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Retirees represent 309 years

Twelve faculty members have retired this summer and another two will retire in August. They have a combined total of 309 years of experience at the University.

Among those who have already retired are Ron Bandy, art; Frances Burnett, music; Dr. Charles Hamed, business education; Dr. V. N. Krishnan, economics; Dawn McCaghy, library; Dr. William McGraw, Firelands; Dr. Robert Moomaw, educational foundations and inquiry; Relda Niederhofer, Firelands; Dr. Bill Reynolds, educational administration and supervision; Dr. Kenneth Robb, English; Dr. Ronald Seavoy, history; and Dr. Donald Sternitzke, economics.

Dr. Mercedes Junquera-Early, romance languages and Dr. Gerald Rigby, criminal justice are scheduled for August retirements.

Bandy, an associate professor, joined the University staff in 1968. He has coordinated the School of Art's graduate program and has also been head of painting and two-dimensional division.

An accomplished artist, he has participated in major shows at the Mobius Gallery in Boston and the J. Rosenthal Fine Arts Gallery in Chicago and has works featured in the collections of the Weatherhead Foundation and Owens-Corning Fiberglas Co. He received the

Dorothy Huber Bryan Service Award for outstanding contributions to the School of Art in 1989 and has received numerous regional art show awards and purchase prizes.

Burnett, a professor of performance studies, has been teaching at the University for 27 years and has been active as an adjudicator at various music conferences and clinics.

She has given master classes on and off campus and started the annual piano master classes offered through the Continuing Education program. Burnett has performed throughout the United States and the world, including New York, London, Vienna and Rome.

Hamed began his career with the University in 1968 and became a full professor in 1978.

He has done consulting in business communications and is a member of many professional organizations. While at the University, he has served on numerous committees and written several professional articles. In 1973, he received the Outstanding Faculty Award in the College of Business Administration.

Krishnan joined the University economics department in 1965. He holds the rank of professor and has been active at the University, serving as chair of the Faculty Personal

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New research to help combat blood viruses

The American Red Cross Blood Services Northwest Ohio Region and the University have started a program to investigate the feasibility of using light and photochemicals to inactivate viruses in human blood.

Dr. Peter Lau, principal officer for the local Red Cross, said the collaboration has come about as a result of the expertise of the photochemical research group at Bowling Green and mutual interest in finding new ways to combat blood viruses.

Dr. Kathleen Specht, an associate scientific director with the Red Cross, is heading the research project. For the past three years she has been a postdoctoral research associate of Dr. Michael A. J. Rodgers, an Ohio Eminent Scholar in photochemical sciences in the Center for Photochemical Sciences and an authority on aspects of phototherapy used in cancer research.

"The research program will explore the feasibility of using photosensitizers—chemicals activated by light—to inactivate viruses that could be present in human blood," Specht said.

"The aim of the research program is to find a chemical that binds to these viruses and will inactivate the virus photochemically," she explained.

This research approach is considered relatively new, according to Lau. Fewer than 10 research groups in the nation are thought to be working along similar lines. The research is significant because it may lead to new ways of freeing human blood from viruses.

Red Cross Blood Services and other blood banks test every unit collected for viruses. But sometimes viruses such as hepatitis and HIV, which causes AIDS, are present at undetectable levels. It is for this reason that scientists want to develop a technique to sterilize, in essence, human blood, thereby ridding it of harmful viruses and ensuring its safety.

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Teens get a taste of college life

High school juniors and seniors are experiencing life as college freshmen ahead of schedule by participating in a six-week program on campus designed to attract black and Hispanic students to higher education.

The Pre-College Enrichment Program was founded in 1988 to emphasize the opportunities higher education offers black and Hispanic students. This year's class arrived on campus June 24 to begin college-level instruction in mathematics, science, English, study skills and computer basics.

"These are not remedial courses," said Gregory Ross, director of special programs. "They mirror actual courses college freshmen would take."

The success of the program has been phenomenal, according to Dr. Jack Taylor, assistant vice president for multicultural affairs.

Of the nearly 90 students who have been involved in the first three years of the program, almost all have enrolled in a college or university, Taylor said. "There have been a few with whom we have lost contact, but of the students we have been tracking we know that all of them have gone on to college."

Of those, more than 60 percent have attended Bowling Green, Taylor noted. "Our goal is to inspire and encourage them to continue their education beyond high school

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More than 2,830 students attended the University's Pre-Registration program and another 150-170 will sign up for classes during final fall registration, according to Greg MacVarish, director of orientation. Above, students meet with representatives of the registrar's office to schedule fall classes. Pre-registration concluded July 25.

Enrichment from the front

and without a doubt we are succeeding. We're particularly pleased that so many have chosen to come to Bowling Green."

For many students this is the first time they have been away from home and they encounter many of the same experiences new freshman would, said Ross.

Most of them live in cities, he said, adding the program also provides exposure to life in a rural community.

To be considered for the program applicants must be recommended by a high school teacher, write an essay and have at least a 2.5 grade point average.

Assistance in understanding financial aid applications, scholarships and grants is provided to the students as well as preparatory advice on taking the ACT exam and career options.

The students will complete their summer in Bowling Green on Aug. 3.

Viruses from the front

At the same time, researchers must ensure that any process developed to inactivate blood viruses does not affect the blood in such a way that it is no longer suitable for human use.

Specht said her research project, entitled "Photodynamic Inactivation of Viruses," will involve experiments with simple bacterial viruses—viruses that attack bacteria—and several types of photosensitizers. She will be looking at chemicals which bind to viral nucleic acids and can be activated by red light.

The American Red Cross Blood Services Northwest Ohio Region is funding start-up costs for the preliminary studies. Bowling Green is providing laboratory space and use of some equipment. Scientists with expertise in virology and hematology at the Medical College of Ohio are also providing support.

Local Red Cross funding for the project will continue through June 1992. Specht plans to seek additional funding to support continuation of the project later this year.

Obituaries

Kay C. Reed

Kay C. Reed, a former University employee, died July 20 in Sylvania. She worked at the University periodically between 1969-1984 as a classified employee in personnel services and later the psychology department. She was the psychology office manager from 1976-1981 and the coordinator for the Institute of Organizational Research and Development, located within that department, from 1981-1984.

Memorials may be made to Northwest Ohio Hospice Association.

Alice P. Wall

Alice P. Wall, a retired associate professor, died July 18 in Bowling Green. She taught in the applied human ecology department, formerly home economics, for 26 years and retired in 1972.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Bowling Green, or the Wood County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Classified Employment Opportunities

New vacancies

Posting expiration date: 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 2.

- 8-2-1 Vehicle Operator 1 and Pay Range 4
- 8-2-1 Parking and Traffic Academic Year part-time (two positions)

Faculty/Staff positions

The following administrative position is available:

Firelands College: Director of campus activities. Contact the dean, Firelands College (832-223). Deadline: Aug. 16.

The following faculty position is available:

Libraries and Learning Resources: Director of access services (probationary, full-time). Contact Kevin Work (2-7415). Deadline: Aug. 1.



Pre-College Enrichment Program Director Greg Ross, far left, discusses an assignment with Lorain Clearview High School juniors, left to right, Alexis Grayson, Leonard Francis and Julie Cruz. The three teens are among 37 students participating in the University's Pre-College Enrichment Program for black and Hispanic students. The six-week program is designed to increase educational opportunities beyond high school.

Retirees from the front

Reconciliation (FPCC) Committee in 1983-1984 and as graduate studies director in the economics department from 1974-1978.

He was a senior research officer at the Indian Institute of Management from 1968-1970 and also served as an attorney-at-law in the high court of judicature in Madras, India, from 1954-1956.

McCaghy has worked in the reference area of the library for 21 years. During that time she has held posts as a reference librarian instructor, a supervisor of the interlibrary loan office, reference services coordinator, assistant professor and women's studies librarian.

She is a member of the American Library Association, the Academic Library Association of Ohio, the Association of College and Research Libraries, the National Women's Studies Association, the North Central Women's Studies Association and the Wood County District Public Library Board of Trustees. She has also served on the Women's Studies Advisory Committee.

McGraw, professor of humanities, came to Firelands as dean in 1985 and served in that position until he resigned in July 1988 to teach speech and theater classes full-time.

As dean of Firelands, he established the college's own commencement program, revitalized the Musical Arts Series, created the Distinguished Teacher Award and instituted release time for faculty members in order to give them the opportunity to engage in research.

Moomaw, a professor of educational foundations and inquiry, joined the University faculty in 1967 and specializes in research on school counseling, educational psychology and child and adolescent development.

An active researcher, he has had articles appear in *The High School Journal* and contributed to *Sport & Fitness Management*, *Career Strategies and Professional Content*, a textbook written by University faculty. Moomaw is a member of Phi Delta Kappa education honor society and was awarded the Arete Award in 1984, an honor given for outstanding teaching performance or advising graduate students.

Niederhofer, assistant professor of biology at Firelands, has been a member of the faculty since the college opened its doors in 1968.

A specialist in horticulture therapy, Niederhofer for many years conducted a three-hour horticulture therapy session at the Erie County Care Facility every Friday morning.

She is a member of the National Council for

Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture and the board of directors of the recently created James H. McBride Arboretum at Firelands.

Reynolds has been on the University faculty the past 24 years and has been an active researcher in the area of student behavior and character development in rural schools.

He is a past editor of the journal *American Secondary Education* and has received numerous research grants and coordinated secondary school leadership workshops.

Robb, an associate professor of English, retired with 21 years of service at the University.

A specialist in linguistics, fiction and 19th century British literature, he has presented numerous papers and published extensively in professional journals.

Seavoy joined the University faculty in 1974. A professor of history, he has published widely in scholarly journals.

Seavoy has published two books about the causes of low per capita food production by peasants. The most recent book, *Famine in East Africa: Food Production and Food Policies*, examines politics and the commercialization of food production. He was named Faculty Member of the Year for 1980-1981 by the University Activities Organization.

Sternitzke, a professor of economics, has been on the University faculty for 24 years and specializes in research on international economics and economic development.

He has been published in the *Journal of International Business* and is a certified public accountant. He is a former associate dean of the College of Business Administration and was the economics department chair for four years.

Junquera-Early started her University career in 1963. She has been an associate professor of Spanish since 1974, and served as the director of the Academic Year Abroad Program in 1973-1974 and 1975-1976.

She was accepted as a member of Spain's Royal Academy of Fine Arts and Historical Sciences at Toledo in 1983. Membership in the academy is granted by King Juan Carlos of Spain upon the recommendation of other scholars who reside at the academy. It is the highest honor accorded a scholar by the Spanish government.

Rigby has been with the University since 1971, teaching both political science and criminal justice. He was appointed chair of the criminal justice program in 1975 and was chair of the political science department from 1971-1974.

In 1987 he was named outstanding criminal justice educator of the year by the Ohio Council on Criminal Justice Education and in 1988 he received the Founders' Award at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. In his honor, a scholarship fund has been developed. He was instrumental in founding the criminal justice program in 1974 and has been the program's only director.