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**DEADLINE IS FRIDAY
FOR RESERVATIONS FOR
SEPT. 15 LUNCHEON
AT STONE RIDGE**

FOR reservations for the 16th Annual BGSU Retirees Assn. Convocation, to be held Wednesday, Sept. 15, send an e-mail to Treasurer Hal Lunde <lunde@bgsu.edu> or telephone editor Jim Gordon (419-352-8175). Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$15 per person, payable at the door (check to BGSURA preferred).

Speaker will be Jerry Anderson, co-anchor at WTOL-TV. He is a former BGSU student.

PLEASE NOTE: Luncheon reservations must be paid for regardless of attendance because Stone Ridge Golf Club charges for the number of reservations. □



**COMING ATTRACTION
Nov. 10** – The History of BGSU Women’s Basketball, presented by Larry Weiss and Sue Hager.

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Free parking for all BGSU retirees
Parking and Traffic operation goes high-tech



• **Parking Officer Miguel A. Travino scans a hang-tag’s code with his hand-held computer. Parking and Traffic is located in the Commons.**

Jim Gordon

Department has new coded tags, nose-in or nose-out parking (take your pick), more lots

THE Parking and Traffic operation at BGSU is going high-tech – and the change is accompanied by new directions in how you park, the service is announcing.

In what appears to be a first, all parking for BGSU retirees, including classified, administrative, and faculty retirees, is free.

A computerized and infra-red-readable code system with tags hanging from the rear-view mirror has been installed.

Parking service attendants now carry mini-computers capable of reading the codes with the infra-red scanners.

A parking service database will display on the attendant’s computer information on any restrictions

the hanging tag may contain.

The tags must be renewed annually, a new requirement.

In another first, vehicles no longer are required to park nose-in to the parking space. Attendants will scan either from the front or side of the vehicle.

Members of the President’s Club of the BGSU Foundation also are eligible for the free parking.

For non-University personnel who need to visit campus regularly, parking tags may be purchased for specific lots. Retiree Charlie Applebaum *continued on page 2*



Parking *continued*

said he purchased a one-year hang-tag for his spouse, Barbara, who sings in the town-gown chorus at the College of Musical Arts. Her tag is lot-specific, and permits her to park behind the Moore Musical Arts Center. Cost is \$20 for a non-retiree and expires next August (semester charge is \$12).



Metal parking tags, which have been in use for at least 20 years, are being replaced by the

- *Parking officers produce on-the-spot tickets from battery-powered printers attached to their belts.*

new plastic hangars. They may remain or be removed from the rear license plate.

However, those with only metal tags may find a note on the windshield inviting the driver to visit Parking and Traffic for the new hang-tags.

An additional perk for emeritus faculty members, continuing a long-standing tradition, is not having to feed quarters into parking meters. But, said one retiree, "I'd be embarrassed to be seen parking at a meter and not putting in coins." □

Parking at the Union Bookstore

PATRONS of the Bowen-Thompson Union Bookstore may park free for one hour with a \$25 purchase, said Pamela Oler, Bookstore manager. The ticket received at the gate upon entering must be stamped by a store cashier. □

FYI:

Parking Advisory Committee

PURPOSE: To make recommendations to the Director of Campus Safety or the Manager of Parking Services or other properly constituted authority regarding the registration, parking, and regulation of vehicles on the University campus.

FUNCTIONS

- Regulations for motor vehicle operation, registration, and parking on campus;
- Regulations for bicycle operation, registration, and parking on campus;
- Allocation of budgeted funds for specific purposes in furtherance of the above purposes of the Committee;
- Any other functions mandated by the Faculty Senate, the Provost, or other duly constituted authority.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Three elected faculty members;
- One additional faculty member in first four years, appointed by the Committee on Committees for a one-year term;
- One administrative staff member elected by the administrative staff for a three-year term;
- One classified staff member elected by the classified staff for a three-year term;
- Two undergraduate students appointed by USG for one-year terms;
- One graduate student appointed by GSS for a one-year term;
- One Student Traffic Court representative appointed by USG for a one-year term;
- One commuting student appointed by the Hazel H. Smith Off-Campus Student Center for a one-year term.

EX OFFICIO:

Designee of the Provost, Director of Campus Safety and Security, and Manager of Parking Services.

CHAIR:

The chair shall be elected from among the elected

faculty, administrative staff, and classified staff members.

BALANCE OF REPRESENTATION:

The three elected faculty members must be eligible for election to Faculty Senate. [Academic Charter, Article V.B.](#)

VOTING RIGHTS:

All elected, appointed, and ex officio members have full voting rights. Consultants are non-voting members. [Academic Charter Article V.B.](#)

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Faculty Senate Minutes, May 4, 2010

Art Samel, Chair of the University Parking Advisory Committee, reported that he had been working with CFO Sheri Stoll and Mel Hudson-Nowak, Interim Manager of Parking Services. The committee, in concert with administration, has been reviewing issues concerning parking, such as safety, care of lots, maintenance and improvement and adequate numbers of parking slots.

There has also been discussion about the need to review and consider modifications for how parking permits are paid for. Currently each department is responsible for paying for faculty parking permits.

The parking advisory committee is recommending that departments would no longer be responsible for this payment. Rather, current faculty would be charged \$120 per year for parking . . . but faculty would be receiving an additional \$120 added to their base salary (pretax) to offset this parking cost. New faculty would be charged the \$120 parking fee. With this change, parking improvements could occur.

Jim Evans called to the attention of Senate and to the University Parking Advisory Committee that they did not have the authority to make this kind of change. Any recommended change regarding changes in faculty fees would have to be reviewed and approved through the Faculty Senate Budget Committee.

Shields thanked Samel for his report and suggested that the incoming Chair of Senate, Kris Blair, consider, asking Samel back next year for further discussions of any proposed changes to parking fees. □



• *President Sarkozy of France*

■ French unions will hold a one-day strike Tuesday, Sept. 7, to protest raising the retirement age from 60 to 62. The standard retirement age of 62 was lowered from 65 in 1982.

"French unions have a proud history of strikes that have yielded such benefits as universal health insurance and five weeks of paid vacation," wrote *The Wall Street Journal*. The strike could be a "defining moment" for President Nicholas Sarkozy, said WSJ. 9/4

■ "Furor Over Public Pensions Sparks Disclosure Lawsuits," read the head in the 9/4 WSJ. The story said the San Diego County retirement fund was sued last month after it refused to release names of retirees collecting \$100,000 or more. New York City police and firefighters retirement systems were

Computer aid offered

BGSURA's computer expert, Charlie Applebaum, has been retained by the Chief Information Officer of BGSU as a resource person for any retired BGSU faculty or staff member within the city with a software or hardware problem.

Dr. Applebaum has 49 years of experience in mainframe and personal computing.

He may be reached at 419-352-0777 or applebau@bgsu.edu. □



• *Applebaum*

sued for refusing to release names and pensions.

Ohio's five pension systems have resisted requests from the state's eight major daily newspapers for information. WSJ said the standoff between the newspapers coalition, including *The Blade*, "has raised questions among some lawmakers about the stringency of state records laws." The largest of the funds, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement system, says it is required by state law to protect member and retiree records.

The Blade, Toledo, in an editorial Aug. 11, stated, "Ohio taxpayers should have the right to make informed judgments about state pension funds before lawmakers consider any changes to the systems, and higher taxes to pay for them. More disclosure must precede more dollars.

■ "The average annual payout to Ohio pension retirees is \$23,535," wrote Larry Lewellen, vice-president for Human Resources at Ohio State University, in a column in the *Lantern*, OSU's daily student newspaper. "The public should know that for every dollar paid out in pension benefits, \$1.33 was returned to the Ohio economy."

Lewellen noted that Ohio public employers do not make contributions to Social Security . . . It's also important to remember that public employees in Ohio contribute a significant portion of each paycheck toward their future benefits." 7/15

■ Pension funding levels for states and local governments dropped in 2009 from 2008, and the situation is expected to get worse, the WSJ said in reporting on a study for the Center for State and Local Government Excel-

lent and the Center for Retirement Research. "But last year only 43 percent of plans had assets totaling at least 80 percent of their liabilities, compared with 54 percent in 2008 prior to the financial downturn. Experts recommend public sector pensions maintain funding level of at least 80 percent." 4/8

■ In May, the California attorney general filed a civil lawsuit against former Calpers Chief Executive Fred Buensostro and Alfred Vilalobos, a former Calpers board member, who later became a "placement agent" or middleman who helps money managers get pension-fund business.

The AG charged that the two accepted trips, champagne and other gifts from a businessman trying to secure investment funds from the giant California public pension fund. 4/7

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Arts in BG

Compiled by the Woman's Club of Bowling Green

Wednesday, September 8
BGSU Faculty Artist Series
Jane Schoonmaker Rodgers, soprano
8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall

September 10-12
Black Swamp Arts Festival
Downtown Bowling Green
Music, Arts, Crafts

Sunday, September 12
BGSU Faculty Artist Series
Penny Thompson Kruse, violin
3 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall

September 17-18, 24-26
Black Swamp Players
"The Curious Savage"
First United Methodist Church, BG

September 24-26
Bowling Green Opera Theater
Acis & Galatea by Handel and
The Impresario by Mozart
8 p.m., BGSU Kobacker Hall

Friday, October 1
Centennial Alumni Dance Concert
8 p.m., BGSU Eppler North

Friday, October 1
Concert Band, University Band,
Wind Symphony
8 p.m., BGSU Kobacker Hall

Friday, October 1-3
BGSU Theatre Production
Eurydice by Sarah Ruhl
8 p.m., Joe E. Brown Theatre

Thursday, October 7
Festival Series
An Evening with Branford Marsalis
8 p.m., Kobacker Hall



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• A group from the BG Area Community Band will perform at the Kivamis Pancake Breakfast Oct. 30, led by BGSU School of Music graduate Nick Ezzone. The first appearance to entertain pancake eaters was in November 2007 (above) with Ezzone conducting.

Beauty of water on display Oct. 4-15

A 14-PHOTO display, "Still and Moving Water," by BGSURA Life Member Joseph E. Jacoby, may be viewed Oct. 4-15 at the Rotary Nature Center, 615 S. Wintergarden Rd.

An exhibit opening and artist's reception will be Saturday, Oct. 2, from 7-10 p.m. The prints, matted and framed, range in size from 16x20 to 24x36. Sponsor of the free exhibit is the City of Bowling Green Parks and Recreation. The Rotary Nature Center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Self-taught, Dr. Jacoby began taking pictures as a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania. The slow, methodical pace of landscape photography appeals to him, he said.



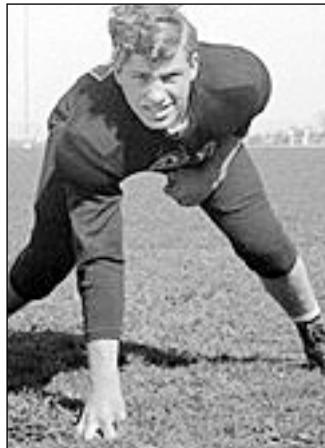
• Point Lobos State Reserve. © Joseph Jacoby. Dr. Jacoby retired last year. A January 2009 Newsletter profile on Dr. Jacoby by Clif Boutelle is at www.bgsu.edu/retirement.



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• While teaching a BGSU summer workshop for driver education teachers in 1959, Bruce Bellard and the class posed for a promotional News Service gag shot. He established a statewide driver education curriculum and is credited with training more driver education teachers, 4,800, than any other person in Ohio.

■ **BRUCE BELLARD**, 87, former Mayor of the City of Bowling Green and varsity wrestling coach at BGSU, died Aug. 13 in Bowling Green. He was a guard on the 1942 football team before joining the Navy for service as a SeaBee and an airplane mechanic in the South Pacific.



• A Bellevue native, Bellard came to BGSU in 1941. He also was a member of the school's first wrestling team.

Bellard returned to BGSU, earning bachelor's and master's degrees, and coaching football and wrestling. His wrestling teams posted a record of 167-118-2 while winning MAC titles in 1959, 1960 and 1966.

Bellard retired in 1981. A year later he was elected Mayor after serving 12 years as a member of Bowling Green City Council.

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce recognized Bellard in 1981 as the Outstanding Male Citizen of the Year.



PAMELA PANCHAK

• Mayor Bellard in 1983

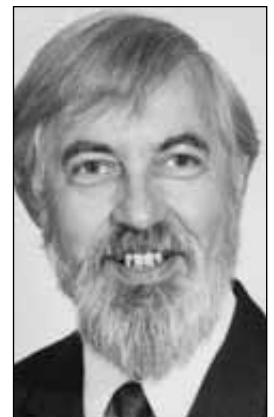


■ **HELEN DEJAGER LAKOFSKY**, who taught piano at BGSU, died Aug. 4. She was 88. She received bachelor's and master's degrees (1943 and 1946) from the Eastman School of Music.

A soloist with the Grand Rapids (Mich) Symphony, New Jersey Philharmonic and the Eastman Rochester Orchestra. She married Prof. Charles Lakofsky, of BGSU's School of Art, in 1953. He died in 1993.



■ **EDGAR F. DANIELS**, retired professor of English and department chair from 1971 to 1979, died Aug. 5 in Monterey, Calif. He was 89. A Dayton native, Dr. Daniels attended Otterbein College, Westerville, before enlisting in the Navy in 1942, later serving on PT 222 in the Solomon Islands. After completing his bachelor's at Otterbein after the war, he earned a master's and PhD in English literature at Stanford University. He joined the BGSU faculty in 1953.



• Dr. Daniels in the 1970s, top, and in the early 1950s.



■ **BETH CASEY**, 75, died Aug. 23, at Toledo's Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, likely from complications from a stroke. friends told *The Blade*.

Dr. Casey, born in Matamoras, Pa., came to BGSU in 1978 as director of general education. She created BGSU's first general studies curriculum she served as director until her retirement in 2002 but continued to teach courses until this year.

Dr. Casey earned a bachelor's degree from Penn State in 1957. She earned her PhD at Columbia University in 1978. She also taught at the University of Rochester and Bard College.

She served as assistant to the provost at Empire State College of the State University of New York, and as an associate dean of Hobart and William Smith Colleges.



• *Margit Heskett*

■ **MARGIT BLOCHOVA HESKETT**, who taught dance at BGSU from 1965 until her retirement in 1979, died of cancer Aug. 13 at her home in Bowling Green. She was 90.

A native of Czechoslovakia, Heskett was born in Teplice in Bohemia. While in her late teens she and her parents fled to the United States in the wake of World War II. Her father, an architectural engineer, settled the family in New York.

Heskett enrolled at Columbia University to study architecture, but her interest in the arts prompted her to change her major. She received her B.S. degree in physical education from Wittenberg Uni-



• *Mel Murray*

■ **MELVIN L. MURRAY**, Fostoria broadcaster (WFOB) and former trustee of Bowling Green State University, died July 13 of pneumonia at Good Shepherd Home in Fostoria. He was 86.

He graduated from Ohio State University in 1949 after service in World War II and was hired as general manager with WFOB.

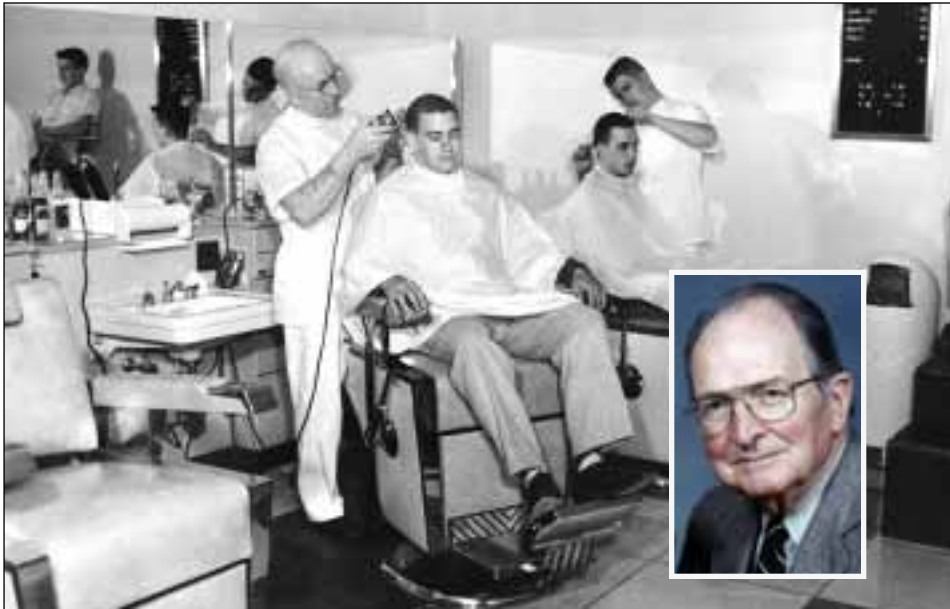
"For 36 years, Murray worked as an announcer, talk show host, and later became the station's president and prin-

versity and in 1964 completed her M.A. in dance at Columbia.

Modern and folk dancing were her specialties. The University Performing Art Dancers were formed during her tenure. The Margit B. Heskett Collection, in the Jerome Library's Center for Archival Collections, includes a variety of documents which when taken together comprise a relatively complete picture of her life beginning with her youth in Teplice, Czechoslovakia, in the 1920's and 1930's through her post retirement years and the completion of her memoirs in 2008. More information may be found at the Jerome Library CAC Web site.

cipal owner. With his friend Roger Wise, along with Gene Kinn, he founded the area's first cable TV operation, Wood Television Corp., in Bowling Green in the mid-1960s," *The Blade* reported.

"The AM radio station expanded with a studio in Bowling Green, broadcasting college and high school sports. Mr. Murray teamed up with Mr. Wise at night to broadcast high school sports in the 1950s and '60s. Mr. Murray retired from broadcasting in 1987. He sold the station and its cable operation to Mr. Kinn, who sold it in 1991. In 1980 Gov. James Rhodes appointed Mr. Murray to a nine-year term as a trustee for Bowling Green State University."



• The BGSU Union, which opened in 1958, had a three-chair barbershop and a shoeshine stand. The shop was managed by Austin Sweeney (inset).

■ AUSTIN E. SWEENEY, 88, a barber who later became tax commissioner for the City of Bowling Green, died Aug. 28 at the Hospice of Northwest Ohio. He retired from the tax office in 2003 at the age of 82.

Born in Selma, Ohio, Sweeney was a World War II Army veteran.

He graduated from BGSU in 1950 and taught math and history at Ada High School. He also owned and operated a part-time barbershop in Columbus Grove.

In Bowling Green, Sweeney represented the first ward on City Council for eight years.

Sweeney told *The B-G News* in an article saluting the opening of the Union in 1958 that flat-tops and variations of the “butch” were the most popular haircuts. He said the average haircut took about 20 minutes. “During this time, we like to gear our conversation to the college level,” he said

The haircut problems faced by male African-American BGSU students in Bowling Green prompt-

ed Pres. Ralph W. McDonald to include a barbershop in the University Union.

An article in the March 10, 1948, *B-G News* stated that a newly formed Organization for Educational Democracy visited five Bowling Green barbershops, and all shops refused to cut the hair of African-American students.

The *News* stated, “For approximately three years, one Bowling Green barber made trips out to the University to cut the hair of some of the Negro students. He did so to help these students and to avoid the trouble he knew would arise if they went downtown to get a haircut.”

An interview with a “spokesman for the local barber’s union,” in the Nov. 23, 1949, *B-G News*, stated that “one reason why Negro students can’t get a haircut here is because the barber colleges do not train men how to cut the hair of a Negro. Another reason is there are no Negro barbers in Bowling Green.”

■ The new health-care law, to provide for financing wider coverage, will cut \$455 billion in government payments to health-care providers that serve patients on Medicare and two other federal programs. “The hardest hit,” reported the *WSJ* on 7/26, “to the tune of \$126 billion, will be private insurance companies that run Medicare Advantage plans,” like Humana and Aetna. *WSJ* 7/26

■ Humana Inc.’s second-quarter profit rose 21 percent, to \$340.1 million, as the health insurer increased its Medicare Advantage membership and benefited from patients’ recent lower demand for health-care services. *WSJ* 8/3

■ The Securities and Exchange Commission, in its first securities-fraud case against a state, accused New Jersey of misleading investors about the health of its two largest state pensions while selling billions of dollars in bonds.

States as a whole face a trillion-dollar gap between the pensions, health care and other retirement benefits they have promised to public employees and the money set aside to pay the benefits, according to a report by the Pew Center on the States. *WSJ* 8/19

A few words about BGSURA membership

NEW BGSU retirees – classified, administrative, or staff – receive a one-year complimentary membership in the Bowling Green State University Retirees Association.

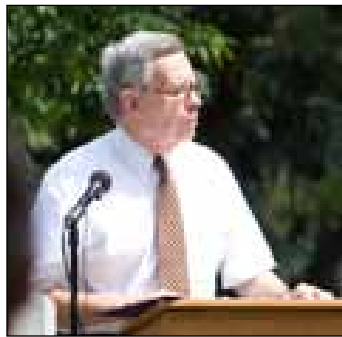
The BGSURA Membership Committee hopes that those whose memberships expired June 30 will continue. An application for new members and renewal is on line and at www.bgsu.edu/retirement.



Retirees association members take stage at 2010 Living History Day at Oak Grove



• *Life Member Park Leathers portrayed his father, Park Leathers Sr., of Bloomdale, a World War I veteran and farmer. Park's daughter, Lori Tretter (right), portrayed her grandmother.*



• *Life Member Dick Edwards portrayed J. Russell Coffey, World War I veteran and BGSU retiree. Nadine Edwards portrayed Rebecca Wells Ross, owner of the Ross Hotel at Prospect and Wooster streets, which burned to the ground in 1979.*



• *Life Member Dave Chilson, association vice president, was master of ceremonies.*



7th annual 'remembrance' features 8 citizens

EIGHT residents were portrayed Aug. 29 "to promote Wood County history through the remembrance and recognition of its citizens who have gone on before us." The event was organized and sponsored by the Living History Committee. Others portrayed included the owner of Bowling Green's first hospital, a vaudeville performer, a North Baltimore physician, and the founder of Eisenhour Motors in Pemberville. A DVD is available at www.bgfile.com, and segments of presentations are available there.



JIM GORDON (7)

Push on early for combo flu shots

PHARMACY chains are recommending that now is the time for flu vaccinations for children and adults. They point out the latest version of the shots are a combination of h1n1 and the latest strain of the "traditional" flu.

This year a new high-dose vaccine, with four times the potency of the standard dose, has been manufactured because "human immune defenses become weaker with age," states the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As of Sept. 1, in a check of five Bowling Green's pharmacies, none had the high dose version. Check locally or the CDC Web site for info.