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The Board of Trustees met at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 1956. The following members were present:

E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schryn, Vice President; Alva W. Bachman, Secretary; J. C. Donnell II, Treasurer; Frazier Reams.

The minutes of the meeting of July 29, 1955, were approved.

The President reported that the pressure for admission to Bowling Green State University seems to be increasing at an accelerating rate. As of February 1, 1956, the number of applicants already officially admitted for September, 1956, was 328 higher than the comparable figure for the preceding year.

The President reported that construction of Founders Quadrangle is considerably behind schedule. University officials have requested the general contractor, the Knowlton Construction Company, to give prior attention to the completion of this building by September 1, 1956, even though the completion of the Music Building and the Union may thereby be somewhat delayed.

The President announced that a scale model of the University Union, constructed by Eldon Stahl, of Monroe, Michigan, had been received and that it would be ready for inspection by members of the Board following the meeting. Mr. Stahl is also building a model of the main campus.

A progress report on the acquisition of properties since the last meeting of the Board was given by the President. The properties acquired which were reported at this meeting are as follows:

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<td>Wayne E. Daily</td>
<td>N. 42' of S. 8th of Lots #3599, 3600, 3601 (431 N. College Drive)</td>
<td>$31,008.00</td>
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<td>Alga Chamberlain</td>
<td>Inlots #3775, 3777, 3596, 3587 (600 Roms)</td>
<td>16,500.00</td>
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<td>Dennis and Margaret Russell</td>
<td>Lot #205 (640 E. Merry)</td>
<td>14,084.67</td>
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<td>Rev. W. H. Constine</td>
<td>Lots #3905, 3608, J. H. Lincoln's Addition</td>
<td>15,000.00</td>
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<td>Alma Leedom and Augusta Butter</td>
<td>Outlot 83 - E. 440' S. 340' of Outlot 83 (815 Ridge)</td>
<td>40,000.00</td>
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<td>Howard and Mary Alice Rutter</td>
<td>Lot #306, Block 41, North Reed's Addition (215 Thurston)</td>
<td>19,600.00</td>
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The critical need for housing for married students was discussed. It was agreed that the question of the extent of the University's obligation to provide housing for married students is a matter of general public policy which should be determined at a later meeting of the Board of Trustees.
The President reported that Mr. G. E. Strauss, Chief of the Real Estate Division of the State Department of Public Works, is in charge of the condemnation proceedings to secure for the University the property located at the northeast corner of Ridge Street and College Drive, owners of which are Pearl A. Falls, et al.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Schwyn:

1. That it is the studied judgment of the Board of Trustees that the suggested price of $800,000, based upon the appraisals as outlined in Mr. Strauss' letter of November 25th, 1956, is fair and just price and that the Department of Public Works be instructed to make a formal final offer in that amount. In the event the offer is refused, the Department is then to proceed with the condemnation proceedings in the amount of $750,000;

2. That the business manager or Assistant Business Manager of the University be authorized and directed to initiate the following encumbrances of funds from Rotary F:
   (a) For land located at 703 Ridge Street, Bowling Green, Ohio, and being further described as the South Half of Outlot No. 76 in the City of Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, as designated on the recorded plat of the subdivision in Section 19, Town 5 North, Range 11 East, which plat is recorded in Vol. 7, page 5, plat records of Wood County, Ohio.............................. $ 8,000.00
   (b) For estimated court costs, appraisals and expert witness fees incident to the appropriation of land owned by Pearl A. Falls, et al, located at 703 Ridge Street, Bowling Green, Ohio, and being further described as the South Half of Outlot No. 76 in the City of Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, as designated on the recorded plat of the subdivision in Section 19, Town 5 North, Range 11 East, which plat is recorded in Vol. 7, page 5, plat records of Wood County, Ohio.............................. $500.00

The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

The following capital improvements, as authorized by the 1956 Special Session of the Ohio General Assembly, were considered by the Board:

1. Construct tunnel including service and utility lines from Central Heating Plant to connect with main campus tunnel at Shatell Hall $122,000.00
2. Construct and equip small home ecology building to provide more adequate instructional facilities for home ecology and at the same time make available for other uses the first floor of the Practical Arts Building 250,000.00
3. Construct and equip a classroom building to provide more adequately for instruction in arts and science subjects 500,000.00
4. Improve the Central Heating Plant by installing a gas-fired boiler and making related alterations 75,000.00
5. Improve campus walk, drives, and parking. This project will (a) permit the elimination of present drives from the heart of the campus where they are not only in complete dis-harmony with the desirable character and atmosphere of the inner educational court, but also constitute a serious hazard to student-pedestrian traffic, increasing heavily year by year; (b) permit the completion of well-located delivery drives behind all buildings on the campus; (c) permit the construction of additional parking areas for approximately 1,000 automobiles, and (d) provide funds for improving walkways in the main campus
   148,594.00

In addition to appropriated funds for the University to proceed immediately with the five projects listed above, the following amounts were appropriated to cover architectural fees for capital improvements on which it is expected contracts will be let in the year 1957 or early in 1958 and for which the Capital Improvements and Planning Board expects to recommend appropriations by the 103rd General Assembly:

1. Construct and equip building for composite use: (a) health and physical education instruction; (b) military science instruction; (c) air science instruction; (d) auditorium and assembly activities
   $ 42,000.00
2. Remodel and equip Practical Arts Building for instructional use by departments in the College of Business Administration 11,550.00
3. Construct and equip Unit 2 of the building for instruction in chemistry, physics, mathematics, and geology (the present Chemistry Building is the first unit) 27,300.00

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn and seconded by Mr. Reams that the President of the University be authorized and directed to arrange for securing, through the State Director of Public Works, the services of architectural and engineering firms to proceed with the projects included in the two lists set forth above, and to take all other steps incident to the planning, constructing, and equipping of said projects at the earliest feasible date. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Donnell that the instructional building for mathematics and the physical sciences, incorporating both the present (Chemistry Building) unit and the new unit, be officially designated "Overman Hall," in recognition of the unique service and contribution of Dean Emeritus J. Robert Overman in the development and progress of the University. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Donnell and seconded by Mr. Schwyn:

1. That the classroom building for music instruction presently being constructed be officially designated "Hall of Music."
2. That the new building for composite use in health and physical education, military and air sciences, and assembly hall activities be officially designated "Memorial Hall," in honor of all Bowling Green State University students who have given their lives serving our nation in the armed services.
3. That the new building for home economics instruction be officially designated "Home Economics Hall."

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Effective beginning September, 1956—

Registration Fee—$150.00 per year
Out-of-State Fee—$250.00 per year
Incidental Fee—$40.00 per semester, and discontinuing the following separate fees:
Student Activity Fee of $3.00; Library Fee of 25¢; Student Health Fee of 25¢.
The Union Building Fee of $10 a semester is to be included in the Incidental Fee.
Part-time study (less than 3 semester hours): Drop Library Fee; increase Incidental Fee from $2.50 to $4.00 per semester hour.
Laboratory Fees in the following courses:
Biology 101, 402—$2.00 per hour; Biology—$4.00 per hour.
Home Economics 392—$2.00
Speech 203, 310, 414, 445—$2.00

Effective beginning February, 1956—

Laboratory Fees in the following courses:
103, 113, 125, 131, 133, 139, 239, 329, 429—$2.00; 101, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 277, 279, 377, 379, 477, 479, 473, 474—$3.00; 347, 348, 389—$4.00;
277, 279, 377, 379, 477, 479—$5.00; 261, 263, 265, 267, 321, 322, 323, 361, 364, 365, 367—$7.00; 301, 302, 303, 305—$10.00.
Geology 309—$3.00; 101, 102—$4.00; 201, 204, 301, 406—$6.00; 311, 316, 451—$7.00; 406, 427—$1.00 per hour; 409—$1.00 per hour.
Graduate Courses in Extension—Library Fee of $2.00 for 2- and 3-hour system.

The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

The President reported that it may become necessary, by 1957 or 1958, to increase the board-and-room rate still further, since the figure of $290.00 a semester is relatively low. Board members affirmed that the President should recommend further increases in board-and-room rates if necessary to provide adequate revenues in the dormitory and off-campus system.

A map of the campus, showing the probable locations of the several capital improvements made possible by the appropriations of the Special Session of the General Assembly, was placed in the hands of each member of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Reams and seconded by Mr. Bachman that (1) the board-and-room rate in all dormitories continue as at present ($260.00 a semester) until the beginning of the semester following the opening of Founders Quadangle; (2) that the board-and-room rate, beginning with the semester following the opening of Founders, be $300.00 a semester. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

Promotions and Appointments in Faculty and Administration

Leland S. Van Scoyoc, Associate Professor of Economics, to Associate Professor of Economics and Chairman of the Department, effective with the beginning of the academic year 1955-56 (succeeding Dr. McDonald who retires this year).

Jacob Verdzi, Associate Professor of Biology, to Associate Professor of Biology and Chairman of the Department, effective with the beginning of the academic year 1956-57 (succeeding Dr. Otis, who retires this year).
John R. Coash, Associate Professor of Geology, to Associate Professor of Geology and Chairman of the Department, effective with the beginning of the academic year 1956-57 (succeeding Dr. Mayfield, who will continue on the faculty).

Lyle C. Gainsley, from Assistant to the Registrar to Assistant Registrar, with faculty rank of Instructor, effective September 1, 1956.

F. E. Besty, from Assistant to the President to become assistant director for capital improvements, Office of Residential and Plant Operations, effective January 21, 1956, with the title of Capital Improvements Officer.

Ralph H. Goer, from Director of Admissions to Assistant Dean, College of Education, effective September 1, 1956.

Glenn I. Van Wormer, from Registrar to Registrar and Director of Admissions, effective September 1, 1956.

The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

Attest:

E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schwyn, Vice President; Alva W. Bachman, Secretary; J. C. Donnell II, Treasurer; Frazier Reams.

The minutes of the meeting of February 3, 1956, were approved.

It was announced that the official certificate and executed oath of office covering the reappointment of Mr. Frazier Reams as a member of the Board of Trustees for a five-year term ending May 17, 1961, had been received from Governor Frank J. Lausche and filed in the vault of the President's Office.

The following properties were reported to have been acquired by the Bowling Green University Housing Commission since the last meeting of the Board:

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<td>Anna E. Smith et al.</td>
<td>Lots 3604 and 3605 (619 and 621 Ridge Street)</td>
<td>Amount paid for interests already purchased by University, $16,398.15</td>
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<td>Note: A part interest in this property, held by an incompetent daughter of Mrs. Smith, has not yet been acquired by the University.</td>
<td>Amount set aside for purchase of interest of incompetent daughter, $3,601.85</td>
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The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

The President reported that, pursuant to the request of the Board of Trustees, the State Director of Public Works and the Attorney General of Ohio instituted condemnation proceedings to acquire the property at the north-east corner of Ridge Street and College Drive for the University—being the south half of Outlot 70, 703 Ridge Street, in the City of Bowling Green. Attorneys John Halleck for Leon D. Smith and Bowman, Hanna, and Middleton for Pearl A. and Clifton T. Falls have agreed with Mr. Bachman and the President of the University to accept $8500.00 in full payment for warranty deed with abstract showing clear title to this property. Staff attorneys in the State Department of Public Works who have been handling this case are proceeding to make arrangements with the Attorney General for the settlement of the case on this basis.

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn and seconded by Mr. Donnell that (1) the Board of Trustees approve the compromise settlement of the condemnation suit for the Smith-Falls property as reported by the President; (2) the Business Manager of the University be authorized and directed to make payment of $8500.00 for the property, and also make payment of costs, not to exceed $500.00, incurred by the State Department of Public Works in connection with this case, the payments to be made at such time and in such manner as may be requested by the staff attorneys of the State Department of Public Works. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.