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What's ahead for 2005-2006; membership application Page 8

- Nov. 16 – Dick Eppstein, Better Business Bureau.
- Jan. 18, 2006 – Madrigal Singers, Bowling Green High School, James Brown, director.
- March 8 or 15, 2006 – Joint meeting with the Wood County Teachers Assn., Elks Club.
- May 17, 2006 – Adelia Peters, Chinese folk culture; Huxian peasant paintings.
- Sept. 13, 2006 – Kendall Baker, president, Ohio Northern University, Ada. □

Terra president, BGSU graduate, is Convocation speaker Sept. 14 in Union

A BGSU alumna, Dr. Marsha S. Bordner, president of Terra Community College, Fremont, will be the speaker at the 11th annual Convocation of the BGSU Retirees Association.

Dr. Bordner, who became Terra president in October 2003, earned her bachelor's (English and German, 1972) and master's (English, 1974) degrees at BGSU. Her PhD in English (1979) is from Ohio State.

The Convocation will be Wednesday, Sept. 14, in 202B Bowen-Thompson Student Union (Community Room). Socializing begins at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are due Friday, Sept. 9.

Dr. Bordner, previously vice president of Academic and Student Affairs at Clark State Community College, Springfield, will speak on "The Role of Community Colleges in Higher Education and the Role of Terra Community College in Particular — A President's Perspective."

At Clark State, which serves 3,000 credit and more than 6,000 non-credit students from the counties of Clark, Champaign, Logan and Greene, Dr. Bordner rose from teaching faculty member in 1979 to General Education Department chairperson in 1986, to assistant dean of the Arts and Sciences division in 1991, and to vice president in 1994.

At Bowling Green, Dr. Bordner was graduated summa cum laude, one of seven in her graduating class of 3,000. She was chosen by the English faculty to receive the Ann Bachelдор Award for Outstanding Senior Woman in English. □



• Dr. Bordner

Dennis Leone to take seat on STRS board

BG grad credited with initiating reform of retirement system

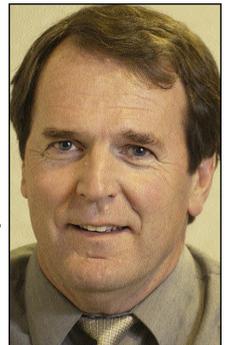
A 1972 BGSU graduate and former Bowling Green resident, Dr. Dennis Leone, is called "Robin Hood" and a "catcher of thieves" in a profile in a national publication for school administrators.

Leone is credited with getting the ball rolling in February 2003 on reforms to Ohio's State Teachers Retirement System.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, Dr. Leone, who retired last year as Chillicothe superintendent of schools, will be sworn in for a four-year term as a member of the STRS board. He received 21,461 votes, the highest number among the five candidates for two seats. Also elected was Jeff Chapman, a retired elementary teacher from Cleveland Heights, who received 19,504 votes.

Last year, the Society of Professional Journalists (Central Ohio Chapter) presented its First Amendment Award to Dr. Leone for exposing the excessive spending practices of the STRS and causing constructive change and legislative reforms. The Government Finance Officers Association will present to him its 2005 Ethics in Government Award Sept. 14.

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• Dr. Leone

Convocation reservation form is on page 8

Sign up for free Union parking for Sept. 14 Convocation

BGSURA has reserved the entire parking lot behind the Bowen-Thompson Union for the Sept. 14 Convocation. However, BGSURA members **must** put their names on a reserved list by checking the free-parking box on the page 8 form. An attendant will maintain a list of those who have signed up. □

Dennis Leone • from page 1

Based on Dr. Leone's research, the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* broke the scandal story in 2003, reporting on STRS:

- Paying millions in bonuses to STRS staff members while assets plunged.
- Spending lavishly on art for the new STRS building.
- Permitting employees to cash in unused vacation time.
- Increasing significantly staff travel expenses.
- Subsidizing a day care center for employees' children.

The state's pension-fund systems have since been overhauled by the legislature.

After earning dual degrees, in journalism and education, at BGSU, Dr. Leone worked as communications director at Chambers of Commerce in Mansfield and Alexandria, Va., earning a master's degree in public relations at American University in 1976. Four years later, he received a doctorate in educational administration at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Leone returned to Alexandria to begin his public education career in 1974. "I decided my love was teaching and school administration," he said.

Back in Ohio

Returning to Ohio in 1980 as assistant superintendent of the Preble-Shawnee School District, Dr. Leone, at age 31, was appointed superintendent there. Later he was appointed superintendent of the Liberty Center School District, serving three years before moving on to the Oxford Talawanda district for 13 years. He was the Chillicothe district's superintendent for seven years, retiring at age 55.

Dr. Leone is married to the former

Legislation worth more than \$3.34 million to BG schools

DENNIS LEONE, described as an aggressive administrator, left a large footprint worth more than \$3.34 million on Bowling Green schools.

"The folks at Bowling Green City Schools know me because I authored the legislation in 1993 that annually produces additional state revenue to the districts in Bowling Green, Athens, Kent, and Oxford because of their excessively high amounts of state-owned, tax-exempt real estate," he said in July. At the time, Dr. Leone was superintendent of the Talawanda district at Oxford, home of Miami University.

The additional amounts were \$143,365 in 1994, \$428,169 in 1995, \$727,069 in 1996, \$736,294 in 1997, \$652,656 in 1998, and \$653,191 in 1999. Beginning in 2000, this "impact aid" was combined "with our basic aid through property value adjustments," said Rhonda Melchi, Bowling Green district treasurer. "Therefore we could no longer determine how much we received."

William Hall, who was Bowling Green superintendent in 1994, recalled that Dr. Leone's impact-aid legislation came at a time when it was desperately needed. "The district was \$3 million in debt and no idea how it got there," Dr. Hall said. The additional state funding "was a real shot in the arm [along with passage of] an emergency operating levy." Dr. Hall, noted for rescuing financially strapped school districts, now is superintendent of the Blue Mountain School District, Orwigsburg, Pa., about 70 miles northwest of Philadelphia. □

Nikki Trusler, the daughter of Prof. Emeritus Ivan Trusler, who directed BGSU's Choral Activities between 1966 and 1985. They have three adult children, daughters Shannon and Lindsay, and son Chris.

Dr. Leone is the son of Dr. Charles Leone, who was dean of BGSU's Graduate School from 1968 to 1975 (Dr. Charles Leone died in 1992). At BGSU, Dr. Dennis Leone received a Jesse J. Courier Journalism Scholarship his senior year and wrote for *The BG News* and the *Sentinel-Tribune* as a student.

After signing the pension-reform bill on June 16, 2004, Gov. Robert Taft gave the pen to Dennis Leone. □

• Compiled by Jim Gordon from Web sites of DA District Administrator, ORTA, Cincinnati AAUP chapter, and e-mail and phone interviews.

Former STRS head charged

THE executive director of the STRS, Herb Dyer, resigned in August 2003 after more than 100 state legislators signed a statement calling for him to step down. Dyer apologized at the time for saying that retirees needed to eat out less if they couldn't afford the fund's higher health insurance costs.

On Aug. 3, Dyer was charged with improperly accepting golf rounds, theater tickets and other gifts while directing STRS. He is to appear in Franklin County Municipal Court Sept. 8.

Dyer, 66, was the principal speaker at the inaugural Convocation of the BGSU Retirees Association in 1995. □

• From the Associated Press.

Research office space being readied

BGSURA's Professional Committee has obtained an office in the College Park Building for members who continue to conduct research and need office space for that purpose.

The committee is developing office use criteria, with availability this fall.

BGSURA retirees interested in the use of the office should contact Dr. Eloise Clark, Professional Committee chair (eclark@bgsu.edu). □

Coach-abuse letters not public record, rules Ohio's top court

APUBLIC records case involving Dr. Dennis Leone, while he was superintendent of the Talawanda-Oxford School District, reached the Ohio Supreme Court in 1999. The court ruled that 12 letters from parents alleging abuse of students by a basketball coach were not public records.

A community member had sued Dr. Leone after he said he could not release the letters because he had disposed of them. While a trial court ruled for Dr. Leone, the 12th Appellate District of Ohio overturned the trial court, stating that the letters were public records and should not have been thrown away.

The Ohio Supreme Court reversed the appellate court without opinion. □

• From the Student Press Law Center (splc.org).

Passings

• **LORRENE LOVE ORT**, who directed the College of Education's student-teacher program for many years, died at her home in Bowling Green July 25. She had retired in 1977 as professor of educational curriculum and instruction. As director of student teaching and professional lab experiences, she developed a network BGSU had with about 20 area school systems, placing more than 2,000 students a year in the late 1960s and 1970s. She had served as president of the national Kappa Delta Pi education honor society from 1970 to 1972 and co-authored a book series for children.

• **MARIE R. HODGE**, professor and assistant dean of the College of Business for more than 23 years, died May 2. She had retired in 1986. She was a mentor and role model for many students. She also was a trainer for SCORE and member of the American Society of Training and Development and the American Collegiate Entrepreneur.

• **STANLEY K. COFFMAN JR.**, Kingston, N.Y., died May 24. Dr. Coffman served at BGSU from 1964 to 1982. He was vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty from 1968 to 1971. He had also served as chairman of the English department and acting dean of the Graduate College. He was later president at State University of New York at New Paltz.

• **JAMES L. BLESSING**, of Swanton, died June 26. He was a carpet layer at BGSU, retiring in 1988.

• **EDITH KIGER MOSES**, retired from the University's food service division, died April 20 in Bowling Green.

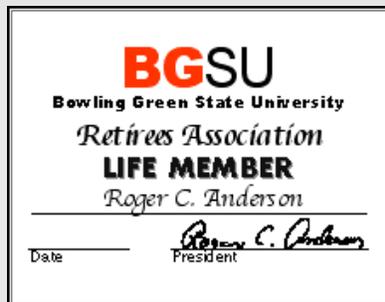
• **LYLE SNYDER**, of Bowling Green, died June 16. He had been a carpenter, retiring from BGSU.

• **PATRICIA J. SHARP**, Bowling Green, died May 25. She had worked in the BGSU custodial department, retiring in 1995.

• **FLORENCE MUSSER**, 95, retired from the food service division at the University, died August 1 in Deshler.

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On the drawing board



Life Members

A MEMBERSHIP card for Life Members in BGSURA is in the design and production process, announced Clif Boutelle, BGSURA director and membership chairman. The cards will be available this fall during the membership renewal period. Life Memberships are \$150 for members and \$75 for associates. For more information: Treasurer Harold Lunde, (419) 352-3929, or by e-mail, hlunde@cba.bgsu.edu.

Life Members to date are Roger Anderson, Josef Blass, Beverly Cooper, William Hann, Harold Lunde, John Merriam, Marjorie Miller, Diane Pretzer, Wally Pretzer, Christine Sexton, Sylvia Smith, Robert Speers, Janet Wilhelm, Ralph Wolfe and Nancy Wygant-Mills.

Life Associate Members are Betty Jean Anderson, Emma Hann and Sarah Lunde. □

• **PAUL W. JONES**, the first director of the BGSU News Bureau and second journalism faculty member, serving from 1941 to 1953, died May 31 in Bowling Green. He retired as editor of the *Sentinel-Tribune* in 1980, having served in that position for 27 years. □

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

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

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President's Corner

Membership renewal: Let's grow the BGSURA!

By Dr. Roger Anderson

AT the start of the BGSURA's 11th year, I'd like to offer a special welcome to those of you recently retired: You will receive a one-year free membership to BGSURA.

To current members, thank you for your continued support and participation. I urge you to renew your membership, and consider a Life Membership. To many of you who are not members but who receive one free newsletter each year, consider joining BGSURA.

Retirees frequently ask, "Why join BGSURA? To me the answer lies in Article II, 'Purpose,' of our bylaws. The two most significant paragraphs in that section are that our retiree organization is there first "to protect, safeguard and enhance the economic and health benefits attained through [the] Ohio pension plans and other university-granted privileges," and second, "to affiliate with and participate fully in the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees Association (OCHER), a network of [14] public supported [university retirees organizations] in Ohio for the benefit of its higher education retirees."



• Dr. Anderson

As BGSURA president I have seen the advocacy role of BGSURA and other university retirees groups and OCHER grow. In the future I see our advocacy function becoming even more important. You do not have to look far to see the past, current and potential threats to the state retirement systems. Recall the improprieties in several of the Ohio pension systems including STRS and the resultant pension reforms. Witness the problems with health care costs and benefits. In California this year the governor proposed a partial privatization of the state pension systems. Although the legislature turned it down, the idea is not dead. Whenever Social Security reform is on the national agenda, there is always talk of mandating Social Security for the 10 states that have their own pension systems.

The OCHER board is working hard to preserve and enhance benefits for both STRS and PERS retirees. OCHER has become even stronger because of its recent affiliation with the Ohio Retired Teachers Association. We are well-represented in OCHER. Richard Edwards, one of our two representatives, is serving as president of the OCHER board this year, and Genevieve Stang, our other representative, serves as secretary.

BGSURA provides many other benefits too numerous to itemize. I would urge you to join BGSURA to make us an even stronger organization! □

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

Edwards, Stang in council leader posts

TWO members of the BGSURA Board of Directors have been elected to key leadership positions in the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) for 2005-2006.



• Dick Edwards

Dick Edwards, an OPERS retiree, will be the OCHER president and Genevieve Stang, an STRS retiree, will continue as secretary. Other officers are Harold Williams, Kent State, vice president; Tom Ridenour, Ohio State, treasurer; and Bob Niedzielski, Toledo, immediate past president. BGSURA President Roger Anderson also attends OCHER meetings.

Edwards said that OCHER was formed in 1993 and serves as the umbrella organization for all state university retiree associations in Ohio. OCHER is both a "watchdog and a cheerleader," said Edwards. "It protects and promotes the interests of higher education retirees in Ohio. As a board, we keep a sharp eye on retirement related legislation in Columbus and Washington and also encourage the further growth of the member associations."

He also noted that OCHER is affiliated with the Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA). A closer working relationship with the Public Employee Retirees, Inc. (PERI), the political action organization for all OPERS retirees, is being sought.



• Genevieve Stang

OCHER's first meeting of the new year is Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. at the STRS headquarters in Columbus. For more information, contact Dick Edwards at 419-353-4135 or Genevieve

Stang at 419-352-5534. □

Family Campaign helps boost BGSU giving to new high

FFIFTY-FIVE percent of current and retired faculty and staff participated in the 2005 Family Campaign, helping BGSU move toward its goals for scholarships, program support and capital improvements.

Contributions to BGSU reached \$14.9 million during the fiscal year that ended June 30. That figure compares to \$11.7 million donated to the University the previous year and sets a new annual record for private giving to BGSU.

For the first time this year, administrative staff giving was the highest of any constituent group, followed by retirees, faculty, classified staff and other donors.

Building Dreams: The Centennial Campaign for Bowling Green State University had raised \$79.5 million toward the \$120 million goal as of June 30. □

Volunteers needed by BGSURA for slots on 4 committees, other posts

BGSURA needs volunteers for these committees:

- **Activities**, organizes social and interest groups for BGSURA
- **Administrative**, maintains and keeps current the computerized membership list, generates mailing labels, assists in the preparation of the annual directory of members, updates the web site, and handles other technological functions.
- **Benevolence**, responsibility of informing the President and the Board of any care or assistance any member or their family may need because of adverse circumstances, illness or other misfortunes or calamities
- **Office Staffing**, recruits and coordinates volunteers to work at BGSURA College Park office.

In addition, BGSURA needs a representative to the Classified Staff Council, the Administrative Staff Council, the professional committee of Faculty Senate, the cabinet of the Family campaign, the committee of the community campaign, and a volunteer coordinator for BGSURA. If interested, contact President Roger Anderson or any of the Board members. □

PERI works for retirees in OPERS

WHILE PERS is the well-known acronym for the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, PERI is the political action association for all who receive checks from PERS. PERI is the abbreviation for the Public Employee Retirees, Inc.

Headquartered in Westerville, a suburb of Columbus, PERI has a membership of more than 55,000 and chapters in all 88 counties in Ohio. Founded in 1948, it is similar in purpose and activities as the 35,000 member Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA).

The PERI chapters are organized by county on an 11-district basis. The Wood County chapter, which meets monthly at the Wood County Senior Center, is associated with District 1, which also includes Lucas County and six other counties in northwest Ohio.

What the BGSURA is all about

THE Bowling Green State University Retirees Association (BGSURA) is an organization of retired university faculty and contract and classified staff who are, or have been, members of the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) including Alternative Retirement Plan (ARP) participants, or the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (OPERS). The purpose of the association is to:

(1) assist in continuing and deepening the friendships and associations of retired faculty and staff through satisfying social, recreational and service activities,

(2) continue to foster a close liaison with Bowling Green State University for any mutual benefits to each,

(3) facilitate the carrying on of voluntary and service activities for the University and University community through the use of its members' professional and vocational talents and expertise,

(4) protect, safeguard and enhance the economic and health benefits of retirees attained through the Ohio pension plans and other University-granted privileges,

(5) convey care and assistance to its members in circumstances of financial illness, or other misfortunes or calamities,

(6) affiliate with and participate fully in the Ohio Council of Higher Retirees, a network of public-supported universities in Ohio, for higher education retirees, and

(7) engage in such other activities as may serve the general welfare and quality of life of retirees of Bowling Green State University. □

• More information about the benefits may be found in the *Retirees Handbook*, produced by BGSURA Treasurer Harold Lunde. The PDF document may be found at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/resources.

PERI - Partners in Retirement

Each district elects its own representative to sit on the PERI Board of Directors.

Membership, which is only open to PERS retirees, costs \$10 a year and \$100 for a life membership.

"It is an unbelievably good deal," noted BGSURA board member Dick Edwards. "Time and again, PERI has been on the forefront of leading the charge to protect public retiree interests."

One of the legislative focal points of PERI is responding to legislative proposals that might weaken the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. PERI was successful in adding a second retiree position to the PERS Board in 2004.

The association retains attorney John Gilchrist of Columbus as its lobbyist. Gilchrist provides the membership with a quarterly report in the PERI NEWSLETTER and maintains a current listing of legislative issues on the PERI Web site www.operi.org.

For more information about PERI and its programs and structure, contact Dick Edwards at 419-353-4135 or call the PERI headquarters at 1-800-247-7374. William I. Winegarner is the PERI administrator. □

**Renew Your BGSURA
Membership for
2005-2006**

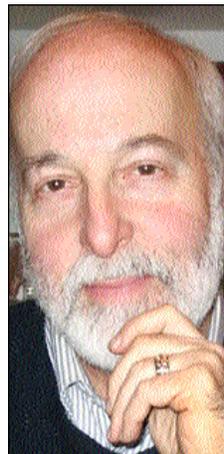
Art and the English professor, or, Tom Klein under glass



• This year at the Black Swamp Festival, Tom Klein will be Andy Warhol.



• Examples of Tom Klein's artistry.



• Tom Klein

'Beads are about more than adornment'

BY JANIS L. PALLISTER

YOU are, of course, aware of the fact that many retirees take up activities they had long dreamed of pursuing; but, buried in research, preparations, grading papers, and meeting classes, they never found the time for them.

Notable is the tendency of our retired colleagues to choose creative outlets. Thus, we know that Barbara

Fialkowsky MacMillen, poet and former chair of the creative writing program at BGSU, first turned to producing magnificent computer art, and recently decided to turn to potting.

Along this line, Alice Calderonello has just this year begun to paint and decal, while for quite some years Bob Guion and Ramona Cormier have been putting out some beautiful glasswork, including paperweights, vases, and the

like. Dick Horton has been doing woodwork. And I am told that John Burt, once a Spanish professor, is now a consummate artist.

I don't know who else falls into this net except Tom Klein, who has become known about town for his lovely glass beadwork. Like some of the people I just mentioned, Tom did not just take up this work lightly; in fact his interest in art is not new to him. You knew of Tom not only as an English teacher (1971-2004), but also as a professor with innovative approaches to teaching. You'll recall that he was the founder of BGSU's Great Ideas Program (1980) and the creator and director of BGSU's Chapman Community in 1997. The key word is "community," Tom's life-long preoccupation.

What his handwork involves

Now I'm going to put Tom "under glass" so you can see in his own words what his beadwork involves:

"Upon retirement from 38 years of full-time teaching, and building on a compelling interest in art that has lasted all my life, I started making Lampworked Glass Beads. In October 2004, when my wife Dianne and I took a three-day workshop at Touchstone, a mountainous artist's retreat in Pennsylvania, I knew immediately that I was hooked.

"My beads are made from Moretti or Effetre Italian glass rods which are melted to molten state in a propane and oxygen torch. At 1700 degrees, the molten glass flows onto a stainless steel rod, called a mandrel, which is twisted to form the bead. Other colors of glass, in the form of twists or canes, rods, enamels or chips are then added as I shape the bead to varying effect.

"When the bead has the color, form and temperature desired, I take bead and mandrel to a kiln preset at 960 degrees to anneal, i.e. to rearrange the molecules so that the bead will not thermal shock (shatter) with temperature change or use. The bead sits in the kiln for more time, called the 'soak,' after which the kiln is turned off, and two-to-three hours later the bead can be taken out and pulled off the mandrel.

Art a constant calling

"While I taught English most of my working life, art was a constant calling, surely my shadow demanding expression. Thus, for more than 30 years, I have taken art classes from BGSU Professors Hilty, Cayton, and Running and others. I've also studied jewelry with Prof. Tom Muir, Becky McDonough, and Harriet Nearing at BG. Before that, I studied batik at Arrowmont in North Carolina and flameworking at Touchstone.

"Talk to almost anyone who works with hot glass and you will learn that it's the fluid, unpredictable process and vibrantly colorful nature of the product that is intoxicating. To learn more about glass beads, you can join the new NW Ohio Beaders' club I formed last February to support and educate anyone interested in the stringing, making, collecting or consuming of glass beads. Remember: beads are about more than adornment; they're the spiritual expression of a person and a culture."

"We know this, of course: We have only to think of Amerindian cultures, especially the Iroquois and the Plains Indians, whose excellent beadwork on tepees was emblematic of rank. This not to mention the meaningful ornamentation found in African "art," especially of the Baule and Mangbetu. I am reminded too that necklaces can be the object of covetousness and ultimate ruination, as demonstrated in Guy de Maupassant's *Le Collier*."

Black Swamp Bead Club

Tom has his PhD in English education from Northwestern (1971), his MA in teaching from Harvard, also in English education (1964), and his BA in English from Tufts (1963). As he says, he recently started the Black Swamp Bead Club, which now has 35 members. This is one of the ways in which he seeks to build community. And while he speaks of the suffering in his childhood and early adulthood (he calls himself a wounded healer, having endured an absent mother, an over-strong but affectionate father, and a sense of the horrors of the Holocaust,

made immediate by his Jewish roots), he also views certain personal events in his life as building blocks that led him to the concept of building community. His first wife, Erica, was the child of two death camp survivors. But it was with his second wife Dianne and his stepson that he hit a vein of gold. They are, he says, the "best community." (Dianne by the way, was Tom's student in his English methods class, and taught for 25 year in the Bowling Green High School.)

Tom, who speaks ardently of his wish to build community, and of his beadwork as the culmination of a lifetime struggle that he characterizes as moving from darkness to light, looks forward to further "community building" as he teaches Great Ideas in the Honors Program this fall.

He also expects to appear at the Black Swamps Art Festival as Andy Warhol, complete with the soup can, and asking "Why art?" (Last year he appeared as Vincent Van Gogh.) You see from this that he has other pursuits besides the ones we have mentioned above.

Old Geezer Golf League

Add to this his participation in the Old Geezer Golf League (Tom's term), in which he and Paul Haas are tied for first place, as well as his love of travel. In fact, this past summer he participated in an Elder Hostel photography trip to the Grand Canyon, Brice and Zion. There he took 1,100 pictures.

At the end of the day, community building for Tom Klein is complemented by another kind of building: building beauty. And that is where his beadwork and his other interests in art come in. (His beadwork is, by the way, on display and for sale at Calico, Sage and Thyme, and at Waddington's.)

I wonder. Perhaps I should set off to buy some paints together with a palette and some brushes. But then again I think I'll stick to words. "Indulge my whims," she said, in perfect iambs. □

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Stang Report

BY GENEVIEVE STANG

SEVERAL issues of concern to retirees seem to be ever on-going and unresolved. The repeated push for Social Security reform continues. If mandatory coverage is adopted, it would be devastating to us and could mean the loss of our health-care benefit. We must reinforce the need for our legislators to continue work to avoid mandatory coverage.

At the May OCHER meeting, Todd Gournou, STRS, urged members to stick with the STRS drug program and not sign up for the Medicare D card this year. (See July issue of *STRS Ohio News*). Gournou also urged members to be alert to Ohio STRS Board releases and to look for health-care changes. There will be an effort to gather member views on how to handle costs. Watch for fall mailings.

Regarding investments, STRS has had a good year (9.21%) but we have been warned to expect lower next year. However, the funding period remains high (42.2 years). Lean budgets are "in." The STRS operating budget for 2005-2006 is the lowest in five years. □

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

All-Campus Picnic Sept. 9

BGSURA members are invited to the University's All-Campus Picnic Friday, Sept. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the lawn of University Hall.

The picnic "has become one of the premier annual events marking the new academic year," said Dr. Jeffrey H. Coats, associate dean of students. "It is designed to foster a sense of community among the various campus groups as well as in the broader Bowling Green community."

Entertainment includes the BGSU Marching Band. Campus Fest will feature more than 150 student organizations and service agencies from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. □

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2005-2006

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail address _____

Do you want to subscribe (no charge) to BGSURA's list-proc? Yes _____ No _____

Check one: PERS _____ STRS _____ Number of years at BGSU _____

Check: Classified _____ Faculty _____ Administrative _____ Retirement year _____

Department or Office 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 2005-2006. 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 _____
- _____ Life member \$150 _____
- _____ Life Associate member \$ 75 _____
- _____ I am willing to accept responsibilities in BGSURA

MAKE CHECKS
payable to **BGSURA**
and mail with this
form to:
Harold Lunde
BGSURA Treas.
880 Country Club Dr.
Bowling Green
OH 43402-1602

○ Reservation Form for BGSURA's 11th Annual Convocation ○

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14 ○ RESERVATION DEADLINE SEPT. 9!

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

NOTE: Reservations at \$16 per person MUST BE MADE by Friday, Sept. 9.

Name _____ Number of vegetarian meals

Guest Names(s) _____ Number of reservations

CHECK BOX to SIGN UP to park free in Union Parking Lot; see parking story on page 1.

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

**SEND RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK FOR \$16 TO HAROLD LUNDE, BGSURA TREASURER,
880 COUNTRY CLUB DR., BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402-1602**

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPT. 9.