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What's ahead

- **Nov. 17** – Dick Berry, WTOL-TV, “Day Trippin’” and related topics.
- **Jan. 19, 2005** – Musicians from the Bowling Green Symphony Orchestra, with Estelle Dobbins in charge.
- **March 16, 2005** – Earlene Kilpatrick, Executive Director, Main Street BG.
- **May 18, 2005** – Ray Fischer, Wood County Prosecutor, “Identity Theft.”

Robert Glidden convocation speaker

Former BGSU dean returns for 10th annual event

DR. Robert Glidden, who retired June 30 as president of Ohio University — and is a former dean of BGSU’s College of Musical Arts — will be the speaker at the 10th anniversary convocation of the BGSU Retirees Association. The event will be Wednesday, Sept. 15, in 202B Bowen-Thompson Student Union (Community Room). Socializing begins at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are due Friday, Sept. 10.

Dr. Glidden left Bowling Green to become professor and dean of the School of Music at Florida State University in 1979 and then provost and vice president until he was chosen Ohio University president in 1994.

Before joining the BGSU administration, Dr. Glidden served three years as executive director of the National Association of Schools of Music and National Association of Schools of Art.

He has served on the Governor’s Science and Technology Council in Ohio and has also chaired the Ohio

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• *Robert Glidden*

Free parking for BGSURA members behind Union

BGGSURA 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 10th Annual Convocation** ○
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 15 • Note Reservation Deadline of SEPT. 10!

202B Bowen-Thompson Union (Community Room). 11:30-Noon: Check in and socializing. Noon: Luncheon.

NOTE: Reservations at \$15 per person MUST BE MADE by Friday, Sept. 10.

Walk-ins will not be able to be accommodated.

Name _____ Number of Reservations

Name(s) of Your Guest(s) _____

Check 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. 10.**

'Wanda the Wanderer' tells of her travels since retirement

BY JANIS L. PALLISTER

THIS time we are going to talk about Wanda Montgomery, another big traveler in our organization, as we did last time with Park Leathers and will probably do again next time (but we're not telling who). Wanda now lives in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., about 30 miles northwest of Orlando just off the Florida Turnpike.

You will remember Wanda from her position on the BGSU faculty in what was formerly called the Home Economics Department. She came to us well-trained, having earned her BS in home economics education at Ohio State in 1945, her MS in textiles and clothing at OSU in 1954 and her PhD in education at the University of Minnesota in 1973. Her teaching experience was already extensive, including stints as vocational education supervisor for the Ohio Department of Education, Columbus, and at Baldwin Wallace College, Berea.

She also was on the faculty at Marshall University, Huntington, West Va., and for more than three years was the director of the American Home Economics Association project "Global Connections."

Wanda also has had extensive international experience: as a Fulbright Grant teacher in Rangoon, Burma; as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand; as a teacher in Songkhla and Bangkok Technical Institutes; as a Community Development officer in the Ministry

of Economic Development Women's Program for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); as a field officer in Nigeria West Africa; as

a United Nations FAO consultant in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Malawi and the Sudan. She was lecturer at the University of Malawi (Bunda) College of Agriculture, a position filled by the Institute of International Education. She has been or is a member of several professional honoraries and professional organizations including the Ohio and American Vocational Associations; the American, Ohio and Florida Associations of Family and Consumer Sciences (formerly HEA); as well as the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE); and a number of community organizations such as the Mission and Evangelism Committee of the Presbyterian Community Church; the Howey Garden and Civic Club (having served on its executive board for five years); and of the

Howey Memorial Library as a board member and as a volunteer.

This world-traveler tells me that since retirement she has been in 16 countries for conferences, teaching, consulting, etc. (all as a volunteer) and four or five more just to sightsee. The journeys, which started in 1985, the first year of her retirement, continued through the spring of 2003. They differed in length from three days to five months. Between these travels she has visited 18 states for professional and personal activities.

I think you would be interested in a tally of these trips and activities, and so



• *Wanda Montgomery with materials packed for shipment to Liberia.*

At 10th convocation: Free parking behind Union upon request

BGSURA has arranged with the University Parking Services for parking behind the Bowen-Thompson Student Union for the Sept. 15 Convocation. Indicate on the page one reservation form that you need parking in the Union lot and submit it by Friday, Sept. 10.

Enter the lot from either Thurstin or Ridge and take a ticket. When you leave, the attendant will check your name from the list. If you do not register by the deadline, we cannot guarantee availability in the lot or free parking.

I have jotted down here the crucial ones.

In 1985 in Tanzania, Wanda conducted a workshop on population education for the American Home Economics Association for Tanzanian teachers; in England she visited a BGSU student teacher in West Sussex; in Thailand she was consultant to Rajadameran University and affiliated colleges.

In 1987 she went to Costa Rica with an exchange graduate program for students from Eastern Carolina University. Then in 1988 she returned to Thailand as a consultant for an FAO Workshop for home economists.

In 1990 she was a consultant to the faculty of the Home Economics Technical Institute, at the Chiang Mai University and Open University.

In 2002 she attended meetings with THEA officers, Chiang Mai University. (Thailand) faculty and IHES (International Home Economics Services).

Wanda's expertise took her also to the Caribbean. In 1989 she traveled to St. Lucia as consultant and teacher at Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (a branch of University of the West Indies); and also conducted a workshop for home economics teachers from sev-

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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.

Wanda • *continued*

en Caribbean countries. In 1991 she served as consultant and survey team member on out-of-school teen-age girls. In 1995 she was IHES delegate to the Caribbean Association for Home Economics. (CAHE).

These countries were visited for two or more days while en route to assignments, often spending much time with local professional colleagues: Hong Kong, Ivory Coast, Switzerland, Denmark, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Tours were also made to Martinique, Montserrat, Dominica, and China.

In connection with the Global Connections Project, Dr. Montgomery conducted workshops in Iowa, Louisiana and Indiana for teachers, teacher educators and state education department personnel. Regional and national conferences held in Seattle, Rhode Island, New York City, Minnesota, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Illinois, California and Texas were attended. Visits were also made to New Mexico, Arizona, Missouri, Maine and Virginia.

Wanda plans a trip right now to Kyoto, Japan, for a meeting. Her friend tells her that the cycle she was born in (the sign of the Ox in the Chinese cycle) is responsible for her doing so much traveling. Well, something certainly is!

Her email address, just in case you'd like to get in touch with her, is wanmont@hopsnet.net.

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

The Stang Report

BY GENEVIEVE STANG

STRS BOARD

The Governor signed the pension reform bill, which is effective Sept. 15. It increases the board to 11 and deals with accountability, ethics and oversight. It removes the attorney general and auditor and adds two investment experts, one appointed by the governor and one jointly by the House speaker and Senate president. "Buy Ohio" is a goal but mandated percentages of investments are not required.

The Governor has 90 days from Sept. 16 to appoint the second retiree to the STRS Board. ORTA has submitted three names to fill this interim position. Two retirees will be elected in the spring. Joe Endry, currently retiree representative, does not wish to continue. ORTA has submitted the names of Dr. Lou Diorio, OCHER past president; Neil Johnson Cleveland area, and Dave Speece, Clark County, who has been a member of the ORTA board.

The STRS Board interviewed five candidates for the position vacated by Jack Chapman June 19 and selected Constance Ramser, special learning needs teacher with the Jackson Local Schools, Massillon.

HEALTH CARE

The STRS Board reduced premiums for older members along with drug co-pays and drug out-of-pocket costs. Retirees who have Medicare will pay from \$12 to \$36 less in 2005 for Aetna or Medical Mutual Plus Plan coverage and that individual's spouse with Medicare will save \$36 in annual premiums.

Most non-Medicare retirees will experience only a slight increase in premiums. Non-Medicare spouses will experience an increase of \$59 per month in their premiums if they are enrolled in the Medical Mutual Plus Plan and an increase of \$71 under Aetna Plus Plan. Retail co-payments for a 30-day supply of generic drugs will stay at \$15 per prescription, brand-name drug prescriptions will drop to \$25 and retail co-pay for Tier III drugs will be reduced to \$50.

Mail service co-pay for select brand-name drugs will drop to \$50 for a 90-day supply and Tier III co-pay will drop to \$100. Generic drug co-pays for 90-day mail service will remain at \$30. Maximum out-of-pocket costs will drop to \$1,500. There also are changes in the Catastrophic Plans. These include lowering premiums for all categories of enrollees, including spouses; reducing the medical deductible; and raising the maximum annual drug benefit. Revisiting the advantages of this program after changes may be prudent for some retirees.

In late October, all current enrollees in the STRS Ohio Health Care Program will receive personalized information for 2005.

ORTA

OCHER became affiliated with ORTA last spring and BGSURA is considered a local chapter. Retired and active teachers are eligible for membership. ORTA monitors the retirement system and pension benefits and acts as a representative of members at STRS and the Ohio General Assembly as well as at the national level. In addition to this type of representation, membership in ORTA provides such member benefits as low long-distance phone rates, affordable long-term care insurance, free hearing tests and low-cost hearing devices, free legal advice by phone and by mail, travel services, auto insurance, vision discounts. First priority for ORTA is stabilizing health care costs. Up-to-date information is available through a newsletter and magazine. Membership fees are nominal but the additional weight of a unified organization is important in efforts to protect and improve the welfare of retired teachers.

OPERS

The reform bill increased the size of the OPERS board to 11 with a second retiree. The governor, and jointly with the House Speaker and Senate President, will appoint investment experts, as is the case for STRS. OPERS also will have an investment expert who is not a public employee designated by the treasurer. Other members will include the director of Administrative Services, and a member from each of these groups: state employees, county employees, municipal employees, and one miscellaneous employee member.

The 2003 return on investments for OPERS was above the benchmark (25.3 percent), the highest achieved since 1985. Preliminary results for fiscal year 2003-2004 for STRS show a return on total investments to be 17.16 percent.

Although OPERS has a better financial base than STRS, its retirees are beginning to feel the pinch of rising health care costs. Indications suggest there will be changes in 2007. Retirees with fewer years of service would pay substantially more for insurance. In general, current and near retirees would feel the least of the benefit pinch. Coverage for spouses of retirees would cost more for everyone, although the increase would be phased in over five years. Contributions by state and local governments will be increased and employees will contribute 1.5 percent more of their salaries, up from 8.5 percent.

• *Dr. Stang may be reached at ges@dacor.net.*

City turbines program for region luncheon next year

BOWLING Green city's giant wind turbines, located just east of the Wood County Landfill off Rt. 6, will be featured next year at the Regional State Retirees Luncheon, hosted by the BGSURA. The annual event, set for April 6, 2005, brings together members of the retiree associations at the University of Toledo and Medical College of Ohio.



Making the presentation will

be Daryl Stockburger, director of BG Public Utilities. Two turbines are now operational and two more are to be added this fall.

Previous regional gatherings featured programs on the Maumee River Crossing Bridge, the Battle of Fallen Timbers, and BG's Life Formations.

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Aerospace Institute and the Inter-University Council. He was chair of the Mid-American (Athletics) Conference, has served as a member of the Ohio Higher Education Funding Commission since its inception in 1996, and is a member of the Board of Directors for Ohio Campus Compact. For the American Council on Education in Washington, Dr. Glidden has served as chair of the Commission on Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness and on the Advisory Committee for the Center on Policy Analysis.

An Iowa native, Dr. Glidden received his BA, MA and PhD, all in music, at the University of Iowa.

Luncheon entertainment

Musical entertainment for the convocation will be provided by students from the BGSU College of Musical Arts.

Passings

• **STUART R. GIVENS**, retired professor of history who held the longevity teaching record at the University (45 years), passed away August 19 at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee. As the University historian, he was the author of *The Falcon Soars*, the history of the University from 1963 to 1982. His many University services included serving as chairman of the history department in 1966 and student affairs coordinator in 1956. He helped establish Phi Beta Kappa and the Canadian Studies programs, both at BGSU. He was in the Army from 1943-1946. His community activities included membership in the First Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis Club, and a long-time volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

• **Genevieve "Jenny" York**, died Aug. 13 at Medical College of Ohio Hospital, Toledo. She the administrative assistant to the dean of the College of Business Administration at BGSU before joining the White House staff of President Jimmy Carter. Survivors include her husband, Dr. William York

• **BOLESLAV POVSIC**, who retired in 1990, passed away in Twinsburg, Ohio, June 4. He was professor emeritus of romance languages. He joined the BGSU faculty in 1963.

• **ALFRED DECKER IV**, an assistant professor of philosophy at the University, died November 25, 2003.

• **HOWARD D. HAMILTON**, former professor at BGSU, died June 23 in Indianapolis.

• **LOIS A. WELLS**, Walbridge, passed away June 28. She retired in 1976 as administrative assistant to the dean of the College of Business Administration at the University.

• **PEACE CHAMPION**, an administrator for 25 years in the School of Graduate Studies at BGSU, passed away May 10 at her home in Maumee. She had retired in 1995.

• **MARY JANE FISCHER '52**, who had worked in the president's and publications offices at the University, died July 29 in Bowling Green.

• **NELLIE M. FAUSNAUGH**, Bowling Green, passed away June 20. She had worked in housekeeping at the University.

• **KENNETH B. MERCER**, a former University policeman, died April 30 in Helena.

• *Compiled by Joan Gordon*

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MEMBERSHIP 2004-2005**

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Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail address _____

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 2004-2005. 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 and through our regular newsletter. 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 retiree)	1 year \$ 6 _____, 2 years \$12 _____
_____ Lifetime membership—full member	\$150 _____
_____ Lifetime membership—Associate member	\$ 75 _____
_____ I am willing to accept responsibilities in BGSURA	_____

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President's Corner

By Dr. Roger Anderson

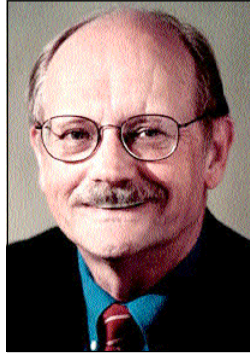
AS I WRITE this, Bowling Green State University is preparing for the start of the fall semester, and the National Tractor Pull is beginning its weekend roar.

It has been a good summer for my family and for BGSURA. My wife and I spent five wonderful days in New York City in June celebrating my brother's 60th birthday. We also traveled to Morgantown, W. Va. with friends to attend a wedding and along the way stopped in a delightful museum in New Concord, Ohio, John Glenn's boyhood home. In July we attended a family reunion in Alabama with more than 100 of my wife's relatives.

After our return, we attended the rally in the center of Bowling Green for candidates John Kerry and John Edwards. We shook hands with Kerry and John Glenn, who was on the platform, and got their autographs.

On July 21, at BGSURA's first board meeting of the year, we welcomed new board members and officers, accepted the resignation of Elfreda Rusher as treasurer with regret, and appointed Harold Lunde as her replacement for a one-year term. The Board approved the budget, a tentative committee list, and approved lifetime membership in BGSURA at \$150.

The program committee highlighted the programs for the year, and our representatives to the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees, Richard Edwards and Genevieve Stang, reported items of interest from the May OCHER board meeting.



• Dr. Anderson

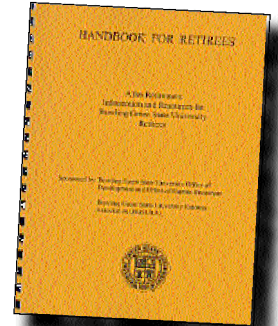
Congratulations to Dick and Genevieve, who were elected vice president and secretary, respectively, of the OCHER board at that May meeting, where it was officially announced that OCHER is now affiliated with the Ohio Retired Teachers Association.

I would like to personally thank last year's professional committee under the leadership of Richard Edwards, chair, for preparing and completing the excellent BGSU *Handbook for Retirees*. It has been a personal and board goal over the past few years to have such a handbook. Special kudos to Harold Lunde, member of the professional committee, who spent countless hours interviewing University officials, researching materials for the handbook and for doing most of the writing and editing. Thanks to all of the university officials who helped in the effort, particularly, the assistant vice-president of human resources, the provost, the executive vice-president and the associate vice-president of development.

The *Handbook* will be available to all current and future retirees and will be updated periodically. Copies will be handed out at the Sept. 15 Convocation. Renewing members of BGSURA will receive copies in the mail. The handbook also is on line as a 20-page pdf at www.bgsu.edu/offices/resources. Then click on *Retirees Handbook* at the bottom of the column under Resources

Please renew your membership for the coming year or take out a life-time membership. Plan to attend the Sept. 15 convocation. Please indicate whether you will need a parking space behind the Bowen-Thompson Union. I hope to see you at a future luncheon program.

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



Retiree greeters, guides needed for Homecoming activities Oct. 15-16

THE BGSU Alumni Association invites BGSURA members as volunteer to assist with a variety of Homecoming activities Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15-16, as well as participate in the Common Reading Experience that weekend.

Lori Shields '98, assistant director of Alumni Affairs and Special Events, said up to four greeters are needed at Mileti Alumni Center 9:30-11 a.m. on Saturday. Also on Saturday, at least two retiree volunteers are needed to partner with students as guides for Campus Shuttle Tours leaving the Union at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Shields said the Association is

encouraging participation at the Meijer Tailgate Park by having retirees serve as greeters at the various college tents. All colleges are hosting a tent and will be open from 2-4 p.m. Saturday.

The Reading Experience will discuss a book based on the Vietnam War, *The Things They Carried*. More information about this new initiative may be found on page 26 of the summer edition of *At BG*. The discussion groups are scheduled 2:30-4 p.m. Friday and again Saturday from 9:30-11 a.m. "We thought that having individuals who may feel strongly about this era or who may have experienced it would help impact the discussion

groups," Shields said. She may be reached at 419-372-0352 or by email to lshield@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

In an event scheduled earlier, BGSURA members were invited by Georgia Folkins, Student Life Program Coordinator, to serve as greeters at the City-University Welcome Program for BGSU students and to assist with the distribution of "Welcome Packages." This event was scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28, in the parking lot of St. Mark's Lutheran Church on South College Drive.

**Renew your membership
in the BGSURA**