

# BGSURA NEWSLETTER

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## Bowling Green State University Retirees Association

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## 'Mick' Ferrari convocation speaker

*Former BGSU top administrator popular president*

ONE of Bowling Green State University's most popular administrators, Dr. Michael R. Ferrari, will return to Bowling Green to address members of the BGSU Retirees Association Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Association's 9th Annual Convocation. His topic is "Reflections on Higher Education."

The event will be in 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union (McMaster Room). Socializing begins at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are due Friday, Sept. 12.

Dr. Ferrari, who was interim president of BGSU in 1981-82, is chancellor emeritus of Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas. He retired last June after serving five years at TCU.

Joining the BGSU administration in 1971 as Coordinator of Planning, Budget and Institutional Studies, Dr. Ferrari became acting provost of the University in 1972 and Vice President for Resource Planning in



• Dr. Michael R. Ferrari

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**Join us!**  
**BGSURA**  
**Membership**  
**Application Inside**

## What's ahead

- **Nov. 19** – Bowling Green Mayor John Quinn.
- **Jan. 21, 2004** – The Rev. Jim Bacik.
- **March 17, 2004** – Prof. Lucy Long, Popular Culture, on Irish music.
- **May 19, 2004** – "Power of Music for Positive Change."

## Free parking for BGSURA members behind Union

BGSURA has reserved the entire parking lot behind the Bowen-Thompson Union for the convocation. However, BGSURA members **must** put their names on the reserved list by checking the free-parking box on the form below.

### ○ Reservation Form for BGSURA's 9th Annual Convocation ○

**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 17 • Reservation Deadline Sept. 12!**

308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. 11:30-Noon: Check in and socializing. Noon: Luncheon.

**NOTE: Reservations at \$15 per person MUST BE MADE by Friday, Sept. 12.**

**Walk-ins will not be able to be accommodated.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Number of Reservations

Name(s) of Your Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if you plan to park in Union Parking Lot; see parking story above and on page 2.

Check box if you will NOT be eating lunch; see President's Corner, page 6.

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

**SEND RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK TO BGSURA, 15 COLLEGE PARK OFFICE BLDG., BGSU, BOWLING GREEN, OH 43403, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPT. 12.**



JIM GORDON

• *Dr. Eloise Clark, at home*

## Meet Dr. Eloise E. 'Betsy' Clark

### *She's a biologist's biologist*

BY JANIS L. PALLISTER

**E**LOISE Elizabeth, aka Betsy, Clark is a former provost of BGSU and a trustee professor emeritus of Biology. Betsy was born in Virginia and her eyes light up as she tells of her love of life on the farm as she grew up — the sight of the valleys and the mountains; the rolling hills. She suspects it was the life on the farm that led her to her interest in nature.

And indeed, she went on to make of this interest a lifetime profession. Having studied at the Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, Fredericksburg (she is a Distinguished Alumna of Mary Washington College), she received her B.A. in biology and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She earned her Ph.D. in developmental biology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1958. She was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Microbiology, Washington University, St. Louis, and at the Biochemistry and Virus Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Clark came to BGSU from the National Science Foundation. Culminating her career at the NSF as a Presidentially-appointed assistant director from

1969 to 1983, she was responsible for Biological, Behavioral, and Social Sciences, which received 8,500 research proposals annually.

She supervised a staff of 158, about one-half of whom were in technical and scientific positions recruited from the ranks of active scientists to spend one or two years managing a program. That is how Betsy herself came to NSF. After 10 years of teaching at Columbia University — the first woman appointed to the biology faculty there — she decided to try her hand at administration. NSF provided the opportunity and at the same time allowed her to maintain currency with science.

BBS reviewed research in 14 disciplines and in 15 program areas of biology. Maintaining the integrity of the peer review system and selecting the most promising research proposals were central to NSF's mission. Dr. Clark developed guidelines for establishing review panels and soliciting reviews by mail. Oversight of this critical process and allocation of resources in the biological, behavioral, social and information sciences were among her major responsibilities.

She was also responsible for developing and defending the annual budgets for these areas of science. As division direc-

### ***At 9th convocation: Free parking behind Union upon request***

BGSURA has reserved **all** parking in the lot behind the Bowen-Thompson Student Union for the Sept. 17 Convocation, announced Roger Anderson, BGSURA president. "Be sure to indicate on the page one reservation form that you need parking lot and submit the form by Friday, Sept. 12," he said.

Enter from Ridge or Thurstin streets. "When you leave, the attendant will check your name on the list. If you do not register by the deadline, we cannot guarantee availability in the lot or free parking," Anderson said. □

tor, she was successful in transferring the budget of the International Biological Program to the support of fundamental studies of ecosystems; she also established programs in neurobiology and sensory physiology. As assistant director, she undertook the development of new programs in such areas as cell biology, cellular physiology, population biology and physiological ecology as well as a postdoctoral program encouraging a molecular biological approach to the study of plants. Formulation of a postdoctoral program in ecological sciences was initiated, as was the long-term ecological research program. She was a consultant for establishment of the competitive Grants Program at the Department of Agriculture.

#### **AT BGSU**

Dr. Clark was provost or vice president for Academic Affairs at BGSU from 1983 to 1996, at which time she also held the rank of professor of Biological Sciences. She recalled, "In my first year at BGSU I served on a committee that formulated a mission statement for the University. Five years later I served on a second committee that established university priorities for its mission. As part of a long-term plan to improve the academic standing of the colleges, the Senate (upon recommendation of the deans and the Undergraduate Council) adopted University-wide general education requirements, in-

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• **Dr. Ferrari in 1976, photographed as a member of the Board of Directors of Mid-American National Bank and Trust, now SkyBank.**

## Dr. Ferrari to speak • *continued*

1973. Appointed provost and executive vice president in 1978, he became interim president in 1981.

BGSU Trustees established the Michael R. Ferrari Award in his honor in 1982 to recognize his exemplary administrative accomplishments and service. In 1991, he received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from BGSU.

After leaving BGSU in 1983, Dr. Ferrari served as provost at Wright State University, Dayton, before joining Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1985 as president.

**AFTER 13 YEARS** at Drake, Dr. Ferrari became chancellor at Texas Christian University. During his TCU tenure:

- Freshman applications increased 48 percent and minority enrollment by 25 percent.
- Faculty and staff pay levels were strengthened to nationally competitive levels.
- Colleges and schools were reorganized and expanded from five to eight.
- The involvement and support of the Board of Trustees and alumni in the life of TCU was strengthened.
- A \$200 million physical plant improvement program was completed.
- The endowment was increased from \$700 million to \$950 million.

**NOW LIVING** in Lake Forest, Ill., Dr. Ferrari is senior vice president and managing director, EFL Associates Executive Search, Chicago, and president of Ferrari and Associates, a higher education consulting firm. □

### Luncheon entertainment

■ Musical entertainment for the convocation will be the Graduate String Quartet from the BGSU College of Musical Arts: Phillip Wagner, cello; Sebastian Comanescu, violin; Christina Purje, violin, and Boroka Barbas, viola.

## Passings

- **DAVID M. KRABILL**, professor of mathematics, died June 23 in Toledo.
- **MARION A. SNYDER**, auditor, died June 10 in Oregon, Ohio.
- **CHARLES L. CODDING**, BGSU's longest-tenured employee, died Jan. 27 in Bowling Green. An alumnus, he began working for the University in 1949 and was still on the payroll as the director of utilities, contributing 53 years of service to the University.
- **DR. JOSEPH WEBER**, professor emeritus of chemistry, died March 6. He had taught at BGSU from 1937 to 1974.
- **TRACY RUHLIN-GITHENS** died March 6 in Van Wert. A fiber artist, she was an adjunct faculty member of art foundations and art education in the School of Art from 1983 to 1998.
- **JOAN "SMOKE" BLOME**, secretary and special events coordinator during the 1970s and 1980s, died July 21 in Sarasota, Fla.
- **DONNASNOW**, a food service worker for 27 years, died Aug. 14 in Bowling Green.
- **DORIS MEEKER**, housekeeping, died June 19 in Bowling Green.
- **MICHAEL SPONSLER**, floor technician food in the maintenance department for 23 years, died June 22 in Bowling Green.
- **RAYMOND MICHAELIS**, a building maintenance superintendent for 30 years, died May 5 in Bowling Green.
- **ROGER DAOUST**, University police, died May 2 in Belleville, Mich.
- **ALVIN DICK**, custodial worker, died May 17 in Weston.
- **WILLIAM NORRIS JR.**, stationary engineer and supervisor at the heating plant for 17 years, died June 18 in Findlay.
- **HELEN DAUTERMAN** died May 25 in Bowling Green.
- **JANE W. ARNOLD**, librarian, died April 25 in Ann Arbor, Mich.
- **GLENNACRAWFORD**, custodial supervisor, died April 25 in Bowling Green.
- **SHARON JENNINGS**, a telephone operator in telecommunications from 1975 to 1994, died March 6 in Bowling Green.

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# Reasons to join BGSURA

(Adopted and edited from the Bylaws of BGSURA)

1. To protect and enhance the economic and health benefits provided by the Ohio pension plans and the privileges granted by Bowling Green State University.
2. To affiliate with and participate fully in the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees for the benefit of higher education retirees.

3. To assist in continuing and deepening the friendships and associations of former faculty and staff of BGSU through satisfying social, recreational and community service activities.
4. To continue and foster a close liaison with Bowling Green State University for any mutual benefits to each.
5. To engage in such other activities as may serve the general welfare and add to the quality of life of retirees of Bowling Green State University. □

## Meet Dr. Clark • *continued*

cluding a cultural diversity requirement for the undergraduate curriculum. Courses and curricula that would allow students to participate in evening degree programs became available. A summer program to assist students who were under-prepared for college was devised."

Dr. Clark assisted in developing the Center for Photochemical Sciences in the Chemistry Department. The Center formed the nucleus around which a new Ph.D. program was developed. "Patent and copyright procedures were developed and new processes for curricular and program reviews were established," Dr. Clark added.

But her lifelong specialty has been the study of cells in developmental biology. She has had a particular interest in muscle proteins and is pleased to note that today scientists believe that these primary muscle molecules are responsible for the movement of everything from a single cell to our bodies; that they exist in all species.

### DR. CLARK TODAY

Dr. Clark's interest today is on science policy and the impact of federal funding on universities. Since retirement she has been consulting for the National Science Foundation, traveling to Washington and making on-site visits to schools on Indian Reservations, where she helps with science programs, mentoring the faculty, establishing curricula and identifying local expertise that will assist the schools once the NSF departs.

Dr. Clark, past president, past chair of the board, officer and member of the board of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, is now the Phi Beta Kappa liaison to this organization. She also serves on Phi Beta Kappa's exec-

## Computer troubles?

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

utive committee at the national level, functioning as a senator and also as chair of the committee on qualifications.

### A FEW PERSONAL FACTS

Dr. Clark is the youngest of seven children (five girls and two boys), and as such is blessed with dozens of nieces and nephews. Her father and mother were educators. Her father, a Presbyterian minister, established a church and a school in an isolated region of Virginia, and after the depression moved to the farm she so loved. Her mother predicted that she would be a teacher, and having taken a year off from her graduate studies to test this prediction, she found it to be true.

A retiree since 2002, Dr. Clark has many other interests: She likes to garden and is a great cook. Reading and music are favored activities, and her choices in reading are eclectic: She likes novels, mysteries, political and historical works, *The New York Review of Books*, and *The Economist*. Her radio stays tuned to 91.3.

Quiet and thoughtful, Dr. Clark has resumed playing golf. And she is learning to play bridge and is studying wine with enthusiasm. □

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

## The Stang Report

BY GENEVIEVE STANG

■ The State Teachers Retirement Board Aug. 15 nominated four active teachers to fill a vacancy after the retirement of Hazel Sidaway, who served nearly 20 years: Dr. Robert Brown, Ohio State University professor; John Lazarus, an Ohio Federation of Teachers member from Akron, and an Ohio Education Association member from Cleveland. Ohio Retired Teacher Association Director Dave Travis said Dr. Brown has a good chance of winning the election Sept. 15. However, it is important that the STRS Board hear from retirees stressing that Dr. Brown's expertise is needed and that the Board needs the diversity by adding a member from higher education. Write to Ms. Deborah Scott, Chair, with copies to the other Board members: Eugene Norris, Michael Billirakis, Jack Chapman, Joe Endry, Betty Montgomery, James Petro, Susan Zelman, all at STRS headquarters at 275 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3371.

■ The STRS Board limited travel to three out-of-state trips with a total of \$6,000 except for "due diligence of their duties." A midyear 7% reduction in operating budget was instituted with minor reductions made in staff. The halt to non-investment staff bonuses was extended, but discussed was resurrecting bonuses for outperforming market benchmarks even if the end result is a negative one. The board asked for a legal opinion as to whether they are obligated to pay bonuses that have been promised.

■ The May issue of the STRS newsletter outlined the health care program changes that go into effect in January 2004, changes approved at the Board May 26.

■ The Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees is now affiliated with Ohio Retired Teachers Association.

### STATE LEGISLATION

■ Rep. Schneider introduced HB227 that will change the make up of the Board by adding a second retired teacher and eliminating one of the five "active" teachers. Rep. Bob Latta supports this. Sen. Randy Gardner's office says a working Senate group is considering a companion bill for HB227. Attorney General Petro has indicated he seeks legislation removing two elected members and replacing them with a retiree and an outside director. The imbalance on the Board is being recognized. STRS

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# President's Corner

By Dr. Roger Anderson

IT IS hard to believe BGSURA is beginning our ninth year. It seems as if it was just a few years ago that we were established. Welcome to all retirees and continuing members! As is customary, we are starting the year with our annual convocation luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. We are privileged to have as our featured speaker, Dr. Michael R. Ferrari, recently retired chancellor of Texas Christian University and past interim president and provost at BGSU. Dr. Ferrari will speak about his experiences as a university administrator.

For those of you who want to attend the talk but not lunch, we will have limited seating along the sides of the McMaster Room 308. Please indicate this on the registration form.

September is the start of our annual membership drive. Plan to sign up or renew. If you have retired during the past year, you will receive one year of free membership. Be certain to send in your membership form nevertheless so we can have your current address and other vital information.

Every year university parking services provides BGSURA with a limited number of parking decals for those who do not have tags or decals. You can obtain those in 40 College Park. In order to determine the usage and future needs for the tags please sign the decals out and put down the date you used them.

In July we held our first board meeting of the year. We welcomed the newly elected officers, Elfreda Rusher, treasurer, and yours truly as President. Newly elected board members are Don Bright, Richard Edwards, Robert Kreienkamp, Harold Lunde,



• Dr. Anderson

Phyllis Oster, and Wallace Pretzer. Jim Gordon was reappointed newsletter editor, and Genevieve Stang and Richard Edwards as our OCHER representatives.

At the board meeting, Treasurer Rusher reported a balance in our account as of May 30 of \$1,416. A large portion of the total includes revenues from members who paid dues for two years instead of one. The treasurer presented a proposed budget and a motion to increase the dues from \$10 to \$12 for regular members and from \$5 to \$6 for associates. Telephone charges, supplies and postage have significantly increased in the past few years resulting in the need to increase dues. Both motions were approved. I also applied for a grant of \$2,000 to the BGSU Foundation to enhance our revenues. I am happy to report that we have received the grant.

Proposed committee chairs and members were presented. If you are interested in serving, please contact the committee chair. The program committee summarized the programs for the year and will be working on proposed programs for 2004-05. Please submit ideas to Wallace Pretzer, program chair.

OCHER representative Genevieve Stang reported on the May OCHER meeting at our July board meeting along with the pending changes in STRS health care benefits and costs for retirees and the controversies surrounding STRS Board and Director's expenditures and actions. Now that OCHER has joined with the Ohio Retired Teachers' Association, both groups can play a stronger role as advocates for retirees.

Dr. Tom Klein, director of the Kohl Hall Learning Community, previously the Chapman Learning Community, informed me of a fund raising campaign to provide additional monies to enhance the newly remodeled facilities and invited BGSURA members to tour the new Kohl Hall facilities this fall. We will follow up on his suggestions.

We look forward to another successful year and to your membership and participation in BGSURA. □

• Dr. Anderson is Associate Professor Emeritus of Political Science.

## The Stang Report

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members need to let legislators know we need another retiree on the board and to seek passage of HB227 and/or the companion bill when they reconvene in mid-September.

HB63 and HB176 deal with re-employment restrictions and speak to "double dipping." There could be an impact for STRS also with these actions.

## Passings • continued

- ESTHER CUPP, a worker in the student union for 14 years before retirement, passed away March 23 in Toledo.
- ROBERT L. YOAST, Bowling Green, retired from inventory management, died March 7.
- ARTHUR J. AVERY, Bowling Green, died March 2.
- JAMES ROLLER, who worked in fa-

## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

HR75 reduces the Government Pension Offset (GPO) from 2/3 to 1/3 of the non-Social Security government pension amount, and HR594 repeals the GPO and the Windfall Elimination Provision) WEP. Both are in the Ways and Means Committee and have been referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

HB2611 exempts military retirees who served more than 20 years from WEP. HR2011 applies WEP to amounts exceeding \$2,000 of SS and non-

cilities services in the 1950s and 1960s, died Feb. 18 in Bowling Green.

- BASIL O. WARNER, a maintenance supervisor, died Jan. 17 in Englewood, Ohio.
- EVELYN MAE KERR, a retired food service worker for 19 years, died Feb. 22 in North Baltimore.
- DELORIS HALL, retired from a 30-year career in dining services, died Jan. 27 in Lexington, N.C. □

• Compiled by Joan Gordon

SS government pension plans with a graduated application from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Both are in the Ways and Means Committee but have not been sent to a sub committee. S349 repeals GPO and WEP and Senate bills 363 and 1011 which are similar to HR2011. All of the Senate bills have been referred to the Senate Finance Committee. Letters are needed to support the repeal of GPO and WEP.

The STRS Director of Government Relations, Terri Harrison, testified at the 5/1/03 meeting of the House Ways and Means Committee regarding Ohio's view that Social Security should not be mandated. □

• Dr. Stang may be reached at [ges@dacor.net](mailto:ges@dacor.net).

## Trip to France in planning

A PLANNING meeting for a group trip to France in late April 2004 is set tentatively for Sept. 19 at the home of Michael and Lenita Locey, 830 E. Wooster St.

For more information: [mlocey@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:mlocey@bgnet.bgsu.edu) or 352-0772.

**APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP  
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION  
2003-2004**

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE:** If you use a different mailing address regularly for certain months of the year, please list it and the dates applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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(Dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: PERS \_\_\_\_\_, STRS \_\_\_\_\_. Number of years at BGSU \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Classified \_\_\_\_\_, Faculty \_\_\_\_\_, Staff \_\_\_\_\_. Year of retirement \_\_\_\_\_

Department or Position from which you retired: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you were a new retiree last year**, your membership in BGSURA was free. We sincerely hope you will choose to continue your membership by returning this form and a check for your dues.

**If you are a new retiree this year**, your membership in BGSURA is free for 2003-2004. To continue receiving mailings and to help us keep accurate records, please return this form.

**Your membership in BGSURA gives you an important way to stay in touch with the university as well as with friends and former colleagues, through five luncheon meetings a year (if you are in the area) and through our regular newsletter (no matter where you are). We welcome you all!**

Check as applicable:

\_\_\_\_ First year retiree, Free

\_\_\_\_ New full member 1 year, \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 years \$24 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Continuing full member, 1 year \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 years \$24 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Associate member (Spouse or widow/er of eligible retiree) 1 year \$ 6 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am willing to accept responsibilities in BGSURA.

**Please make checks payable to BGSURA and mail with this form to  
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