold I. Lunde, Sarah J. Lunde, John G. Merriam, Marjorie Miller, Diane Pretzer, Wallace Pretzer, Deanna J. Radeloff, Christine Sexton, Sylvia Smith, Robert Speers, Janet Wilhelm, Ralph Haven Wolfe, Bonadine R. Woods, Nancy Wygant-Mills.

Life Memberships are \$150 for members and \$75 for associates. □



Genny Stang's Legislative Report

HEALTH CARE

BY now, STRS retirees have received packets announcing health care open enrollment, which runs to Nov. 22. Retain indefinitely the blue sheet in the packet (Notice of Creditable Coverage) as it would be needed if a retiree wishes to disenroll from the STRS program.



• Dr. Stang

Retirees also may be considering enrollment in the Medicare Part D drug program. If you are satisfied with the STRS program, which is as good as or better than the standard set by Medicare, it is recommended

that you do NOT enroll in the Part D program. That program would be good only for retirees on a low income (\$14,000).

The Part D premium would be on top of the regular STRS premium and would not cover hospitalization. Since STRS met or exceeded the Medicare standard, the pension system received a rebate subsidy, which was an enabling factor in keeping STRS health care premium increase to 3 percent rather than the projected 12-plus percent for 2006.

The election by STRS retirees who choose Part D will have a negative impact on the subsidy STRS receives. Careful review of the alternate drug programs being offered by insurance companies is advisable, however, giving attention to coverage as well as cost.

If no dedicated revenue stream for the health care stabilization fund is found, dramatic changes will be necessary in 2007 — higher premiums, changes in enrollment and/or plan design. Strategies to mitigate further adverse selection will need to be made in 2006.

LEGISLATION

VALUABLE information regarding legislation can be found on the STRS and ORTAWeb sites (strsoh.org and orta.org) as well as through state and federal Web sites.

At the federal level, hurricanes, the IRAQ situation, confirmations, investigations and bird flu have commanded attention. Issues of mandatory Social Security, GPO/WEP, pension reform, drug importation and investment restrictions remain in the hopper.

At the state level similar issues as mandatory Social Security and health care are being considered. The 126th General Assembly held some committee hearings, but no voting sessions in September. An extensive list of legislative actions related to a variety of topics appears in The Education Update for Oct. 24 found in ORTA's "Weekly Education News from Joan Platz." Valuable information regarding proposals and committee meetings can be found there.

Concerns for the number and accountability of charter schools continue as do issues with vouchers. SB129 (Schuring) and HB29 (Williams) deal with the issues. It is important that legislators and vot-

ers realize the negative impact these have on funding of public schools.

The Ohio Senate has passed SB107 (Setzer) which relates to teacher preparation programs and allocations for the Center of Learning Excellence. The Ohio House concurred with Senate changes to HB234 (Wolpert). Both the Senate and the House have approved bills regarding absentee voting. HB272, which deals with health care coverage for rehired retirees, was originally introduced at the request of OPERS. It has been amended to include STRS and SERS and to make it consistent with three-year contracts often used by schools.

Five constitutional issues are on the November ballot. A House bill prohibiting spending of state 3rd Frontier money on research involving human embryonic stem cells has been shelved. This issue was a part of Issue I, Ohio Jobs. Issues 2-5 deal with election reform. House and Senate action regarding absentee voting counters Issue 2.

Be an active retiree. Seek and read information about issues that have a direct and indirect impact on us. Communicate with others and let views be known. Don't wait for others to take action. □

• Dr. Stang is associate professor emeritus of educational foundations and inquiry. She may be reached at ges@dacor.net.

Perrysburg meeting set for hike in health-care rate

STRS has embarked on an education and engagement campaign on the issue of health care funding via a series of meetings across the state. The area meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Perrysburg Holiday Inn French Quarter. The goal is to educate actives and administrators on the need to consider raising contributions and to assess support for such action prior to seeking legislative change.

Current contributions are at the state limit. STRS has determined that the only way to provide adequate funding for the health care program for current and future retirees would be to ask members and employers to contribute 2.5 percent more. The permanent increase is proposed to be phased in over a five-year period in .5 percent increments each year. It is important that retirees express their views. □



• Dr. Dan Tutolo (second from left) with his 95-year-old cousin Angela and other relatives in Italy last summer. Angela is chopping watermelon rind to feed to her chickens. Dr. Tutolo's visit triggered the reunion.

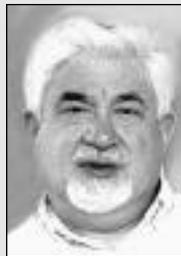
Business with pleasure reunites family

IT was almost a quarter-century ago that Dr. Daniel Tutolo, now retired from the College of Education, decided to make the best of both worlds — renewing family ties and researching Italian-style education: On the first of three visits to Italy, he observed first-graders in Milan and Bologna (they learn to write first and learn to read second) and then visited relatives. Dr. Tutolo returned twice more on BGSU sabbaticals and again last summer.

Dr. Tutolo's father emigrated to Cuyahoga County in 1928 to work first as a laborer, then as a school custodian. His mother arrived later. In Italy, his relatives lived in two villages six miles northeast of Naples — on his mother's side in Casalboro, on his father's side 10 kilometers and a mountain-divide away in Montecalvo Irpino. Dr. Tutolo's visit triggered a rare family reunion. Walking in the piazza in Montecalvo, Dr. Tutolo discovered his father's image posted on a bulletin board's pictorial history of the town; he returned home with a prized copy of the 1917 photo. □

Renew Your BGSURA Membership for 2005-2006

Computer troubles? Charley Applebaum is 'fixit-go-to' for problems



FRUSTRATED getting connected to the Internet for e-mail and surfing?

Call Charlie Applebaum, 352-0777, or send e-mail: applebau@math.bgsu.edu, or

the math office, 372-2729. This "help" program continues to be sponsored by the Office of the Provost. □

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President's Corner

Let's grow the BGSURA; A whale of a report!

By Dr. Roger Anderson



MY wife and I just returned from a five-day visit to Brewster, Mass., on Cape Cod, where we visited my brother. We enjoyed watching the changing leaves, visiting the coves and the seashores and the historic villages on the Cape.

The highlight of the trip was a nearly four-hour boat trip to the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary off Provincetown to observe humpback whales. We saw at least 15. It was fascinating to hear and see them blow and then gracefully move up and out of the water while flipping their white tails.

The Center for Coastal Studies and the Dolphin Fleet sponsors the excursions, and names and keeps track of each whale. During the summer the whales feed in the North Atlantic and migrate to the Caribbean, where they breed during the winter.

Since our last newsletter, BGSURA has been busy. In September we held a successful convocation fea-

turing BGSU alumna Marsha Bordner, president of Terra Community College, who talked about the role of community colleges in higher education in the nation and particularly in Ohio.

On Oct. 19, the BGSURA Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting. Treasurer Hal Lunde reported that as of Sept 30, we had \$8,342.16 in our budget. The Membership Committee announced a total of 237 members to-date, including 25 Life Members, 17 two-year regular members and 130 one-year regulars. We also have 13 associate members and 52 first-year complimentary members.

If you have not yet renewed, consider a Life Membership or a two-year membership. By joining, you will make certain we have BGSU retirees interests represented locally and at the state level through the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees.

Please note on page 3 the story about our newly acquired office, College Park 19, and criteria for its use established by the Professional Committee and Board.

We are still seeking a BGSURA member to serve on the Committee on Professional Affairs of Faculty Senate and a coordinator for BGSURA volunteers. If interested, contact me at rogerca@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

• Dr. Anderson is associate professor emeritus of Political Science. His address is rogerca@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

BGSU FACTOID — The BGSU Alumni Association has more than 9,100 couples who are considered



to be "Falcon Flames," reports Kam Warner, associate director/external affairs. The Flames are husband and wife teams who hold degrees from BGSU.

Included are Dr. Paul E. Kostyu (G '81, G '90) and Regina Lemaster Kostyu ('73) and Dr. Dennis Leone ('72) and Nikkola Trusler Leone ('73). □

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about scams, and is a regular radio personality on several area stations. Eppstein's "Tips for Consumers," a newspaper column, currently is distributed to more than 250 newspapers throughout the eastern United States.

Eppstein is a three-time past president of the Ohio Better Business Bureau. He belongs to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Press Club, Rotary Club of Toledo, and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. □

○ **Reservation Form for BGSURA's Nov. 16, 2005, Luncheon** ○
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005 • Reservation Deadline Friday, Nov. 11!
1st United Methodist Church. 11:30-Noon: Check-in and socializing. Noon: Luncheon.
NOTE: Reservations at \$8 per person MUST BE MADE by Friday, Nov. 11.
Cost of the luncheon is the same as last year!

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, NOV. 11.** Telephone 419-352-8360